



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: September 20, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Mental Health
Agreement – Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization, Inc. (FY)
2022 - 2024

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a multiyear Subrecipient Agreement for Services with **Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization, Inc.**, a California nonprofit corporation (a local vendor), for the provision of an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)-funded Community Action (Trained Community Gatekeepers) wellness program for a Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed **\$22,600**, for the period of **July 12, 2022** through **October 31, 2023** (Attachment A);
- B. Delegate to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience per Section 21 of the Agreement; make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 27 of the Agreement; make changes to the staffing levels per Exhibit A-1, Section 6; authorize additional services per Exhibit B-1, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring the Board's approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and are therefore not a project under the

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors to approve and authorize the Chair to execute a multi-year Subrecipient Agreement with Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization, Inc. (LVCHO) for the provision of an ARPA-funded, community wellness program for a Maximum Contract Amount not to exceed **\$22,600** for the period of July 12, 2022 through October 31, 2023. In addition, Behavioral Wellness (BWell) requests that the Board delegate to the Director of BWell or designee the authority to suspend, delay, or interrupt the services under the Agreement for convenience per Section 21 of the Agreement; make immaterial changes to the Agreement per Section 27 of the Agreement; make changes to the staffing levels per Exhibit A-1, Section 6; and authorize additional services per Exhibit B-1, all without altering the Maximum Contract Amount and without requiring the Board's approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board's authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time.

Background:

The COVID-19 pandemic intensified behavioral health needs across the state, created new barriers for people with mental illness and substance use disorders and increased the prevalence of mental health conditions. On March 11, 2021, ARPA was signed into law and established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, which provides support to county governments, among others, in responding to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including those to behavioral health. The County received ARPA SLFRF funds through the County Executive Office (CEO).

In March 2022, BWell was tasked by the County's CEO to conduct a Request for Proposal to fund Community Pandemic Impact Partnership Projects, Community Action (Trained Community Gatekeepers) and Mental Health Education and Skill Development programs with ARPA SLFRF funds. On April 1, 2022, BWell awarded LVCHO a Notice of Intent to Award in the amount of \$22,600 to implement the Community Action (Trained Community Gatekeepers) through its Wellness Empowerment for Lompoc Leaders (WELL) Program.

With SLFRF funds, LVCHO will train local leaders and stakeholders in health related trainings, conversations, and networking opportunities as they work to improve the overall mental wellbeing and resilience of the Lompoc Valley. WELL trainings are open to partners of LVCHO for the purpose of broadly training community gatekeepers, community members, and key industries/businesses on Psychological First Aid/Mental Health First Aid, Youth Mental Health First Aid, accessing community resources, building resiliency for self, and in helping others in times of need. These sessions will rebuild and strengthen connections, increasing capacity and reenergizing long-lasting relationships.

Performance Measure:

The Program goals are the following:

1. To strengthen our community through increased organizational, business and community development of skills to broadly support the community as well as connect to resources.

Outcomes:

- a. Number of community organizations reached ≥ 30 ;
- b. Number of trainings: 1 session per quarter= 4 sessions per year (total of 6 during contract term);
- c. Number of community gatekeepers trained (≥ 120); and
- d. Training Satisfaction ($\geq 90\%$).

- 2. To improve knowledge and awareness of available services and supports available.

Outcomes:

- a. Improved knowledge of available services (>20% change).

- 3. To reduce stigma surrounding behavioral health needs.

Outcomes:

- a. Decrease in behavioral health stigma (>20% change).

- 4. To increase access to and utilization of evidence-based services through a broad reach of community members.

Outcomes:

- a. Number of individuals provided educational and informational materials (≥ 120).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Total Cost FY 22-24
General Fund	
State	
Federal	
Fees	
Other: APRA Federal Grant CFDA 21.027	\$ 22,600.00
Total	\$ 22,600.00

Narrative: The above-referenced contract is funded by ARPA SLFRF through June 30, 2024. Prior to the expiration of this funding, BWell will identify new possible funding streams to sustain the delivery of these services.

Key Contract Risks:

As with any contract funded by federal sources, there is a risk of future audit disallowances and repayments through the federal auditing process. This contract includes language allowing the County to seek any legal remedy for the repayment of any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to the County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) complete signature page and (1) Minute Order to Amber Foschaar at cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org and the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Lompoc Valley Community Healthcare Organization, Inc. FY 22-24 BC ARPA

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