



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: October 20, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805-568-2467)
Director(s)
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A.J. Quinoveva, Housing Program Specialist, Sr. (805-560-1090)
SUBJECT: Shelter Operations General Fund Agreements for the Bridgehouse Shelter, District 4; PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter, District 1; and Santa Maria Emergency Shelter, District 5

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Shelter Operations General Fund Service Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter to support and maintain service levels at the Bridgehouse Shelter for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$108,095 (Attachment A);
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreement with PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) to support and maintain service levels at the PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$94,383 (Attachment B);
- c) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter to support and maintain service levels at the Santa Maria Emergency Shelter for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$142,522 (Attachment C); and

- d) Determine that the approvals and execution of the Shelter Operations General Fund Service Agreement and Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreements are not the approvals of projects that are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the projects are a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment D).

Summary Text:

With the adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 budget on June 10, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved a General Fund contribution in the amount of \$345,000 to support the operations of three year-round homeless emergency shelters: Bridgehouse Shelter, PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter (formerly Casa Esperanza Emergency Shelter), and Santa Maria Emergency Shelter. This contribution, administered by the Community Services Department (CSD), is distributed among the shelters on a pro rata basis according to the number of emergency shelter bed-nights provided during the preceding fiscal year. Of the \$345,000 approved by the Board, \$108,095 has been allocated to the Bridgehouse Shelter, \$94,383 to the PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter, and \$142,522 to the Santa Maria Emergency Shelter. Approval of the Shelter Operations General Fund Agreements will provide Good Samaritan Shelter and PATH with funds to support the provision of emergency shelter to homeless individuals and families county-wide.

Background:

General Fund contributions for the Bridgehouse Shelter, PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter, and Santa Maria Emergency Shelter have been allocated on a pro rata basis according to the number of emergency shelter bed-nights reported during the preceding fiscal year. The table below shows the proposed FY 2015-2016 allocations based on FY 2014-2015 emergency shelter bed-night data reported for each shelter.

Shelter	Operator	FY 2014-15 Bed-Nights	% Shelter Bed-Nights	FY 2015-16 Allocation
Bridgehouse Shelter	Good Samaritan Shelter	28,874	31.33%	\$108,095
PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter	PATH	25,211	27.36%	\$94,383
Santa Maria Emergency Shelter	Good Samaritan Shelter	38,070	41.31%	\$142,522
Total		92,155	100.00%	\$345,000

CSD will be leading discussions with Good Samaritan Shelter and PATH to establish a definition of “emergency shelter” and explore redesigning the method of distribution of General Fund contributions in subsequent fiscal years.

Bridgehouse Shelter

The County owns the Bridgehouse Shelter located at 2025 Sweeney Road in Unincorporated Lompoc and contracts with Good Samaritan Shelter to operate it. Under the terms and conditions of the Shelter Operations General Fund Service Agreement, Good Samaritan Shelter will make available up to 90 emergency shelter beds per night year-round to homeless individuals and families and will provide up to 32,850 emergency shelter bed-nights during the contract term. This represents an increase of 34 emergency shelter beds available per night from FY 2014-2015, or an additional 9,850 emergency shelter bed-nights available during the contract term.

PATH Santa Barbara

In prior years, the County contracted with Casa Esperanza Homeless Center for homeless shelter services at the Casa Esperanza Emergency Shelter located at 816 Cacique Street in the City of Santa Barbara. Effective July 1, 2015, Casa Esperanza Homeless Center merged with PATH (People Assisting the Homeless). PATH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation whose mission is to provide shelter, housing, and related services to the homeless, with a goal of ending homelessness for individuals, families, and communities. PATH has been working toward this mission since 1984 and now provides housing and supportive services in 22 locations from San Diego to San Luis Obispo. Under the terms and conditions of the Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreement, PATH will make available 100 shelter beds per night throughout the year (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) and an additional 100 beds per night during the winter months (December 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016). PATH provides emergency shelter to homeless individuals while also supporting them with extensive services such as case management. PATH will provide up to 48,600 emergency shelter bed-nights to homeless individuals and families during the contract term. This represents an increase of 70 beds per night during the non-winter months (July 1, 2015 to November 30, 2015 and April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016) and an additional 20,600 emergency shelter bed-nights available during the contract term from FY 2014-2015.

Santa Maria Emergency Shelter

Good Samaritan Shelter operates an emergency shelter at 401 West Morrison Avenue in the City of Santa Maria. Under the terms and conditions of the Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreement, Good Samaritan Shelter will make available up to 120 emergency shelter beds per night year-round to homeless individuals and families and will provide up to 43,800 emergency shelter bed-nights during the contract term.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 345,000.00		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 345,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

The General Fund contribution to support homeless emergency shelter operations in the amount of \$345,000 was approved by the Board in the CSD FY 2015-2016 operating budget.

In total, County departments provided Good Samaritan Shelter and PATH Santa Barbara with \$2,252,408 and \$449,336, respectively, for various programs and services, including emergency shelter, during FY 2014-2015. County departments include Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services; CSD; Probation; Public Health; Sheriff; Social Services; and County Executive Office – Human Services.

Key Contract Risks:

Good Samaritan Shelter and PATH Santa Barbara have prior experience operating and managing homeless shelters. The Shelter Operations General Fund Agreements are cost reimbursement contracts. The County will only reimburse Good Samaritan Shelter and PATH Santa Barbara for costs that are eligible under the Agreements and documented in a manner that is acceptable to the County. CSD staff will assess the performance of Good Samaritan Shelter and PATH Santa Barbara to determine if services are adequately provided. The County will provide payment after demonstration that reimbursable services were provided and performance goals were met.

Financial Condition of Good Samaritan Shelter

Based on a review of financial documentation submitted to CSD, Good Samaritan Shelter appears to be performing satisfactorily. It has a sufficient cash position. Although it has several long-term loans outstanding, a majority contain forgiveness provisions.

Financial Condition of PATH

Based on a review of PATH's audited financial statements, CSD fiscal staff gave PATH a pass rating as they received an unmodified opinion on their financial statements, internal controls, and A-133 single audit from external auditors.

Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Akila A. Shenoy at ashenoy@co.santa-barbara.ca.us. Please execute three (3) original copies of the following documents and send to Akila A. Shenoy (x3524):

- 1) Shelter Operations General Fund Service Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for the Bridgehouse Shelter,
- 2) Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreement with PATH for the PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter, and
- 3) Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for the Santa Maria Emergency Shelter.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Shelter Operations General Fund Service Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for the Bridgehouse Shelter

Attachment B: Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreement with PATH for the PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter

Attachment C: Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for the Santa Maria Emergency Shelter

Attachment D: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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