



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: August 20, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
Director(s) (805) 346-7101
Contact Info: Maria Gardner, Economic Assistance and Employment Services
Assistant Director, (805) 346-8289
**SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding with Good Samaritan Shelter for Subsidized
Employment through the Joint Opportunities Building Skills Program**

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) Authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Good Samaritan Shelter (local vendor) to provide subsidized employment through the Joint Opportunities Building Skills Program for a total contract amount not to exceed \$10,400 for the period of August 20, 2024 through June 30, 2025;
- b) Authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services, or designee, to execute future Memoranda of Understanding with Good Samaritan Shelter (local vendor) with the same material terms to provide subsidized employment through the Joint Opportunities Building Skills Program for a global amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period of August 20, 2024 through June 30, 2025, subject to appropriations; and
- c) Determine that the activity is not a "Project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5), since the activity is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Good Samaritan Shelter (local vendor) to provide subsidized employment through the Joint Opportunities Building Skills (JOBS) Program for a total contract amount not to exceed \$10,400 for the period of August 20, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and to authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services (DSS) or designee to execute additional MOUs with Good Samaritan Shelter for additional JOBS Program participants, that would otherwise require Board approval, for a global amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period of August 20, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Background:

Assembly Bill (AB) 98 (Chapter 589, Statutes of 2007) was implemented January 1, 2008 to provide a funding source outside of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Single Allocation to provide partial reimbursement (which is now full reimbursement) to counties with subsidized employment programs. Senate Bill (SB) 72 (Chapter 8, Statutes of 2011) was signed into law on March 24, 2011 and contained provisions to amend AB 98 in order to encourage counties to utilize this funding source to develop new subsidized employment programs or expand existing programs.

JOBS is a subsidized employment Welfare-to-Work (WTW) activity that may be assigned for selected public sector sites within County departments or other public sector, non-profit agencies. JOBS placements are limited to six (6) months.

The primary objective of the JOBS program is to promote full self-sufficiency by providing work experience and training in subsidized employment that will lead to unsubsidized employment. The program is designed to fit within the existing WTW program under the CalWORKs program. It is designed to help WTW participants address barriers to employment, develop soft skills, gain work experience and progress toward self-sufficiency. The goal of the subsidized employment program is to provide participants with several months of stable employment history within the public sector, which will leave them better positioned to obtain an unsubsidized job when the subsidy period ends.

This item is on the agenda, as this MOU in combination with other contracts in aggregate will exceed the \$200,000 threshold with Good Samaritan Shelter for our County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 2024-2025	Funding Ratio	Total Contract Costs
General Fund			
Federal	7,480	72%	7,480
State	2,920	28%	2,920
Other:			
Total	\$ 10,400	100%	\$ 10,400

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this agreement will result in expenditures of \$10,400 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. Appropriations and associated funding are included in the Social Services, Economic Assistance Program Funds. This contract will be funded with 100% federal and state funds. There is no impact to County General Fund.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that Good Samaritan Shelter is a medium risk vendor. The County has experience with Good Samaritan Shelter and is confident of its ability to provide these services.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original MOU, and a copy of the minute order to:
DSS Procurement and Contracts Unit
C/O Nereida Zarate
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor
Santa Maria, CA 93455
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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – MOU – Good Samaritan Shelter – JOBS Program

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