



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: June 15, 2021
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
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(805) 346-8351
SUBJECT: Agreement with Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County for Shelter-Based Domestic Violence Prevention Services

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 to execute an Agreement with Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County (local vendor) to provide shelter-based domestic violence prevention services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$562,500 (Fiscal Year 2021/2022 \$112,500, Fiscal Year 2022/2023 \$112,500, Fiscal Year 2023/2024 \$112,500, Fiscal Year 2024/2025 \$112,500, and Fiscal Year 2025/2026 \$112,500), for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026; and
- b) 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 approve the Agreement with Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County (DVS) to provide shelter-based domestic violence services for a total contract amount for to exceed \$562,500 (Fiscal Year 2021/2022 \$112,500, Fiscal Year 2022/2023 \$112,500, Fiscal Year 2023/2024 \$112,500, Fiscal Year 2024/2025 \$112,500, and Fiscal Year 2025/2026 \$112,500) for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

Background:

Since 1995, Santa Barbara County has contracted with DVS as they are the only agency in Santa Barbara County that provides emergency shelter along with the required support programs for victims of domestic violence. Sections 18290 through 18309.8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) set forth the requirements for shelter-based domestic violence programs.

The California Legislature provides dedicated funding streams to counties for the provision of these services. WIC Section 18305 states that a percentage of marriage license fees collected must be disbursed to domestic violence shelter-based programs. The Domestic Violence Prevention Agency (DVPA) fund is an additional revenue source that must be used to support domestic violence programs [Penal Code 1203.097 (a) (5)]. The DVPA fund receives revenue from court-imposed fines collected from perpetrators of domestic violence as a condition of their probation. The fines are collected by the Superior Court and the Probation Department and deposited into the DVPA fund.

DVS provides the following services to adults and children suffering from domestic abuse:

1. **Crisis Hotlines** – DVS operates four 24-hour hotlines in Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Santa Ynez. Staff members provide counseling, referrals, and access to immediate shelter.
2. **911 Emergency Response Team** - DVS staff respond alongside law enforcement to domestic violence 911 calls. Advocates are available to dispatch 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
3. **Emergency Shelters** – Adults and children fleeing from domestic violence may stay in one of DVS' three confidential emergency shelters for up to 45 days. Clients receive clinical counseling, case management, food, clothing, medical, legal, and financial assistance.
4. **Transitional Housing** - The Transitional Housing program provides a safe and supportive environment for battered adults to heal from trauma, develop household management and parenting skills, increase their job skills and earning power, find stable employment, save for housing deposits, gain independent living skills, and move into permanent housing.
5. **Outpatient Crisis Counseling** – DVS offers individual and group counseling to survivors of domestic violence, whether or not they are seeking shelter or have been in shelter in the past.
6. **Outpatient Crisis Practical Needs** – Survivors who call the hotlines with emergency needs for clothing and food, but who are unable to leave their abuser at present, or who have access to safe housing elsewhere, are provided with these resources on a confidential basis.
7. **Teen Services** – DVS teaches teens in local schools and juvenile facilities about healthy relationships, effective communication and problem-solving skills, and the importance of basing relationships on mutual respect and equality, rather than on power and control.

The County has contracted with DVS to provide shelter-based domestic violence services countywide for adults and children of domestic violence for over 25 years. DVS is the only agency in Santa Barbara County that provides emergency shelter along with the required support services for victims of domestic violence and as a result, this is a sole source contract.

Performance Measure:

Pursuant to WIC 18300, an annual report shall be prepared and submitted to the County for submission to the Board of Supervisors and made available to the public if requested. The report shall include all of the following elements:

1. The total number of persons requesting services.

2. The number of persons served by each type of service provided.
3. A description of social and economic characteristics of persons receiving services, by type of service provided.

Pursuant to WIC Section 18301, a county shall not require a domestic violence shelter-based program to provide any information not enumerated in Section 18300. However, under the monitoring provisions set forth in WIC Section 18293(f), monitoring information includes elements 1 and 2 above as well as communicating the need for additional services or staffing. Quarterly status reports will include, but not be limited to, the required monitoring elements. Also, invoices will be submitted quarterly along with the quarterly status report to reflect the numbers served over the course of that particular quarterly timeframe.

Program Impact: July 1, 2020 – December 30, 2020

- A. Total number of persons requesting services: 146
- B. Number of persons served, by each type of service provided:
 1. Shelter provided to 146 persons, of which 76 were women 9 were men, and 61 were children
 2. All 146 received safety planning
 3. 76 women and 9 men were provided case management
 4. Emergency transportation to 0 clients (due to COVID-19)
 5. Non-emergency transportation to 35 clients (coordination of services)
 6. Emergency food and clothing provided to 146 people
 7. Court advocacy provided to 20 people
 8. Household establishment provided to 35 people
 9. Provided individual crisis counseling to 64 people
 10. Peer/individual counseling provided to 310 people
 11. Assistance with restraining orders to 66 people.
- C. Description of social and economic characteristics of persons receiving services:

The target population served by DVS' emergency shelters and transitional housing program is domestic violence survivors over the age of 17 and their children. Of the women served, 97% are low or very low income. Between July 2020 and December 2020, approximately 19.5% of program residents were Caucasian, 72% were Hispanic, 3.5% were African-American and 5% were multi-racial or other. Of the population served, 42% consisted of children, 36% of them under the age of 12.

DVS' greatest accomplishment is the long-term impact on the cycle of domestic violence in Santa Barbara County. Since 1999, DVS staff and volunteers have accompanied police officers on domestic violence calls throughout the County, offering immediate safe access to shelter for the victim.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 2021/22 Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees & Fines	\$ 112,500.00	\$ 112,500.00	
Other:			
Total	\$ 112,500.00	\$ 112,500.00	\$ -

Narrative: This Agreement is fully funded by a percentage of marriage license fees, court fines relating to domestic violence and from the DVPA Fund, which is collected by the Superior Court and the Probation Department. DSS’s Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Recommended Budget includes \$112,500 of anticipated revenue and \$112,500 of appropriations associated with this Agreement. Execution of this Agreement will not result in additional General Fund contribution as it is fully funded by the funding sources mentioned above.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that DVS is medium risk vendor. DVS is insured for General and Professional Liability. DVS has been providing shelter-based domestic violence services the last 25 years. The County has experience with DVS and is confident of their ability to provide services.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:
 DSS Contracts Unit
 C/O Tricia Beebe
 2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor
 Santa Maria, CA 93455
t.beebe@sbcsocialserv.org

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – DVS – DVPS 21-26

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