



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, 2020
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)
Contact Info: Kimberlee Albers, Homeless Assistance Program Manager (805-560-1090)

SUBJECT: Shelter Operations General Fund Agreement for PATH Santa Barbara

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 of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Shelter Operations General Fund Agreement with PATH Santa Barbara to support and maintain service levels at the PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$90,327 (Attachment A);
- b) Determine that the recommended actions are not the acceptance and approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is 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.

Summary Text:

In the FY 2020-21 budget, the Board approved \$345,000 and \$80,000 in General Fund contribution toward the operation of four homeless shelters in North and South County and the Unitarian Society's Freedom Warming Centers, respectively. General Fund Shelter grant amounts are determined by the number of

bednights provided in the prior fiscal year. The 2020-21 recommended allocation, of \$90,327 to PATH Santa Barbara, detailed in the chart below reflects a 18.05% decrease in the number of shelter bednights provided by PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter between 2018-19 and 2019-20. A change greater than 10% requires Board approval to amend the renewed Board Contract for the 2020-21 agreement. Staff recommends the Board approve the General Fund Shelter Operations Agreement for PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter in the amount of \$90,327, which is calculated based on 31,624 bed nights provided during the 2019-20 year. The remaining funding has been contracted to Good Samaritan Shelter, in the amount total of \$254,673 for their three shelters, and the Unitarian Society’s Freedom Warming Centers, in the amount of \$80,000, under the parameters set by the Board. These contracts do not require Board approval as there was not a change of greater than 10% from the previous agreements.

Background:

General Fund contributions for the PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter have been allocated on a pro rata basis according to the number of emergency shelter beds reported during the preceding fiscal year. The Unitarian Society’s Freedom Warming Centers also receive a General Fund contribution of \$80,000 each fiscal year. The table below shows the 2019-20 bed night data with percentage distribution resulting in the FY 2020-21 allocations for the four traditional emergency shelter locations (PATH Santa Barbara, Bridgehouse Emergency Shelter, Santa Maria Emergency Shelter, and Family Shelter) as well as the Freedom Warming Centers.

Shelter	Operator	FY 19-20 Bed Nights	FY 19-20 % Shelter Beds	FY 20-21 Calculated Contract Amounts	FY 20-21 Contract Amount
PATH Emergency Shelter	PATH	31,624	26.18%	\$90,327	\$90,327
Bridgehouse Shelter, SM Shelter, Family Shelter	Good Samaritan Shelter	89,163	73.82%	\$254,673	\$254,673
Freedom Warming Centers	Unitarian Society	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$80,000
TOTAL		120,787	100.00%	\$345,000	\$425,000

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

General Fund - Good Sam	\$	254,673.00			
General Fund - PATH	\$	90,327.00			
Unitarian Society	\$	80,000.00			
Total	\$	425,000.00	\$	-	\$ -

Performance Outcomes:

- a. When invoicing the County, PATH Santa Barbara will submit a Quarterly Status Report providing information on accomplishments including but not limited to beds provided, number of participants moved into housing at project exit, and data on race and ethnicity as well as homeless subpopulations. PATH will be reimbursed on a quarterly basis, and staff will continue to monitor reporting and expenditure documentation to ensure all reimbursements are fully supported.

Key Contract Risks:

The Shelter Operations General Fund Agreements are cost reimbursement contracts. The County will only reimburse shelter providers 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 those providers to determine if services are adequately provided. The County will provide payment after demonstration that reimbursable services were provided and performance goals were met.

Special Instructions:

Please send an electronic copy of the Minute Order and signed Agreements to Kimberlee Albers at kalbers@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

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

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