



**BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: December 10, 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
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Contact Info: Luis F. Servin, Executive Director, Workforce Development Board
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SUBJECT: **Agreement with Foundation for California Community Colleges for Pathway Home 2 Project Career Catalyst Services**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Director of Social Services or designee, to extend the Agreement with Foundation for California Community Colleges for Pathway Home 2 Project Career Catalyst Services and allocate the amount of unused funds from the previous Fiscal Year budget to the next Fiscal Year budget, subject to appropriations and budget approval; 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 authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services (DSS) to extend the term of the agreement with the Foundation of California Community Colleges (FCCC) for the Pathway Home 2 (PH2) Project. The current agreement currently has a an estimated remaining balance of \$507,672.61 and will term on December 31, 2024. In anticipation of official notification by the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOLETA) of a no-cost extension of the PH2 Project, DSS is requesting authority to extend the agreement to minimize gaps in services.

Background:

On January 19, 2021, DOLETA announced the availability of grant funds authorized by the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for ex-offender activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). These grants provide the opportunity to deliver reentry programming to eligible, incarcerated individuals prior to release from state correctional facilities, county or local jails and to continue comprehensive services after release. These projects are designed to eliminate the time gap between release from jail and enrollment into a reentry program leading to employment.

The Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board (WDB), in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office applied for and was awarded \$2,499,999 to implement the PH2 Project in Santa Barbara County. The PH2 Project aimed at providing 250 individuals, incarcerated in the local jails, with workforce services including education, employment, and training services.

On August 17, 2021, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) authorized the Director of the Department of Social Services (DSS) to accept the funds. On April 5, 2022, the BOS approved the Agreement with FCCC to provide PH2 Project Career Catalyst Services. Career Catalyst Services provided by FCCC allows for local employers to hire participants with the program covering one-hundred percent of the wages and FCCC acting as the official employer of record. FCCC, through this agreement, handles all employment-related tasks, such as payroll, tax compliance, benefits administration, and human resource management.

The PH2 Project collaborative includes Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, local community colleges (Allan Hancock and Santa Barbara City College), local public and non-profit organizations. Partners will be utilized to support program operations and ensure that all required services are available to all program participants.

Special Instructions:

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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – FCCC – PH2

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