



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services;
Department Nos.: 057
For Agenda Of: December 17, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Jesús Armas, Community Services Director (805) 568-2467
Director:
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Development (805) 568-3523
SUBJECT: Approval of the Second Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for an Extended Storage Agreement

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

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 Second Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement between the County and Good Samaritan Shelter using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for personal property storage to extend term ending in December 31, 2024 to June 30, 2025.
- b) Determine that the above recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) as the actions involve the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

On August 29, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved two agreements with Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) using California Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) funds for street outreach to people residing in encampments, specifically in dangerous and heavily impacted waterways and using ARPA funds for personal property storage for persons moving from encampments as an added benefit and service to outreach engagement.

Personal property storage is a critical component of building trust and supporting persons moving from encampments into shelter and housing. The initial agreement for storage was capped at \$50,000 using ARPA funding. As this storage agreement expires on December 31, 2024, staff is requesting to extend this contract using the remaining ARPA funding of \$30,695 to June 30, 2025. This storage agreement extension would align and continue to support the efforts of Good Samaritan outreach and engagement team.

Background:

On June 28, 2022, the Board approved an agreement for \$1.75M of ARPA funds for outreach engagement to unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness and \$50,000 of ARPA funds to be used for cost associated with personal property storage for clients being served by this outreach engagement team. Both of these agreements were later amended and conclude on December 31, 2024.

GSS is the contracted provider for Dignity Moves Interim Shelters throughout the County, is the lease holder at Bridge House, and currently serves as the sole-source provider for operations and services of this outreach program. From July 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024, the ARPA outreach team has served 539 people experiencing homelessness, placed 246 into shelter and have 341 exits to positive housing destinations.

Fiscal and Facilities Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes. The funding for this agreement is captured in the adopted budget for FY 24-25.

Fiscal Analysis:

No fiscal impact from amending the agreement. The amendment solely increases the term of the contact.

Key Contract Risks:

The County assumes responsibility for the administration of ARPA funds in accordance with all federal and state requirements governing their use. In addition, County would be held liable if the provider is found to be non-compliant with applicable requirements. Good Samaritan has successfully operated State and/or federally-funded projects in the past which have had similar regulatory and administrative requirements.

The Subrecipient Agreements are on a cost-reimbursement basis. This allows CSD to disburse funds for eligible incurred costs to the extent prescribed by the Agreements. The County will only reimburse subrecipient for costs that are eligible under the Agreements and documented in a manner that is acceptable to the CSD. CSD staff will assess the performance of the contracts to determine if the services provided are adequate and as outline in the Agreements.

Staffing Impacts:

The current requested activity falls within currently budgeted staff duties.

Special Instructions:

1. Please execute two (2) original copies of the Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for personal property storage for persons experiencing homelessness and send to jdzvonic@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for personal property storage to unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness

Attachment B: First Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement for Good Samaritan Shelter for personal property storage

Attachment C: Second Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement for Good Samaritan Shelter for personal property storage

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