



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 3, 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(s):
Contact Info: Joe Dzvonic, Deputy Director Housing and Community
Development (805) 568-3523
SUBJECT: California Encampment Resolution Fund, Round 2 (CERF-2) allocation of
Interim Housing Funds for Hope Village and Rainbow Village with Good
Samaritan Shelter

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 First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter, to allocate \$273,750 in California Encampment Resolution Funding, Round 2 (CERF-2) for interim housing at Hope Village dedicated to persons living in encampments near waterway, increasing the bed count from a maximum of 10 to a maximum of 20, subject to annual appropriations and budget approval; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter, to extend the agreement term to September 30, 2025 and to allocate \$54,250 in CERF-2 funding for interim housing at Rainbow Village in Lompoc for persons living in encampments near waterways, subject to annual appropriations and budget approval; and
- c) 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:

In 2023, the County of Santa Barbara (County) was awarded \$6 million from the State of California to prioritize the resolution of encampment sites that exist in dangerous and heavily impacted waterways including creeks, beaches, and riverbeds near State right of ways (ROW), but also includes all other impacted creeks, beaches and riverbeds through the California Encampment Resolution Fund (CERF) program. Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS) was contracted by the County using CERF, Round 2 funds (CERF-2) to provide outreach and engagement to move unsheltered persons into interim and permanent housing from dangerous waterways.

Through the above actions, staff are recommending a First Amendment (Attachment A) to the Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for an additional \$273,750 in CERF-2 dollars to adjust the scope of services to increase the bed count from 10 to 20 beds at Hope Village for interim housing.

In addition, staff are recommending a First Amendment (Attachment C) to the Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter, to extend the term agreement from February 28, 2025 to September 30, 2025 with an additional \$54,250 in CERF-2 funds to support the extension and operating costs of providing 10 interim housing beds at Rainbow Village.

This board item recommends \$328,000 in funding to support expanded operations at Hope Village and extended operations at Rainbow Village.

Background:

On August 31, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved an Encampment Resolution Strategy, including an Encampment Response Protocol. Following Board approval authorizing submission of an application on January 24, 2023, the County was awarded \$6 million in CERF-2 funds to resolve the experience of unsheltered homelessness for people residing in encampments, specifically in dangerous and heavily impacted waterways near State right of ways (ROW) and other creeks and beaches, including \$2.5 million for interim housing. The County has been successful in receiving funding awards from all three rounds of California Encampment Resolution Funding to resolve encampments, for a total of \$16.52 million. Since the start of the program, 215 individuals have been served countywide. 95 individuals have been placed into shelter and 27 have entered permanent housing.

On February 28, 2023, the Board approved execution of a Ground Lease Agreement and a Development Agreement in connection with the Hope Village project. On November 7, 2023 the Board approved funding operations and services using \$474,500 of CERF-2 funds for 10 beds dedicated for persons moving from encampments near the Santa Maria Riverbed. Hope Village is a temporary interim supportive housing community specifically for people experiencing homelessness in the Santa Maria Valley. It is an innovative public-private collaboration between Good Samaritan Shelter, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, Dignity Health's Marian Regional Medical Center, DignityMoves, community philanthropy, and the County. It is made up of 94 dignified rooms for adult individuals, couples and TAY (transitional age youth ages 18-24). Of the 94 rooms, 10 rooms are dedicated to TAY experiencing homelessness, 30 rooms provide recuperative care, 10 rooms are for encampment resolution near the Santa Maria riverbed and 44 rooms serve others also experiencing homelessness. Since November 2023, 17

individuals have been placed in Hope Village through the CERF-2 beds, one of those placements has transitioned into permanent housing, and 25% have gained new or increased income at program exit. (What may appear to be a limited number of clients served, it should be noted, is a function of the 10-bed constraint previously described.)

On February 27, 2024 the Board approved to fund operations and services for 10 beds dedicated to CERF-2 in the amount of \$273,750 for interim housing at Rainbow Village in Lompoc for persons living in encampments near waterways. Since March 2024, 29 individuals have been placed into Rainbow Village.

Fiscal and Facilities Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

The total amount being requested to support expanded and extended operations at both Hope Village and Rainbow Village, respectively, is \$328,000, and is already included in the CSD budget.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			\$ 328,000.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 328,000.00

Narrative: The \$328,000 in Interim Housing funds allows for expanded operations at Hope Village and extending operations at Rainbow Village.

Performance Measures:

The goals and performance measures summarize persons to be served, as well as the outcomes/performance measures for each project.

Hope Village:

Goals

SUBRECIPIENT shall provide the following levels of services during the term of the Agreement:

	Goal
Unduplicated number of homeless persons to be sheltered	30
Total number of beds	10
Total number of bed-nights made available	3,650

Performance Measures

SUBRECIPIENT shall meet the following performance measures during the term of the Agreement:

	Goal
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% of participants will move into permanent housing at project exit	33%
% of adult participants gaining new or increasing existing income at project exit	15%
% of adult participants will obtain non-cash benefits at project exit	70%
% of participants who move into permanent housing who will remain housed for 1 year	85%
% of participants linked to a Cal-AIM Community Supports or Enhanced Care Management program	50%

Rainbow Village:

Goals

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	Goal
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Total number of beds	10
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Key Contract Risks:

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

The Subrecipient Agreement is on a cost-reimbursement basis. This allows CSD to disburse funds only for eligible incurred costs that are eligible under the agreement and adequately documented. CSD/ staff will assess performance to determine if the services provided are adequate and as outlined in the agreement.

Special Instructions:

After Board action, please distribute as follows to Emily Allen, Homelessness Assistance Programs Manager, Community Services Department by email to eallen@countyofsb.org:

1. Minute Order
2. First Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for Hope Village
3. First Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for Rainbow Village

Attachments:

Attachment A: First Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement for Good Samaritan Shelter Hope Village

Attachment B: Subrecipient Agreement (original) between the County and Good Samaritan Shelter

Attachment C: First Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement for Good Samaritan Shelter Rainbow Village

Attachment D: Subrecipient Agreement (original) between the County and Good Samaritan Shelter

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