



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: December 14, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley for Housing Navigators Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (a local vendor) for Housing Navigators Program Services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$43,240 for the period of December 14, 2021 through June 30, 2022;
- b) Approve Budget Journal Entry No. 0007966 to establish funds for \$43,240 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the Department of Social Services Fund 0055 (4/5 Vote Required);
- c) Determine that the activity is not a "Project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), the 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; and 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 between the Department of Social Services (DSS) with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (FBSMV) to provide Housing Navigators

Program (HNP) services for a total contract amount for not to exceed \$43,240 for the period from December 14, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Background:

Pursuant to Item 2240-103-0001 of Section 2 of the Budget Act of 2019, as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 363 of the Statutes of 2019 (SB 109), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) allocated \$5 million in funding to counties for the support of housing navigators to help young adults aged 18 years and up to 21 years secure and maintain housing, with priority given to young adults in the foster care system. The county may use the funding to provide housing navigation services directly or through a contract with other housing assistance programs in the county. Counties were encouraged to coordinate with the local Continuum of Care to foster communication and collaboration.

The HNP program funds housing navigators for county child welfare agencies. The role of a housing navigator is to act as a housing specialist to assist young adults with their pursuits of locating available housing and overcoming barriers to locating housing. Housing navigator activities may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Assist young adults aged 18-21 secure and maintain housing (with priority given to young adults in the state's foster care system);
- 2) Provide housing case management which include essential services in emergency supports to foster youth;
- 3) Prevent young adults from becoming homeless; and
- 4) Improve coordination of services and linkages to key resources across the community including those from within the child welfare system and the local Continuum of Care.

Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley was founded in 2003 and their mission is to partner with all members of the community to achieve resilience against substance use, reduce violence and promote a healthy and safe environment for youth and families. In 2019, FBSMV created the Outreach and Services for Houseless Youth Adults program (OSHYA). This program targets homeless youth and young adults with the goal of helping them to secure housing. During 2020, FBSVM successfully housed 51 young adults which equals 74% of the young adults that received services. Housing navigation is a key component of OSHYA and includes outreach and engagement, crisis and basic needs support, case management, and linkages to resources across the local Continuum of Care.

Performance Measure:

The following performance measures are added to the Agreement specifically for HNP:

1. 90% of the time, FBSMV will attempt to contact client within 24 hours of receipt of the referral.
2. 75% of young adults will be successfully navigated and their documentation completed to receive housing through the HNP.
3. 50% of young adults will be successfully provided with housing through the HNP.
4. 70% of the young adults served will be identified as former foster youth.
5. FBSMV will submit an annual report to DSS each year by July 15 for the previous fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

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	\$ 43,240.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other: State			
Total	\$ 43,240.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: This Agreement is fully funded by a grant allocation award from the HCD. Execution of this Agreement will not result in additional General Fund contributions.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that FBSMV is medium risk vendor. FBSMV is insured for General and Professional Liability. The County has experience with FBSMV and is confident of their ability to provide services.

Staffing Impacts:

<u>Legal Positions:</u>	<u>FTEs:</u>
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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
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 Santa Maria, CA 93455
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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 - Agreement – FBSMV – HNP
2. Attachment 2 – BJE #0007966

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