



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
Agenda Date: February 3, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s): Jesús Armas, Director, Community Services Department
Contact: Garrett Wong, Division Manager, Sustainability
SUBJECT: Blue Sky Center Contract Amendment for Mobility Projects; First District

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the first amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Blue Sky Center ("Agreement") to modify the scope and increase the amount by \$165,500 to a total amount not to exceed \$442,362 to implement activities under the Resilient Cuyama Valley initiative funded by the Transformative Climate Communities Grant; and
- b) Determine that the recommended actions do not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 as the actions consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Summary Text:

Staff request that the Board authorize the Chair to amend the agreement with Blue Sky Center to increase the "not to exceed" amount to \$442,362 in order to construct the high school pathway between New Cuyama and the Cuyama high school. This is a change from the original scope in which the County Public Works Department would (only) design the pathway. The grant agreement funding this scope and deliverable have already been amended.

Discussion:

California Strategic Growth Council's Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) program offers grants for planning, project development, and implementation to facilitate community readiness for future funding to implement and construct projects.

Staff from the Community Services, Planning & Development, and Public Works Departments met with stakeholders, including the Cuyama Valley Community Association, Family Resource Center, Blue Sky Center, Quail Springs, Cuyama Valley School District, Cuyama Community Services District, and Community Environmental Council to discuss the TCC grant opportunity, identify community priorities, and develop an approach to prepare the application for a project development grant.

The resulting portfolio of projects is referred to as the Resilient Cuyama Valley initiative.

One of the projects was the design of a Safe Routes to School pathway between the New Cuyama townsite and Cuyama High School to be completed by the Public Works department.

Following the grant agreement execution, Public Works staff conferred with Blue Sky Center and determined that it would be more appropriate and efficacious for the Blue Sky Center to take on the construction of the high school pathway, given that the pathway is on Blue Sky Center property and the project could be completed with the original funds, rather than design only.

Staff prepared a preliminary design and construction budget for the project which can be used by Blue Sky Center to construct the pathway.

The Resilient Cuyama Coordinating Committee, which consists of the project partners and three community members, voted in favor of this shift in scope, deliverables and budget.

Staff then submitted a request to amend the grant agreement with the Strategic Growth Council to codify this change, and the Council authorized the amendment request and executed the amendment with the Community Services Director.

Staff request that the Board authorize the Chair to amend the agreement with Blue Sky Center to increase the "not to exceed" amount to \$442,362 in order to construct the high school pathway.

Background:

On July 16, 2024, the Board approved the Transformative Climate Communities grant agreement with the Strategic Growth Council.

On August 20, 2024, the Board authorized the Chair to execute an agreement with Blue Sky Center for an amount not to exceed \$276,862 to implement activities funded by the Transformative Climate Communities grant.

Performance Measure:

Construction of Cuyama high school pathway

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The agreement with Blue Sky Center is funded by the Transformative Climate Communities grant on a reimbursement basis. There are no impacts to the General Fund.

The high school pathway will be constructed on private property.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 25/26	FY [<i>fiscal year 2</i>]	FY [<i>fiscal year 3</i>]	Total
General Fund				
State	\$165,500			\$165,500
Federal				
Fees				
[<i>Other Source</i>]				
Total	\$165,500			\$165,500

Attachments:**Attachment A** – Blue Sky Center Agreement Amendment #1**Attachment B** – Blue Sky Center Agreement Original**Contact Information:**

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