



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: September 12, 2023
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805-568-2467)
Director(s)
Contact Info: Kimberlee Albers, Homeless Assistance Program Manager (805-695-6333)

SUBJECT: Shelter Operations General Fund Agreements FY 23-24

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Shelter Operations General Fund Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter to support and maintain service levels at the Bridgehouse Shelter, Santa Maria Shelter, and Family Shelter, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$334,309;
- b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Shelter Operations General Fund Agreement with PATH Santa Barbara to support and maintain service levels at the PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$155,507;
- c) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Warming Center General Fund Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter to support and maintain service levels at the Freedom Warming Centers program, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$130,000;
- d) Determine that the recommended actions are not the acceptance and approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a 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.

Summary Text:

In the FY 2023-24 budget, the Board approved \$487,500 and \$130,000 in General Fund contribution toward the operation of four homeless shelters in North and South County, and the Freedom Warming Centers, respectively. General Fund Shelter grant amounts are determined by the number of bed nights provided in the prior fiscal year. The 2023-24 recommended allocation of \$153,461 to PATH Santa Barbara, detailed in Table 1, below, reflects a 9.1% increase in the number of shelter bed nights provided by PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter between 2021-22 and 2022-23. An additional \$2,046 for shelter provided during Tropical Storm Hilary bringing the total amount for PATH to \$155,507.

The 2022-23 recommended allocation of \$334,309 to Good Samaritan Shelter, detailed in Table 1, below, reflects a 11.6% increase in the number of shelter bed nights provided by Good Samaritan Shelter between 2021-22 and 2022-23. The Board increased general funding for shelters, and therefore all agreements are being brought to the Board for approval. Staff recommends the Board approve the General Fund Shelter Operations Agreements for each of PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter and Good Samaritan Shelter as reflected in Table 1. Of the \$617,500 in General Fund Shelter Funding, \$130,000 was allocated to the Freedom Warming Centers, now operated by Good Samaritan Shelter, under the parameters set by the Board, including cooling response in extreme heat events.

Background:

General Fund contributions for Good Samaritan Shelter and PATH Santa Barbara Emergency Shelter have been allocated on a pro rata basis according to the number of emergency shelter beds reported during the preceding fiscal year. Freedom Warming Centers also receive a General Fund contribution of \$130,000 each fiscal year. The amount was increased from \$80,000 to \$130,000 in FY 2021-22 to include a cooling response program. The table below shows the 2022-23 bed night data with percentage distribution resulting in the FY 2023-24 allocations for the four congregate emergency shelter locations (PATH Santa Barbara, Bridgehouse Emergency Shelter, Santa Maria Emergency Shelter, and Family Shelter), as well as the Freedom Warming Centers.

Table 1. Shelter Bed Night and Allocation Chart

Shelter	Operator	FY 22-23 Bed Nights	FY 22-23 % Shelter Beds	FY 23-24 Calculated Contract Amounts	FY 23-24 Contract Amount
Bridge House Shelter, SM Shelter, Family Shelter	Good Samaritan Shelter	60,242	68.5%	\$334,039	\$334,039
PATH Emergency Shelter	PATH	27,676	31.5%	\$153,461	\$155,507*
Freedom Warming Centers	Good Samaritan Shelter	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 130,000
TOTAL		87,918	100.00%	\$487,500	\$619,546

- \$2,046 has been added to PATH Emergency Shelter for opening during Tropical Storm Hilary.

Performance Measures:

Each provider is subject to the respective performance goals set forth below for the 2023-24 fiscal year (Table 2). In addition, each provider works to provide housing and other critical services to their respective shelter guests.

Table 2. Performance Measures

Provider	Performance Measures	Goal
Good Samaritan Shelter (Shelter Operations)	Bridgehouse Shelter	
	Beds provided	32,850
	Unduplicated number of persons served	500
	Unduplicated number of households served	150
	Santa Maria Shelter	
	Beds provided	47,450
	Unduplicated number of persons served	700
	Unduplicated number of households served	300
	Family Shelter	
	Beds provided	18,980
	Unduplicated number of persons served	70
	Unduplicated number of households served	30
PATH Santa Barbara	Beds provided	41,500
	Unduplicated number of persons served	750
	Unduplicated number of households served	710
Good Samaritan Shelter (Warming Centers) *	Beds provided	5,492
	Unduplicated number of persons served	450
	Unduplicated number of households served	400

* Warming centers activation season is from November 15, 2023 – March 31, 2024. Warming centers activate when an overnight temperature of 35 degrees or less is predicted; or 50% chance of rain is predicted during activation season. Good Samaritan also supports a cooling response program during heat warnings issued by the Public Health Department.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

When invoicing the County, PATH Santa Barbara, and Good Samaritan will each submit a Quarterly Status Report providing information on accomplishments, including, but not limited to, beds provided, number of participants moved into housing at project exit, and data on race and ethnicity as well as homeless subpopulations. Good Samaritan and PATH will be reimbursed on a quarterly basis, and staff will continue to monitor reporting and expenditure documentation to ensure all reimbursements are fully supported.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund- Good Sam	\$ 334,039.00		
General Fund- PATH	\$ 155,507.00		
Good Sam- Warming Centers	\$ 130,000.00		
Total	\$ 619,546.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

All shelter costs are for the 23-24 fiscal year based on the previous year’s share of bed nights.

Key Contract Risks:

The Shelter Operations General Fund Agreements are cost reimbursement contracts. The County will only reimburse shelter providers for costs that are eligible under the Agreements and documented in a manner that is acceptable to the County. CSD staff will assess the performance of those providers to determine if services are adequately provided. The County will provide payment after demonstration that reimbursable services were provided and performance goals were met.

Special Instructions:

Please send an electronic copy of the Minute Order and signed Agreements to Kimberlee Albers at kalbers@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter for the Bridgehouse Shelter, Santa Maria Emergency Shelter, and Family Shelter

Attachment B: Shelter Operations General Fund Grant Agreement with PATH Santa Barbara for the PATH Emergency Shelter

Attachment C: Freedom Warming Centers General Fund Grant Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelters for the Warming Center and Cooling Response Program

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