



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors

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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: December 6, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item:
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Antoinette Navarro, LMFT, Director
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SUBJECT: Department of Behavioral Wellness- Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.
California Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)
Grant Agreement Tribal Infrastructure (FY 21-22)

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee, to execute **the California Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Grant Agreement 7469-BHCIP-County of Santa Barbara DOBW-01G with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP)**, a Massachusetts for profit entity (not a local provider), serving as the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) administrator for “Tribal Infrastructure Planning,” **Project No. 21-10368**, for the provision of a Facility Capacity Action Plan with goals, objectives, and strategies that are in alignment with state and local priorities in the amount of \$150,000 for the period of January 3, 2022 through December 31, 2022 (Attachment A);
- B. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designee, to act on behalf of the County in the implementation of the BHCIP Program and make immaterial changes to the Agreement without requiring the Board’s approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board’s ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time; and
- C. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request the Board of Supervisors to approve, ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BWell), or designee, to execute the BHCIP Grant Agreement 7469-BHCIP-County of Santa Barbara DOBW-01G with Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP), the DHCS administrator for “Tribal Infrastructure Planning,” Project No. 21-10368, to create a Facility Capacity Action Plan with goals, objectives, and strategies that are in alignment with state and local priorities.

The grant is in the amount of \$150,000 for the period of January 3, 2022 to December 31, 2022. In addition, BWell is requesting delegation of authority to the Director of BWell, or designee, to act on behalf of the County in the implementation of the BHCIP Program and make immaterial changes to the Agreement without requiring the Board’s approval of an amendment of the Agreement, subject to the Board’s ability to modify or rescind this delegated authority at any time.

Background:

DHCS was allocated \$16.25 million from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) to implement BHCIP programs. DHCS contracted with AHP as the administrative entity to assist DHCS in overseeing and implementing BHCIP Projects.

The Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) provides funding to qualified entities to construct, acquire, and rehabilitate real estate assets or to invest in mobile crisis infrastructure to expand the community continuum of behavioral health treatment resources. Facilities eligible for funding include short-term crisis stabilization, acute and subacute care, crisis residential, community-based mental health residential, substance use disorder residential, peer respite, mobile crisis, community and outpatient behavioral health services, and other longer-term treatment and rehabilitation options. BHCIP is a joint effort with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community of Care Expansion program (CCE) and will provide \$805 million in funding for acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation to preserve and expand adult and senior care facilities that serve Social Security Income (SSI) applicants and recipients, including those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and people with behavioral health conditions.

Behavioral Wellness has been awarded a \$150,000 Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Planning Grant through the Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) to create a Facility Capacity Action Plan with goals, objectives, and strategies that are in alignment with state and local priorities. Funding runs from January 3, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and covers the costs of Behavioral Wellness, CEO, and General Services representatives to engage in meetings, community engagement and develop grant deliverables. The Action Plan will identify and prioritize potential strategies and action steps in support of the Facilities goals outlined in the presentation to the Board of Supervisors on September 21, 2021. Planning will also ensure we are prepared to apply for additional DHCS and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) infrastructure funding opportunities during FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23. The Planning Grant is Round 2 of 6.

BWell will collaborate with our partner departments, e.g., the Department of General Services, as well as community partners to develop an infrastructure Action Plan that aligns with state and local behavioral health service priorities. Funding will be used to offset Behavioral Wellness and General Services expenses to develop and complete BHCIP and CCE grant application development and submittal. The Planning Grant was developed specifically to support counties and tribal entities secure resources necessary to engage with BHCIP and CCE grant opportunities.

Performance Measure: The goals of the program are the following:

1. Initial Planning Activities.

- a. Complete BHCIP grantee contact information survey; and
- b. Submit executed subcontract to AHP.

2. Planning Activities.

- a. Engage and coordinate with stakeholders.
- b. Develop a plan with goals, objectives, and strategies for building behavioral health facility capacity, to include: identification of project lead, description of goals, time-oriented objectives and strategies, a description of the infrastructure barriers, strategies and solutions, an outline of partnerships for implementation, staffing plan strategies, list of required resources and plans to acquire said resources (“Action Plan”).
 - 1) The Action Plan shall be submitted no later than 12/16/22. Approval by AHP is required prior to any additional predevelopment activities being performed.
- c. Draft Interim Report, as required by AHP.
- d. Attend coaching calls and quarterly TA activities including webinars and learning collaboratives (“Quarterly Activities”), as scheduled by AHP.

3. Submit.

- a. Interim Report for Period 1 (1/3/22-2/1/22) and Period 2 (2/2/22-7/31/22) utilizing AHP template.

Performance Outcomes:

The collaboration between AHP and BWell is going well.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: The Fiscal Department will submit a Budget Revision once the Grant has been accepted and as necessary.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Sources	FY 21-22 Grant Funding:	Total One-Time Grant FY 21-22:
General Fund		
State		
Federal	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Fees		
Other:		
Total	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000

Narrative: The above-referenced agreement is funded by grant funding Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP). A Budget Request Revision will be processed by Fiscal at a later date under a separate request after the Board has approved the acceptance of the funding and as necessary. AHP has provided written confirmation that BWell can bill as the deliverables are met even if funds aren’t all expended in the year they are awarded, so long as they are expended by the end of the grant period. Additionally, after grant funding has been expended, existing County employees will be responsible for determining funding streams to secure data systems, if necessary as well as ensuring action steps are completed.

Key Contract Risks:

The Agreement imposes procedural and reporting requirements that BWell will need to implement, which may be subject to future audit. Failure to fully comply with the reporting requirements detailed in the Agreement could result in the State withholding funding. If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the State, the County may terminate the contract, or the contract may be amended.

Staffing Impacts: None

Legal Positions: N/A

FTEs: N/A

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) Minute Order to cfoschaar@sbcbswell.org and to bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: AHP FY 21-23 BHCIP Grant Agreement 7469-BHCIP-County of Santa Barbara
DOBW-01G

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