



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:** March 12, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director  
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Contact Info: Luis F. Servin, Executive Director, Workforce Development  
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**SUBJECT:** Agreement with County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services for  
Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships

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**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 and authorize the Department of Social Services Director, or designee, to accept the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships grant funds in the amount of \$1,150,000 for the period of March 12, 2024 through December 31, 2025;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services (local vendor) to implement the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships project, in San Luis Obispo County, and to receive \$477,500 for the period of March 12, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025;
- c) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to extend the Agreement with County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services to allocate the amount of unused funds from the previous Fiscal Year budget to the next Fiscal Year budget, subject to appropriations and budget approval;
- d) Authorize the Director of Social Services, or designee, to adjust the Line Item Budget of the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships agreement with County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services, without exceeding the total contract amount; and

- e) Determine that the activity is not a “Project” subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(4), 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 accept Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP) grant funding in the amount of \$1,150,000 and approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services (SLODSS) to implement the RERP project in San Luis Obispo County, and to receive \$477,500 for the period of March 12, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025. Santa Barbara County shall retain the remaining \$672,500 for RERP activities including Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board (SBCWDB) staff salaries and direct job seeker services. RERP is a catalyst of the existing Regional Plan Implementation (RPI) and is intended to support and invest partnerships attempting to add high road approaches to existing sector strategies and career pathway programs.

**Background:**

The California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) designated the local workforce development boards of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties as the South Central Coast Regional Planning Unit (RPU) or “South Central Coast RPU,” one of the 15 regional planning units within California. Regional planning units engage in regional coordination resulting in the development of a regional plan, regional service delivery strategies, and regional administrative cost efficiencies among its local areas.

Santa Barbara County is designated by the CWDB as the Fiscal Agent for the South Central Coast RPU with the authority and obligation to administer regional coordination grants. These regional coordination grants are intended to support regional alignment that improves coordination among local Boards, fosters local workforce development system alignment to produce demand-driven skill attainment, and enhances regional sector partnerships.

Coordination and alignment of the South Central Coast RPU workforce boards is also intended to connect labor force supply side with targeted sectors by aligning innovative approaches to removing employment barriers.

The RERP represents an acceleration and deepening of the existing RPI efforts and will support and invest in partnership attempting to add high road approaches to existing sector strategies and career pathways. As the designated Fiscal Agent for the South Central Coast RPU, Santa Barbara County will accept the full RERP grant funds in the amount of \$1,150,000, and distribute \$477,500 to SLODSS to implement the RERP project in San Luis Obispo County. Santa Barbara County shall retain the remaining \$672,500 for SBCWDB staff salaries and direct job seeker services.

RERP seeks to enhance and expand existing cross-system planning of regionally organized development boards. RERP projects will identify quality jobs in the region and build pathways to those jobs in close partnership with community colleges, multiple employers and other stakeholders in target industries.

**Performance Measure:**

The following regional goals are included in the Agreement with SLODSS:

- Total number of participants to be served: 121
- Total number of participants enrolled in community colleges: 110

- Credentials awarded: 75% of those enrolled at community colleges
- Employment: 80% of those completing training
- Training related employment: 80% of those entering employment

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u> <u>Cost:</u>	<u>FY 2024-2025</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>FY 2025-2026</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund				
State	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 453,375.00	\$ 151,125.00	\$ 672,500.00
Federal				
Fees				
Other:				
Total	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 453,375.00	\$ 151,125.00	\$ 672,500.00

**Narrative:**

This grant agreement will be funded in FY 2023/2024. Over the next sixteen months, SBCWDB is budgeting \$104,100 to include salary, benefit, and indirect costs and \$568,400 in other contractual costs. Costs associated with the current fiscal year are already factored into the FY 2023/2024 budget, and FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 costs will be included in the Department of Social Services’ (DSS) requested budgets in following contract years. The SBCWDB will partner with the SLODSS to receive state funds in the amount of \$1,150,000. As the designated Fiscal Agent for the South Central Coast RPU, Santa Barbara County will accept the full RERP grant funds in the amount of \$1,150,000, and distribute \$477,500 to SLODSS to implement the RERP project in San Luis Obispo County. Santa Barbara County shall retain the remaining \$672,500 for SBCWDB staff salaries and direct job seeker services. There is no impact to General Fund.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that SLODSS is a medium risk vendor. SLODSS is insured for General and Professional Liability.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
0

**FTEs:**  
0

**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 Nereida Zarate  
 2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 Santa Maria, CA 93455  
 Email: [nzarate@countyofsb.org](mailto:nzarate@countyofsb.org)

**Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services – Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships

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