



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: February 27, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Jesús Armas, Community Services Director, (805) 568-2467
Director(s)
Contact Info: Joe Dzvonic, Deputy Director Housing and Community Development (805) 568-3523
SUBJECT: **Approval of Subrecipient Agreements with Good Samaritan Shelter using California Encampment Resolution Funding for Interim Housing**

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 and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a subrecipient agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter, using Round 2 California Encampment Resolution Funding (CERF-2) funds for a total contract maximum amount not to exceed \$273,750, to provide 10 dedicated beds for interim housing at the Santa Maria Emergency Shelter for persons living in encampments near waterways, subject to annual appropriations and budget approval;
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a subrecipient agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter, using CERF-2 funds for a total contract maximum amount not to exceed \$273,750, to provide 10 dedicated beds for interim housing at the Rainbow Village Interim Supportive Temporary Emergency Housing in Lompoc for persons living in encampments near waterways, subject to annual appropriations and budget approval; and

- c) Determine that the above-recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) as the actions involve the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Staff is recommending the execution of two subrecipient agreements to provide interim housing for persons living in encampments near waterways for one year, March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025, funded by California Encampment Resolution Funding:

1. \$273,750 to Good Samaritan Shelter to provide 10 dedicated beds for interim housing at the Santa Maria Emergency Shelter (Recommended Action A and Attachment A)
2. \$273,750 to Good Samaritan Shelter to provide 10 dedicated beds for interim housing at the Rainbow Village Interim Supportive Temporary Emergency Housing in Lompoc (Recommended Action B and Attachment B)

Community Services Department (CSD) staff is working with other County departments and stakeholders to develop increased capacity at existing shelters and new non-congregate interim housing and will return to the Board as these projects are ready to proceed.

Background:

The Encampment Resolution Strategy and Encampment Response Protocol approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 31, 2021 is a 3-year effort (2021-2024) with the goal of resolving 45 encampments of varying size and impact. The approved Encampment Resolution Strategy relies on an effective system of care utilizing shelter, housing, and services to meet the needs of persons experiencing homelessness. As a first step, in 2021, CSD appointed an Encampment Response Coordinator. On January 11, 2022, QwikResponse was contracted to provide the sanitation services for Encampment Response. On June 22, 2022, Good Samaritan Shelter was contracted to provide countywide outreach and engagement to unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness, including encampments. The Encampment Resolution Strategy Year 2 progress report will be brought to the Board of Supervisors next month, preliminarily scheduled for March 19, 2024.

In October 2021, the State made competitive funding available to resolve encampments under the first round of Encampment Resolution Funding (CERF-1). The County of Santa Barbara collaborated with local jurisdictions and other agencies to apply for funding to develop a coordinated approach to addressing a regional need: resolving encampments along transit corridors (U.S. Hwy 101 and CA Hwy 1) where railroad tracks parallel and intersect highways. The efforts target populations in danger of vehicle/train right-of-way strikes and fires. The County was awarded \$2,520,000 to resolve encampment sites and transition persons to safer sheltered locations. Kingdom Causes, Inc., dba CityNet, was contracted for street outreach to encampments along the transit corridors, Channel Islands Restoration was contracted for Environmental Rehabilitation, and interim housing was funded at PATH's Santa Barbara shelter and the County's proposed La Posada project. To date, CERF-1 local funding has resolved 95 encampments along the transit corridor with 81 persons entering shelter or permanent housing.

In December 2022, the State made \$300 million of competitive funding available to resolve encampments in a second round of Encampment Resolution Funding (CERF-2). For this funding cycle, the County collaborated with local jurisdictions (County of San Luis Obispo and cities of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Solvang, Lompoc, and Santa Maria) and other agencies (CalTrans) to develop a coordinated approach to addressing a regional need: resolve the experience of unsheltered homelessness for people residing in encampments, specifically in dangerous and heavily impacted waterways near State right of way. Following Board approval authorizing submission of an Encampment Resolution Funding Application on January 24, 2023, the County was awarded \$6 million to resolve encampment sites through pathways to permanent housing, including \$2.5 million for interim housing, \$2.64 million for street outreach and services coordination, \$500,000 for flexible engagement and permanent housing, and \$360,000 for administration and system support. The funding agreements before the Board today will collectively serve approximately 40 persons and resolve currently inhabited encampments.

Goals and performance measures for today’s recommended actions are outlined in Table 1, below. Existing, planned, and potential projects funded by County and other sources will be leveraged to support the needs outlined in County’s application for CERF-2 funds awarded by the State.

Performance Measure:

***Table 1. Goals and Performance Measures for Santa Maria Emergency Shelter
 (funding period: March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)***

Goals

Interim Housing

| | Goal |
|---|-------------|
| Total number of beds | 10 |
| Total number of bed-nights made available | 3,650 |
| Total number of unduplicated persons served | 20 |

Performance Measures

Interim Housing

| | Goal |
|--|-------------|
| % of participants will move into permanent housing at project exit | 33% |
| % of adult participants gaining new or increasing existing income at project exit | 15% |
| % of adult participants will obtain non-cash benefits at project exit | 70% |
| % of participants who move into permanent housing who will remain housed for 1 year | 85% |
| % of participants linked to a Cal-AIM Community Supports or Enhanced Care Management program | 50% |

Table 2. Goals and Performance Measures for Rainbow Village Interim Supportive Temporary Emergency Housing in Lompoc (funding period: March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025)

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Fiscal Analysis:

| Funding Sources | Current FY Cost: | Annualized On-going Cost: | Total One-Time Project Cost |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | | | \$ 547,500.00 |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | | | \$ 547,500.00 |

Narrative:

CERF-2 State funding is providing a 28-month, one-time grant award through December 31, 2025. CSD Staff will return to the Board to consider recommendations on any other subrecipient awards for agencies to provide other funded components. The amount is based on a nightly rate of \$75 per bed at each location. The nightly rate is based on operating costs for each interim housing site.

Key Contract Risks:

The County assumes responsibility for the administration of funds in accordance with all State requirements governing their use. In addition, the County would be liable as a pass-through entity for repayment to the State government if it, or any provider to which it sub-grants funds, is found not to comply with applicable funding program requirements. In this regard, the County is responsible for using funds for costs that are eligible under the identified funding sources and documented in a manner that is acceptable to the administering State and Federal departments.

Staffing Impacts:

The current requested activity falls within currently budgeted staff duties. A budget revision is not needed as there is existing appropriation to cover project costs in the current year budget

Special Instructions:

- 1) Please return a copy of the Minute Order to Kimberlee Albers (kalbers@countyofsb.org) and return one original of each Attachment, email Kimberlee Albers when ready for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. CA Encampment Resolution Funds Subrecipient Agreement for Santa Maria Emergency Shelter
- B. CA Encampment Resolution Funds Subrecipient Agreement for Rainbow Village Interim Supportive Temporary Emergency Housing in Lompoc