



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: June 19, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness, 681-5220
Contact Info: Pam Fisher, PsyD. Deputy Director, Chief of Clinical Operations,
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SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness – Department of Health Care Services Contract for FEMA
Crisis Counseling Grant Funds FY 2017-2019

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve, ratify and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness or designee to execute the multi-year revenue agreement (#17-94705) and related certifications with the state **Department of Health Care Services for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** to accept grant funds in the amount of \$316,842.95 for the period of January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2019.
- b. Approve a Budget Revision Request (**BRR#0005690**) increasing appropriations of \$316,842.95 in the Behavioral Wellness Department, Mental Health Fund for Salaries and Benefits (\$45,737) and Services and Supplies (\$271,106.95) funded by unanticipated revenue from Federal Emergency Management Agency grant funds.
- 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:

The Thomas Fire and the 1/9 Debris Flow disasters that occurred from December 2017 to January 2018 had an unprecedented impact on Santa Barbara County. This multi-year revenue contract with DHCS allows Behavioral Wellness to utilize FEMA funds to provide crisis counseling and related services following a natural disaster through the Federal Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP). This is being brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval of the recommended actions authorizing the Behavioral Wellness Director to sign this agreement to accept FEMA CCP funding, and to revise the department's FY 17-18 budget to reflect the grant funding.

Background:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides assistance to states that suffer natural disasters in accordance with the Stafford Act. Section 416 of that Act authorizing FEMA to fund behavioral health services and training following a natural disaster. FEMA funds crisis counseling and related services through the Federal Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) for a limited period of time. CCP grants are awarded after a Presidential Disaster Declaration. CCP funding supports community-based outreach, counseling and other mental health services to survivors of natural disasters.

The State of California provides a comprehensive array of Specialty Mental Health Services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in each county through a county mental health plan contract with DHCS to provide those services. County mental health plans are required to provide or arrange for the provision of Specialty Mental Health Services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Each county's behavioral health (or mental health) department operates its mental health plan and is able to arrange for the provision of crisis counseling services. However, no dedicated funding is provided for disaster-related behavioral health services. During and after the natural disasters, Behavioral Wellness began providing Crisis Counseling Services to Santa Barbara County community members.

On January 15, 2018, the State of California received a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the wildfires (FEMA-4353-DR-CA), which authorized California to apply for CCP funding. On January 29, 2018 Behavioral Wellness applied for the FEMA CCP CA Hope Grant. DHCS notified the County on February 5, 2018 that FEMA approved implementing the CCP Immediate Services Program (ISP) with funding for crisis counseling services provided between January 15, 2018 and March 15, 2019.

On February 27, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved Behavioral Wellness' request to use the FEMA grant funds to amend the FY 17-18 contract with Mental Health Association in Santa Barbara County (dba Mental Wellness Center), to add a new statement of work for Crisis Counseling services starting February 15, 2018 and to include \$316,843 in available FEMA grants to cover Program Services. At the time, Behavioral Wellness planned to return to the Board with the DHCS grant acceptance documents once received, along with any corresponding budget revision required.

On May 25, 2018, DHCS transmitted to the County of Santa Barbara the DHCS FEMA CCP Grant Agreement for FY 2017-2019 (DHCS #17-94705). DHCS requested that the County sign and return the Agreement by June 30, 2018. During County Counsel's review of the Agreement it was determined that certain federal FEMA contract clauses had not been included. These FEMA provisions will be added by amendment after July 1, 2018 to this Agreement with DHCS, and will be added to the County's Agreement with the Mental Wellness Center (see Attachment F, Federal FEMA Clauses).

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to accept the FEMA CCP funds to cover the cost of the contract with MWC for additional counseling services, to assist individuals and communities recovering from the effects of these natural disasters by providing community-based outreach and psychoeducational services. Behavioral Wellness will return to the Board in July with the FEMA amendments described above.

Performance Measures and Outcomes:

Services delivered by the contracted service providers have performance measures and outcomes written into each contract and service.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 17-18</u>	<u>FY 18-19</u>
General Fund		
State		
Federal		
Fees		
Other: FEMA Grant	\$	316,842
Annual Total:	\$	316,842

Narrative: This multi-year revenue provides increased appropriations of \$316,842.95 in the Behavioral Wellness Department, Mental Health Fund for Salaries and Benefits (\$45,737) and Services and Supplies (\$271,106.95) funded by unanticipated revenue from Federal Emergency Management Agency grant.

Key Contract Risks:

The funding is subject to congressional appropriation of funds. If the funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, DHCS has the option to either cancel this Contract with no liability occurring to DHCS, or offer an amended agreement to Contractor to reflect the reduced amount. It also passes on to the County the responsibility to repay any audit exception taken by the Federal government or the California State Auditor. The contract also imposes procedural and reporting requirements implemented by Behavioral Wellness that could be subject to audit in the future. However, Behavioral Wellness contracts with its service providers include language requiring contractors to repay any amounts disallowed in audit findings, minimizing financial risks to County.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) copy of the minute order to the BWell Contracts Division at bwellcontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: DHCS FEMA CCP Grant Agreement FY 2017-2019

Attachment B: FEMA CCP Application

Attachment C: FEMA Award Letter 2/5/18

Attachment D: Minute Order 2/27/18 MWC Second Amendment

Attachment E: BRR #0005690

Attachment F: Federal FEMA Clauses for MWC Contract

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