



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Health
Department No.: 041
For Agenda Of: September 22, 2020
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: Family Service Agency – Housing for the Harvest and Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force and Language Justice Project

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Family Service Agency (FSA) (a local vendor) to provide support services for the Housing for the Harvest program and for the Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force to provide operational support, engagement, and outreach services related to the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 for a maximum contract amount not to exceed \$1,006,500 with a term of August 24, 2020 through February 28, 2021 for Housing for the Harvest program services, and a term of August 24, 2020 through August 23, 2021 for Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force services; and
- b) Approve and authorize Budget Revision BJE 0007225 in the amount of \$1,006,500 to establish appropriations from a release of Public Health Special Revenue Fund balance in Services and Supplies of \$906,100 for the operational support of the Housing for the Harvest program and \$100,400 for the Latinx Task Force; and
- c) Determine that the above recommended actions are not a “Project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines, since they consist of the Creation of governmental 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:

This item is on the Board's agenda to execute an Agreement for Services with Family Service Agency (FSA) to provide operational support, engagement, and outreach services to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Farm and food processing workers play an essential role in maintaining our food supply. But some who need to self-isolate are finding it difficult due to their housing situation. Under this Agreement, the FSA would assist the County under the Housing for the Harvest program in providing emergency temporary isolation or quarantine to certain farm and food processing employees so that they can safely self-isolate when needed to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 to other household, family, and community members. The Latinx & Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Response Task Force and Language Justice project was formed as a rapid response body to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, working to reach and support this community. The Latinx & Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Response Task Force working in conjunction with additional community groups would provide essential services to protect and support some of Santa Barbara County's most vulnerable community members from the urgent threat of the coronavirus pandemic. The Public Health Department (PHD) wishes to enter into an agreement with FSA to provide these services. Due to emergency need the Contractor was not selected through a competitive process.

Background:

Housing for the Harvest is a program that offers temporary hotel housing to agricultural workers who need to isolate due to COVID-19. It helps positive or exposed workers protect their loved ones and coworkers by giving them a space to self-isolate.

Farm and food processing workers play an essential role in maintaining our food supply. But some who need to self-isolate are finding it difficult due to their housing situation. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) has established an isolation-housing program to ensure all members of our community can safely self-isolate when needed to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 to other household, family, and community members.

Participants in the Housing for the Harvest program are people who cannot successfully self-isolate at home, and who: 1) work in California food processing or agriculture; 2) meet FEMA non-congregate sheltering criteria for COVID-19 (i.e., have tested positive, or have been exposed as documented by a public health official or medical health professional); and, 3) are unable to self-isolate at home. Under this program, the State will provide hotel rooms in Carpinteria, Lompoc, and Santa Maria for workers who need to self-isolate for up to 14 days.

FSA will serve as operational support and the primary point of contact with workers who need isolation housing. FSA will also: verify participant eligibility; coordinate with the State to book rooms; coordinate services at the hotel site including transportation, meals, and wellness checks; ensure services are provided in the participant's language, and collect data required for FEMA reimbursement.

Isolation and quarantine are critical to slow the transmission of this disease. Some members of the community cannot self-isolate in their current living situations. Housing for the Harvest is the best way to protect families, households, and community. Spanish and Mixtec language assistance is available.

The Latinx & Indigenous Migrant COVID-19 Task Force, working in conjunction with additional community groups, provides essential services to protect and support some of Santa Barbara County's most vulnerable community members from the urgent threat of the coronavirus pandemic.

Specifically, this agreement will support the Critical Outreach & Support as well as Language Justice efforts. This work provides this vulnerable population with information and support, to reduce their risk of infection and help them to cope with the physical, emotional, and economic impacts of the pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic poses a particular threat to immigrant and migrant residents, whose linguistic, cultural, and economic status put them at heightened risk. Close quarters in housing, transport, and working conditions; low wages and poor employer support; lack of access to health care and to clear and linguistically accessible information; cultural marginalization as an ‘invisible community’ in an Anglo-dominated culture; and fear of lost housing or jobs, or even deportation – all these have put Latinx and indigenous migrant workers and their families in need of additional outreach and supports.

Performance Measure:

Throughout the term of this agreement, the Family Service Agency will conduct 1:1 interactions with migrant an immigrant residents as well as farm and food processing workers to provide operational support, engagement and outreach services to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding for the \$1,006,500 (\$906,100 for Housing for the Harvest; \$100,400 for Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force and Language Justice Project) will be provided from a release of Public Health Department Special Revenue Fund balance. It is anticipated that other federal or philanthropic grant funds may become available to pay for these services in part. Any services not paid for with other funding will be eligible for FEMA reimbursement at 75% and the requirement for collection of specific data elements needed for FEMA claiming is included in the scope of work.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>FY 20/21 Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other: Public Health Fund	\$ 1,006,500.00	\$ 1,006,500.00	\$ 1,006,500.00
Total	\$ 1,006,500.00	\$ 1,006,500.00	\$ 1,006,500.00

Key Contract Risks:

Family Service Agency has been serving Santa Barbara County since 1899. Since its merger with Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family Center in 2017, and The Little House By The Park in 2019, FSA serves Santa Barbara County with program sites in Santa Barbara, Lompoc, Carpinteria, Santa Maria and Guadalupe. Additionally, the County’s standard insurance and indemnity for professional contracts is incorporated into the Agreement as Exhibit C and the Agreement can be terminated for convenience.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please execute two (2) original Agreements with Family Service Agency and retain one (1) original Agreement and one (1) Minute Order for pick up by the department. Please email the PHD Contracts Unit at phdcu@sbcphd.org when available for pick up.

Attachments:

- A. Family Service Agency FY 20-21 Board Contract
- B. Budget Revision Request number BJE 0007225

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