



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: March 16, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director
Director(s) Public Health Department
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SUBJECT: **First Amendment to the Family Service Agency Agreement: Housing for the Harvest Program 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 the First Amendment to the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Family Service Agency (FSA) (a local vendor) to extend the term and update the Scope of Services for the Housing for the Harvest program and for the Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force both of which provide COVID-19 support services. The maximum contract amount is not to exceed \$448,000 with a term of August 24, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for Housing for the Harvest program, and a term of August 24, 2020 through October 31, 2021 for Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force; and
- b) 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 this First Amendment Agreement for Services with Family Service Agency (FSA) to extend the term and update the Scope of Services in the Agreement for

the provision of 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 find it difficult to do so due to their housing situation. Under this Agreement, the FSA assists the County with the Housing for the Harvest program to provide 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 works in conjunction with additional community groups to 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.

Background:

The Housing for the Harvest program 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 to better contain the spread of the disease.

Farm and food processing workers play an essential role in maintaining our food supply, but some who need to self-isolate find it difficult to do so 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 provides hotel rooms in Carpinteria, Lompoc, and Santa Maria for workers who need to self-isolate for up to 14 days.

FSA serves as operational support and the primary point of contact with workers who need isolation housing. Wraparound services for those isolating are provided by the Public Health Department.

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 supports critical outreach and 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.

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 \$448,000 (\$335,200 for Housing for the Harvest; \$112,800 for Latinx and Migrant COVID-19 Task Force and Language Justice Project) will be provided from the Public Health Department’s Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) enhancing detection allocation from the federal Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act HR 266.

| <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: ELC Funds | \$ 410,400.00 | \$ 37,600.00 | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other | | | |
| Total | \$ 410,400.00 | \$ 37,600.00 | \$ - |

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 clauses are incorporated into the Agreement as Exhibit C and the Agreement can be terminated for convenience.

Staffing Impacts:

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| <u>Legal Positions:</u> | <u>FTEs:</u> |
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Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

- A. Family Service Agency FY 20-21 Amendment 1
- B. Family Service Agency FY 20-21 Board Contract

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