

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.

Resolution of the Monterey County Board)
of Supervisors authorizing and directing)
the Monterey County Health Department)
Director to submit a Farmworker)
Resource Center grant application to the)
State Department of Community Services)
by the grant's closing date of December)
21, 2022 in an amount of up to \$833,000)
with the County matching minimum of)
twenty five percent (25%) or \$208,250 to)
establish a Farmworker Resource Center)
in the County of Monterey.)

WHEREAS, Board Referral No. 2021.19, seeking to create a Farmworker Resource Center, pursuant to *AB941*, was submitted by Supervisor Lopez on September 23, 2021;

WHEREAS, *AB941- Farmworker Assistance: Resource Centers* is a recently signed assembly bill that requires the State Department of Community Services (CSD) to establish a grant program for counties to establish farmworker resource centers that would provide farmworkers and their families information and access to services, ranging but not limited to the following: labor and unemployment rights, education, housing, immigration, and health and human services;

WHEREAS, the State's objectives with these funds are to reduce poverty for Californians by leading the development and coordination of effective and innovative programs for low-income individuals, families and their communities and specifically to provide opportunities to farmworkers, a fundamental California workforce that often face unique challenges related to housing, employment, public health, and other basic needs. *AB941* provides California counties the opportunity to apply for funding to help create farmworker resource centers to assist farmworkers in navigating public agencies, receiving information regarding wage and hour laws, health and safety laws, resolving workplace disputes, and pursuing legal rights. Eligible counties that are interested in establishing and funding Farmworker Resource Centers may apply for grant funding;

WHEREAS, the CSD Farmworker Resource Center Grant was released under a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on November 15, 2022 and the deadline to apply is December 21, 2022. CSD will be awarding three (3) grants of \$833,000 to California counties. To be eligible for the grant funding applicant counties must provide 25 percent of the center's funding. Therefore, the County is required to contribute a *minimum* of \$208,250 during the grant term;

WHEREAS, counties have been grouped by *Region 1* and *Region 2*; Monterey County is in *Region 2*. The third award will be granted to the third highest scoring County regardless of the *Region*. Grant applications must demonstrate their experience providing similar services and their history of successfully conducting outreach campaigns to reach culturally diverse

populations that have been traditionally difficult to reach and are underserved. The grant has 100 points possible in their Evaluation Ranking Criteria in the following categories:

- Experience performing outreach and providing similar client services. (30 points)
- Organizational capacity. (25 points)
- Trusted community partnerships and leveraging resources. (20 points)
- Ability to establish and maintain a client demographic and service tracking database. (15 points)
- Experience conducting a population assessment. (10 points);

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Health Department, with the current services provided to the community, for example the VIDA Project amongst several other programs, demonstrates their experience and readiness for priority ranking in the competitive grant application process;

WHEREAS, the CSD Farmworker Resource Grant application packet must include a Board Resolution or Board Letter authorizing the County of Monterey to apply for the grant indicating the County’s commitment to provide 25 percent of matching funds.

DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby:

Authorize and direct the Monterey County Health Department Director, or designee, to submit a Farmworker Resource Center grant application to the State Department of Community Services by the grant’s closing date of December 21, 2022 in an amount of up to \$833,000 with the County matching minimum of twenty five percent (25%) or \$208,250 to establish a Farmworker Resource Center in the County of Monterey.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 6th day of December 2022, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy