

*Before the Board of Supervisors County of  
Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.: 23-395** )  
Adopt a Resolution to: )  
Receive a presentation regarding the Board Referral )  
No. 2023.08 (Alejo) Monterey County COVID-19 )  
Funeral and Burial Assistance Program progress, )  
outreach, and community use. Direct the Department )  
of Emergency Management to close the application )  
period for the Monterey County COVID-19 Funeral )  
and Burial Assistance Program on October 1, 2023. )  
Authorize the Auditor-Controller’s Office to increase )  
appropriations for the Department of Emergency )  
Management (001-1040-DEM001-8589) FY 2023-24 )  
Adopted Budget by \$100,000 to cover expenses )  
incurred for staffing the Pajaro Disaster Recovery )  
Manager, offset by a corresponding increase in )  
County Administrative Office non-program revenue )  
(001-1050-CAO019-8041), financed by reallocated )  
prior year American Rescue Plan Act funding. (4/5ths )  
vote required) Or provide additional direction during )  
the County Administrative Office’s Budget End of )  
Year Report presentation to include any unused )  
departmental allocations and reallocations. )

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the Funeral Assistance program by allocating \$350,000 with the intent to assist undocumented low-income families with funeral and burial expenses due to the Covid-19 pandemic; but the program has not been utilized by the community; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Board redirected \$250,000 from the program to assist communities affected by the 2023 winter floods leaving \$100,000 to provide funeral assistance reimbursement to Covid-19 impacted families; and

**WHEREAS**, the program remains unutilized; and therefore, the Board intends to re-direct the remaining funds to continue assistance to communities affected by the 2023 winter storms; and

**WHEREAS**, winter atmospheric river events through California began on December 26, 2022, and continued into March of 2023. The winter storms damaged vital infrastructure and facilities belonging to the County of Monterey and creating tremendous financial assistance need for many members of the community in various areas in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey intends to continue providing some financial assistance to low-income households impacted by the recent weather disaster events; and

**WHEREAS**, a Federal Disaster Declaration was received for Monterey County providing individual assistance for rental assistance that consists of one to two months of rent, up to Fair Market Rate, which is \$2,500 in Monterey County approximately; and

**WHEREAS**, California Department of Social Services is currently working to contract with local Community Based Organizations (CBO's) to administer their disaster case management program and rapid response fund program to provide, identify and serve those eligible to participate by providing assistance to individuals in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, as follows:

- a. Receive a presentation regarding the Board Referral No. 2023.08 (Alejo) Monterey County COVID-19 Funeral and Burial Assistance Program progress, outreach, and community use.
- b. Direct the Department of Emergency Management to close the application period for the Monterey County COVID-19 Funeral and Burial Assistance Program on October 1, 2023.
- c. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to increase appropriations for the Department of Emergency Management (001-1040-DEM001-8589) FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget by \$100,000 to cover expenses incurred for staffing the Pajaro Disaster Recovery Manager, offset by a corresponding increase in County Administrative Office non-program revenue (001-1050-CAO019-8041), financed by reallocated prior year American Rescue Plan Act funding. (4/5ths vote required); or
- d. Provide additional direction during the County Administrative Office's Budget End of Year Report presentation to include any unused departmental allocations and reallocations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2023, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Askew, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Lopez

(Government Code 54953)

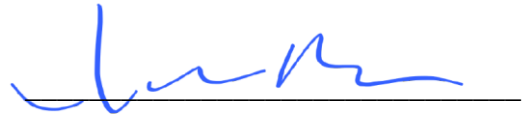
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting October 3, 2023.

Dated: October 5, 2023

File ID: RES 23-178

Agenda Item No.: 12

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



Vicente Ramirez, Deputy