



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
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Support the request to:

- a. Accept a Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant Award (LIIG) in the amount of \$264,123 for Social Services, funded by the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz); and
- b. Authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign and execute an agreement with the California GO-Biz for the LIIG funding for the performance period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$264,123; and
- c. Authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign all amendments to the Agreement; and
- d. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted Budget, Community Programs, Fund 001, Appropriation Unit SOC004, increasing appropriations and estimated revenues by \$264,123 funded by the LIIG award for outreach and mobile services critical to successful immigrant integration efforts in our community.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Budget Committee support the request to:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Monterey County Department of Social Services (DSS) applied for and was awarded \$264,123 in round two of GO-Biz's LIIG grant. This is a one-year grant award. The Budget Act of 2022 (Senate Bill 178, Skinner) and Government Code section 12100.140 et seq. established the Local Government Immigrant Integration Initiatives program within GO-Biz. For round two of the LIIG, GO-Biz prioritized funding local governments in rural regions with a high density of immigrant populations, and where immigration services are limited due to language barriers and resources.

The LIIIG grant will support DSS' existing plans to integrate outreach and service navigation as part of our regular operations, as well as efforts to target barriers specific to immigrant residents. DSS is currently in the early stages of implementing a Mobile Office funded in part by a \$755,800 USDA-FNS-SNAP-PTI-2023 grant. The Mobile Office is part of a larger plan to redesign service delivery to improve access to services for underserved populations within the county.

DSS's LIIIG proposal is aimed at expanding, strengthening, and expediting immigrant integration efforts and building community trust by enhancing staff capacity to perform successful outreach and social services navigation. As such, DSS is leveraging existing plans, resources, and partnerships to implement and sustain a mobile benefits unit. The proposal for this grant addresses the technical and outreach components needed for the organizational capacity to implement our immigrant outreach and mobile services unit, both of which are critical to successful immigrant integration efforts in our community. This award will address specific technical and communication components needed to implement a mobile social services unit capable of both delivering robust case management and aligning with other county immigrant integration initiatives.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrator's Office - Budget Office concurs with these actions. County Counsel will review and approve the standard state funding agreement, as well as any future amendments, as to form before the Department signs and returns the agreement to GO-Biz.

FINANCING:

The Department was awarded a grant of \$264,123 funded by GO-Biz's LIIIG. This agreement was not included in the Department's FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget as the award was not announced at that time. The Department is requesting to increase estimated appropriations and revenues of \$264,123 in the Community Programs Fund 001, Unit SOC005 FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget. There are no match requirements with approval of this grant and no effect on the existing General Fund Contributions to the Department.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This amendment correlates to the Health and Human Services Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by promoting equitable access to public benefits and resources to our immigrant population.

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments: Award Letter