

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

**Resolution No. 23-129**

- Adopt a resolution to: )  
a. Receive an oral report on Board Referral No. 2023.04 )  
regarding the planning and potential implementation of a Storm )  
Recovery Rent Subsidy program for farmworkers negatively )  
impacted by the recent weather disaster events; and )  
b. Provide direction for implementing a rental subsidy program )  
for farm workers and others affected by the winter storms who )  
are not eligible for other State and Federal rental assistance )  
programs; )  
c. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the )  
Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Budget by increasing )  
appropriations by \$378,000 to provide a rent subsidy program )  
for farmworkers for Social Services Community Program Fund )  
001-5010-SOC004-8258, financed by a decrease in )  
appropriations in General Fund contingencies 001-1050- )  
CAO020 (4/5ths Vote); )  
d. Authorize the Department of Social Services Director or )  
Assistant Director to negotiate and execute a Contract with )  
Catholic Charities for \$198,000 to provide a rent subsidy )  
program for farmworkers for the period upon execution through )  
June 30, 2023; and )  
e. Authorize the Department of Social Services Director or )  
Assistant Director to negotiate and execute Contract Amendment )  
#5 with the United Way of Monterey County to provide a rent )  
subsidy program for farmworkers adding \$180,000 for a revised )  
contract total of \$52,599,682.

**WHEREAS**, Board Referral No. 2023.04 for Storm Recovery Rent Subsidy Program for Farmworkers seeks to establish a rent subsidy program for agricultural workers adversely impacted by the recent weather-related disaster who do not otherwise qualify for other forms of Federal or State disaster recovery assistance;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Services shall provide an update to the Board of Supervisors on the planning of the potential rental subsidy program a targeted response to those most vulnerable and in need farmworkers, hospitality workers, and small business as a result of the atmospheric river events;

**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;

**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 which will provide identify and serve those who are eligible to participate by providing the assistance to people and families who are in need;

**WHEREAS**, various other disaster aid will be available to residents such as CalFresh for additional food support regardless of documentation status and USDA is offering a \$600 cash benefit to eligible farmworkers who have been negatively by the COVID-19 pandemic since 2021;

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that some residents, for various reasons, may not be able to access these substantial State and Federal assistance programs, and therefore the Department of Social Services is recommending to provide gap funding for those who do not qualify for the other rental assistance programs; and

**WHEREAS**, two agreements are recommended to administer and distribute direct rental assistance funding to low-income farm labor, hospitality and small business workers in the amount of \$800 to \$1200 per month, based upon need, and capped at \$2400 per eligible household, with a total of direct assistance of \$360,000, serving a minimum of 150 households;

**WHEREAS**, Department of Social Services will develop an execute agreements with Catholic Charities of Monterey for a total of \$198,000 (\$18,000 for indirects and \$180,000 and with United Way of Monterey County for a total of \$180,000 (direct rental assistance) to administer and distribute rental subsidy program through June 30, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, An increase in appropriations will be required in the amount of \$378,000 in the Social Services Community Programs 001-5010-SOC004 FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget, financed by an authorized one-time release from the contingency fund 001-1050-CAO020; and

**WHEREAS**, The County's Contingency Fund balance is \$503,926 and with the actions recommended of \$378,000, this will leave a remaining fund balance in Contingencies of \$125,926.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey hereby:

- a. Receive an oral report on Board Referral No. 2023.04 regarding the planning and potential implementation of a Storm Recovery Rent Subsidy program for farmworkers negatively impacted by the recent weather disaster events; and
- b. Provide direction for implementing a rental subsidy program for farm workers and others affected by the winter storms who are not eligible for other State and Federal rental assistance programs;
- c. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Budget by increasing appropriations by \$378,000 to provide a rent subsidy program for farmworkers for Social Services Community Program Fund 001-5010-SOC004-8258, financed by a decrease in appropriations in General Fund contingencies 001-1050-CAO020 (4/5ths Vote);
- d. Authorize the Department of Social Services Director or Assistant Director to negotiate and execute a Contract with Catholic Charities for \$198,000 to provide a rent subsidy program for farmworkers for the period upon execution through June 30, 2023; and
- e. Authorize the Department of Social Services Director or Assistant Director to negotiate and

execute Contract Amendment #5 with the United Way of Monterey County to provide a rent subsidy program for a farmworkers adding \$180,000 for a revised contract total of \$52,599,682.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Askew, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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 on April 18, 2023.

Dated: April 27, 2023  
File ID: RES 23-065  
Agenda Item No. 25

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

  
Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy