



# County of Monterey

Item No.

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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Matter Type: BoS Agreement

- a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a Standard Agreement with The Santa Cruz Lesbian and Gay Community Center dba “The Diversity Center” to provide training, consultation, curriculum development, event production, and community outreach services to aid in the fulfillment of the approved “Rainbow Connections” MHSA Innovation Plan in the amount of \$259,387 for FY 2024-25 and \$481,743 for FY 2025-26 for a total Agreement amount not to exceed \$741,130 for a retroactive term beginning January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute up to three (3) future amendments to the agreement that do not exceed 10% (\$74,113) of the original agreement amount, do not significantly change the scope of services, and do not increase the total not to exceed amount over \$815,243.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On May 25, 2023, the County of Monterey Behavioral Health Bureau received approval from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) for the “Rainbow Connections” Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation Plan. This Innovation Plan aims to improve the mental health outcomes and functioning of LGBTQ youth and their families by promoting interagency communication and collaboration across youth-serving systems, and through building capacity among youth-serving adults to identify and respond affirmatively to the needs of LGBTQ youth up to age 24. Multiple vendors will assist the County in the implementation and evaluation of the Rainbow Connections Innovation Program. The Diversity Center will maintain an important role in this project by providing training, consultation, curriculum development, event production, and community outreach services to the County and other “Rainbow Connections” program partners.

This work supports the following County of Monterey Health Department 2025-2028 Strategic Plan Goal(s): 3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. It also supports one of the ten essential public health services, specifically: 7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provisions of health care when otherwise unavailable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel, Risk Management, and Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved this agreement as to legal form, insurance, and fiscal provisions, respectively.

FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Innovation funds (100%). The funds for this Agreement are included in the Health Department Behavioral Health Bureau (HEA012, Unit 8410) FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget. The funds for this Agreement for FY 2025-26 will be included in the respective Health Department Health (HEA012, Unit 8410) FY 2025-26 Requested Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

☐ Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

☐ Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

☒ Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services, promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

☐ Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

☐ Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Attachment:

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Standard Agreement

