

Monterey County Board of Supervisors Referral Submittal Form

Referral No. 2021.19
Assignment Date: 9/28/21
(Completed by CAO's Office)

SUBMITTAL - Completed by referring Board office and returned to CAO no later than noon on Thursday prior to Board meeting:

Date: 9-23-21	Submitted By: Supervisor Lopez	District #: 3
Referral Title: Farmworker Resource Center		
Referral Purpose: Create a Farmworker Resource Center in the community of Greenfield CA		
Brief Referral Description (attach additional sheet as required): In order to better serve the farm working population of Southern Monterey County, this referral seeks to direct staff to research and come back to our Board of Supervisors with options and feasibility for locating a Farmworker Resource Center in the community of Greenfield CA. The leverage opportunity of matching dollars in the recently signed AB 941, at a 3:1 ratio, provides a great incentive for our County to develop a resource center in a community that lacks direct access to County services, while continuing to face access barriers, such as transportation. The analysis of feasibility should include a recommendation of what services should be provided at this location, as well as the potential to shift existing staff, already focused on this work, into locations near the geographic center of Monterey County.		
Classification - Implication	Mode of Response	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial / Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Memo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Report <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation	
	Requested Response Timeline	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> 1 month <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Status reports until completed <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date: _____	

ASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO at Board Meeting. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s) Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s): Agricultural Commissioner	Referral Lead: Henry Gonzales	Board Date: 9/28/21
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REASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s). Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s):	Referral Lead:	Date:
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ANALYSIS - Completed by Department and copied to Board Offices and CAO:

Department analysis of resources required/impact on existing department priorities to complete referral:	
Analysis Completed By:	Department's Recommended Response Timeline
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> By requested date <input type="checkbox"/> 2 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> 1 month <input type="checkbox"/> 6 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Specific Date: _____
Date: _____	

REFERRAL RESPONSE/COMPLETION - Provided by Department to Board Offices and CAO:

Referral Response Date:	Board Item No.:	Referrals List Deletion:
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Note: Please cc Karina Bokanovich, Rocio Quezada and Maegan Ruiz-Ignacio on all CAO correspondence relating to referrals.

Additional Info:

AB 941, Bennett. Farmworker assistance: resource centers.

Existing law establishes the Department of Community Services and Development within the California Health and Human Services Agency to supplement and coordinate public and private sector efforts to assist low-income participants, including homeless individuals and families, migrants, and the elderly poor, to secure and retain meaningful employment, attain an adequate education, make better use of available income, and obtain and maintain adequate housing and a suitable living environment.

Existing law, the California Community Services Block Grant Program, requires the department to administer the federal Community Services Block Grant funds to provide financial assistance for activities designed to have a measurable and potentially major impact on causes of poverty in a community or areas of a community where poverty is a particularly acute problem.

Existing law authorizes this funding to assist programs that, among other things, meet the needs of migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families, such as daycare for children and elderly persons, education, health services, improved housing and sanitation, legal advice and representation, and consumer training and counseling, and assistance in processing applications for legalization and citizenship.

This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require the department to establish a grant program for counties to establish farmworker resource centers that provide farmworkers and their families information and access to services related to, among other things, labor and employment rights, education, housing, immigration, and health and human services. The bill would make a county's eligibility for funding under the grant program contingent upon the county working with local or statewide community-based organizations to develop the center, providing 25% of the center's funding under the program, and requiring the center to provide services in at least English and Spanish, to provide an assessment of the population the center would serve, and to maintain a cost-effective database to track the number and type of calls received, referrals made, and claims filed, and to monitor local trends. The bill would require the department to convene and facilitate a workgroup to help inform the establishment and administration of the grant program, as specified.