



# County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors  
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## Board Report

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- a. Authorize the Director of Health or Assistant Director of Health to accept a grant award of a Mental Health Student Services Act (“MHSSA”) Grant, in the amount of \$3,999,979, Grant Agreement No. 21MHSOAC015, from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (“MHSOAC”), to expand access to mental health services for children and youth, for the full grant period from date of execution by both entities through August 31, 2025; and
- b. Authorize the Director of Health or Assistant Director of Health to execute the MHSSA Grant Agreement No. 21MHSOAC015 with the MHSOAC, in the total agreement amount of \$3,999,979 for the full contract period from date of execution by both entities through August 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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- b. Authorize the Director of Health or Assistant Director of Health to execute the MHSSA Grant Agreement No. 21MHSOAC015 with the MHSOAC, in the total agreement amount of \$3,999,979 for the full contract period from date of execution by both entities through August 31, 2025.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission has awarded to the Monterey County Behavioral Health Bureau a Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) grant in the amount of \$3,999,979. The MHSSA Grant will fund the expansion of access to mental health services, including campus-based mental health services for children and youth, and facilitate linkage and access to ongoing and sustained services. The goal of the grant funds is to prevent mental illnesses from becoming severe and disabling; improve timely access to services; provide outreach to recognize the early signs of potentially severe and disabling mental illness; reduce the discrimination against people with mental illness; and prevent negative outcomes including, but limited to suicide, incarceration, school failure our dropout, unemployment, prolong suffering, homelessness, removal of children from their homes, and involuntary mental health detentions. Through this grant the County will build upon existing partnerships with School Districts and the Monterey County Office of Education to increase clinical services for prevention and early intervention activities, immediate crisis support, and ongoing services to students experiencing mental health emergencies; and to provide training for school district personnel on mental health related topics.

This work supports the following Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Initiative: 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 the County Counsel-Risk Management and the Auditor-Controller have reviewed and approved

this Grant Agreement as to legal form and fiscal provisions respectively.

FINANCING:

The Grant Agreement provides a total amount of \$3,999,979 for the full grant period from date of execution by both entities through August 31, 2025. There are enough appropriations in the Monterey County Behavioral Health Bureau's (MCBHB) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Adopted Budget (HEA012, Unit 8410) for these services and future services will be included in MCBHB FY 2022-23 through FY 2024-25 Requested Budgets.

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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Approved by:

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Attachment:

Grant Agreement No 21MHSAOAC015