

Board Report

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b. Authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three (3) amendments to this agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$184,914) of the original contract amount, and do not significantly change the scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Expanded Subsidized Employment Program is one of the CalWORKs early engagement strategies that was implemented as a result of the passage of Assembly Bill 74 Chapter 21, Statutes of 2013; Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 11322.63 and 11322.64.

This agreement for Expanded Subsidized Employment (ESE) will serve the hardest to employ customers. The project will place 240 CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work customers into immediate subsidized employment positions. These customers have minimal or no work experience and/or need to establish appropriate work behaviors before entering unsubsidized employment, or existing 'work ready' subsidized employment opportunities.

Goodwill Central Coast will provide services for ESE that will include assessment of employment skills and needs, job readiness and retention training, immediate (within two days) employment at Goodwill stores throughout the county, intensive case management to assure success on the job, paying wages to participants, and placement of participants in unsubsidized employment. CalWORKS customers are eligible to participate in ESE for up to twelve weeks or longer if the customer is obtaining specific skills and experiences in a particular field or if a longer placement will lead to unsubsidized employment.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Auditor-Controller and Purchasing have reviewed and approved this Agreement. County Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

FINANCING:

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This agreement is funded by California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS). Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues for SOC005 are included in the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget. Approval of this action has no impact on the County General Fund contributions.

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Attachments: Goodwill Central Coast Agreement

Proposed agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report