

Board Report

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a. Consider approving an agreement with Orphan Productions to administer the Safe Parking and Supportive Services Program, retroactively to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and

b. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign up to (3) amendments to the agreement with Orphan Productions where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$13,963) of the original contract amount, and do not significantly change the scope of work.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

a. Consider approving an agreement with Orphan Productions to administer the Safe Parking and Supportive Services Program, retroactively to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and

b. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign up to (3) amendments to the agreement with Orphan Productions where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$13,963) of the original contract amount, and do not significantly change the scope of work.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

In the County of Monterey, there are increasing numbers of homeless individuals living in their vehicles as a last resort form of housing. Vehicle dwelling by persons experiencing homelessness is scattered throughout the County, with some areas having greater density of occupied vehicles than others. Vehicles provide a sense of security for persons experiencing homelessness, as they help alleviate fears that are commonly associated with living on the streets or in a shelter.

The Monterey County Safe Parking Program at 2616 First Ave, Marina officially opened on December 15, 2018 in response to concerns/complaints of overnight parking occurring in neighborhoods. Use of the Safe Parking Program has been continuous. The program is now at its maximum capacity for parking and case management support services.

The County Safe Parking Program expanded to a church parking lot Seaside, in April 2020. Because the Seaside site cannot accommodate RV'S, the Marina safe parking site will be utilized until an alternate site is confirmed. During the coronavirus pandemic, persons living in their vehicles face an increased threat of exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Portable hygiene and garbage facilities are on-site at both locations, masks and gloves have been provided for participants.

This agreement was delayed in being brought to the Board for consideration prior to the effective date due to County delays in administrative processing because of county budget decisions and the COVID-19 Pandemic.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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

FINANCING:

This Agreement is funded with County General Fund contributions. There is sufficient appropriations included

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in SOC004 of the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget. Approval of this action has no additional impact on the Department's total County General Fund

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This proposed program correlates to the Health & Human Services Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by working towards the goals of improving health and quality of life outcomes to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

Economic Development Administration X Health & Human Services Infrastructure X Public Safety

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Attachments: Safe Parking Agreement

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