

Board Report

File #: A 21-288, Version: 1

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b. Authorize the Director of the Department of Social Services to sign up to (3) amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$10,000) of the original contract amount and do not significantly change the scopes of work.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Casa de Noche Buena (CDNB) provides shelter for single women and families with children experiencing homelessness. Shelter residents will be allowed to stay up to 90 days with justified extensions up to six months' total. Community Human Services (CHS) has received capital and operating funding from the Homeless Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP) but has ongoing need for operational support. The Board of Supervisors previously approved a request from CHS to utilize a county-owned facility to implement and administer this project located at 1292 Olympia Ave in Seaside, CA. The operator is seeking support for the ongoing operations of this shelter from the County, City of Seaside and other Peninsula cities, and philanthropic organizations. This agreement is for the County's contribution of ongoing operational support for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

In coordination with Gathering for Women (GFW), CDNB residents receive wrap-around services such as enrollment in coordinated assessment, assistance with mainstream program applications, meals, housing services assistance, and comprehensive case-management for families. GFW provides case management for the women shelter residents at their Day Center in Monterey. Transportation to and from the GFW site is provided.

This agreement is being brought to your Board for approval as the Department has a smaller agreement with CHS for like services and the combined total funding is greater than \$100,000.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Department of Social Services will provide oversight of the CDNB project partnership between Community Human Services and Gathering for Women. The Auditor Controller and Purchasing have reviewed and approved this agreement. County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form.

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FINANCING:

This agreement is funded with County General Fund Contributions. Sufficient revenues and appropriations are included in the SOC004 FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This Agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services and Administration Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by working towards the goals of the Lead Me Home/10 Year Plan, and the Whole Person Care program by providing services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

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

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Attachment: Agreement

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