



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Monterey County Department of Social Services (DSS) entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2010 and amended in 2019, with the California Statewide Automated Welfare Systems (CalSAWS) for migration to the CalSAWS technology for the DSS Community Benefits Branch. This MOU allows counties to continue to request services from the Consortium.

The County Contact Center, also known as the Monterey County Customer Service Center (CSC), was implemented in August 2013 to assist applicants with questions and applications for Medi-Cal and Covered CA health insurance, providing customer service while continuing to meet mandates. The CSC provides a non-traditional method of conducting County business without the in-person visit reducing the protentional of Covid 19 spread or infections to both our customers and DSS employees. The licenses will improve customer services by having a larger pool of staff who can assist in the routine transactions and basic questions while providing a more visibility into the customer experience.

The County Purchase MT-02-21 in the amount of \$289,104 provides expansion of the CSC with the purchase of 69 additional three-year user licenses along with one-time configuration charges to incorporate the expansion in Amazon Connect, eGain, and Calabrio for staff operations. The Department is recommending approval of this purchase to provide better customer service and safer ways to connect with the public during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

California Health and Human Services Agency Office of Systems Integration has approved the purchase.

County Counsel has approved as to form.

FINANCING:

This purchase of \$289,104 will be funded with CalFresh (2.16%) and Medi-Cal (97.84%) funds. The CalSAWS Consortium's fiscal agent, County of San Bernardino, will invoice the County for the configuration and installation of 69 licenses for our Customer Service Center. Sufficient appropriations and revenues for 001-5010-SOC005 are included in the FY 2021-22 Adopted 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 allowing the Department to expand to meet the growing need in serving customers by phone for Medi-Cal and CalFresh applicants and recipients.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

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

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Attachment: County Purchase MT-02-21