

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023, 9:00 AM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Order Of Business

- A. Roll Call
- B. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.
- C. Invocation
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Presentation or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards
- F. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction but not an item on today's agenda.
- G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of June 27, 2023.
- H. Consent Calendar
- I. Discussion Items
- J. Board Member Committee Updates. This is an opportunity for Members of the Board to provide informational updates on their committee assignments. No action may be taken.

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Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items

CONSENT CALENDAR

All agenda items listed under this section are considered to be routine and will be acted upon with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Directors or the Chief Administrative Officer so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately in its normal sequence.

Category	#	Subject
Public Safety	1.	SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE - ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES FOR EXPENDITURE CONTRACTS, REVENUE AGREEMENTS, GRANTS, AND TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REIMBURSEMENT
Health and Human Services	2.	AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ) AND AWARD CONTRACTS FROM THE RFSQ FOR TWO PROGRAMS: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM PLUS FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS AND FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES [FUNDING SOURCE: SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE AND REALIGNMENT]

- 3. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF LABASPIRE PUBLIC HEALTH EQUITY AND READINESS OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE FELLOWSHIP GRANT FUNDING, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
[FUNDING SOURCE: PUBLIC HEALTH EQUITY AND READINESS OPPORTUNITY LABASPIRE FELLOWSHIP GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; REALIGNMENT]
- Financial and
General
Government 4. APPLICATION FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION HUB DESIGNATION FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
- 5. ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TAX REFUND MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS (PROPERTY TAX)
[FUNDING SOURCE: UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS]
- 6. ~~ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS~~
- THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR**
- 7. RESPONSE TO 2022-23 GRAND JURY REPORTS
- 8. GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS FOR THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT, MOUNT WOODSON AND ABBEY MONASTERY COMMUNICATIONS SITES AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTIONS
[FUNDING SOURCE: REVENUE FROM NETWORK OPERATING COST FEES COLLECTED FROM PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THE REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM]
- Appointments 9. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS
- Communications
Received 10. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- | Category | # | Subject |
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| Public Safety | 11. | AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 31.203 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE TO CREATE A NEW PATH FOR VOLUNTEER RESERVE FIREFIGHTERS (JULY 18, 2023 - FIRST READING; AUGUST 29, 2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)
[FUNDING SOURCE: EXISTING GENERAL-PURPOSE REVENUE] |
| | 12. | GUN VIOLENCE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
[FUNDING SOURCE: PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT] |

Health and
Human Services

13. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE CHILDREN'S CRISIS CONTINUUM PILOT PROGRAM, AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
[FUNDING SOURCE: STATE GENERAL FUND VIA THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES; SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE REVENUE, STATE GENERAL FUND, AND REALIGNMENT]
14. AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACTS, AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE AND REVENUE AGREEMENTS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
[FUNDING SOURCE: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA), REALIGNMENT, SHORT DOYLE MEDI-CAL, CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS), PERINATAL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANT, DRUG MEDI-CAL (DMC), AND ASSEMBLY BILL 109; CRISIS CARE MOBILE UNIT GRANT, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COURT DIVERSIONARY GRANT FUNDS; DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT FEES]
15. AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZE A REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS; AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS FOR LICENSED ADULT AND SENIOR RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY SLOTS; AND AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES
[FUNDING SOURCES: STATE GENERAL FUND THROUGH THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING (BHBH) GRANT, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, REALIGNMENT, AND OTHER GRANT FUNDING AS AWARDED]

Financial and
General
Government

16. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CLERK OF THE BOARD
[FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
17. APPROVAL OF THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF TERI BUEHLER IN THE CRITICALLY NEEDED POSITION OF SENIOR INVESTIGATOR BEFORE 180-DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE DATE OF RETIREMENT
[FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]

18. COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE PROGRAM, SERIES 2023A
19. CLOSED SESSION

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1. SUBJECT: SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE - ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITIES FOR EXPENDITURE CONTRACTS, REVENUE AGREEMENTS, GRANTS, AND TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REIMBURSEMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Since 2008, the Board has taken significant steps to improve fire protection and emergency medical services in the unincorporated areas of the county. In 2021, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) office joined San Diego County Fire (County Fire) to further consolidate and strengthen emergency response in the region. This is a request to authorize several administrative actions that will facilitate additional progress towards improving fire protection and emergency medical services within the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD), its partner agencies and the region's prehospital system.

Today's actions will authorize administrative authorities for expenditure contracts and revenue agreements with other agencies to improve fire prevention, fire protection, emergency medical services and operating supplies and equipment. Today's actions will also authorize County Fire to apply for grant funds to improve fire prevention, fire protection, and emergency medical services in the SDCFPD, the region's prehospital system of care, and to reimburse other agencies for all training and certification requirements to provide fire protection and emergency medical services.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Fire Protection Districts, Water Districts, Cities, Joint Powers Agencies/Authorities, recognized Tribal Governments, Hospitals, and other agencies and, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract(s) for fire protection, emergency medical services, the prehospital system and operating supplies and equipment through June 30, 2033, and to amend the contract or contracts as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding.
2. Authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to execute revenue agreements with Fire Protection Districts, Water Districts, Cities, Joint Powers Agencies/Authorities, recognized Tribal Governments, Hospitals, and other agencies for County-provided fire protection, emergency medical services and operating supplies and equipment.
3. Authorize the Director, or designee, of San Diego County Fire to enter into Memorandum of Agreements, Memorandum of Understanding, and other agreements with Fire Protection Districts, Water Districts, Cities, Joint Powers Agencies/Authorities, recognized Tribal Governments, Hospitals and other agencies for County-provided fire and emergency medical services.
4. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full cost recovery for grants.

5. Authorize San Diego County Fire, through June 30, 2033, to continue to apply for grant funds and execute all required grant documents, including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
6. Waive Board Policy A-87 and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to approve contracts between County Fire and other government agencies for training and certification services through June 30, 2033, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

More than 80 percent of the San Diego County Fire Protection District's (SDCFPD) jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, based on a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (report on the funding, administration, and performance of the former County Service Area No. 135 (now SDCFPD). Furthermore, with 79 percent of the San Diego region's unincorporated area designated as High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, these contracts, revenue agreements, trainings and grants will directly benefit at-risk, low-income, and socially vulnerable homeowners by providing critical fire protection and emergency medical services that will decrease the likelihood of entrapment, loss of life, and loss of property. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Office, a Division of County Fire, is the Board-designated Local EMS Agency (LEMSA). The LEMSA has statutory responsibilities for the region's EMS delivery system. Any contracts, revenue agreements, and grants received by the LEMSA will help to ensure that the entire San Diego region receives equitable emergency medical care.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions in today's request support the County of San Diego's commitment to resiliency and align with the Sustainability Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2023-2028 Strategic Plan by helping to ensure funding to maintain the level of fire protection and emergency medical services and to have the capability to respond to immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. San Diego County Fire will return to the Board as necessary to accept grant awards and establish appropriations. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

2. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ) AND AWARD CONTRACTS FROM THE RFSQ FOR TWO PROGRAMS: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM PLUS FOR NON-MINOR DEPENDENTS AND FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being Department (CFWB) strives to improve outcomes for youth entering adulthood from the foster care system through many initiatives including the Transitional Housing Program (THP) and Foster Family Agency (FFA) placements. THP is comprised of both the THP-Plus and the THP-Plus for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP-NMD). In 2008, through contracts with nonprofit entities, Child Welfare Services, now known as CFWB, implemented the THP-Plus program and expanded services in 2014 to include THPP-NMD to improve outcomes for youth entering adulthood from the foster care system and avoid homelessness. THPP-NMD services include providing safe homes, assistance in developing the skills needed for transitioning to independent living, and supportive services based on the NMD's needs and services plan as developed by the provider. The current contract for THPP-NMD housing is set to expire on December 31, 2023.

Additionally, CFWB partners with FFAs to recruit, approve, and train resource parents in addition to providing support, services, and oversight for foster care placements in their resource family homes. On November 9, 2010 (8) the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for FFA providers and to award contracts as needed. Over the last decade, that authority has provided for the continued partnership with eight FFAs providing foster care services throughout San Diego County for dependent and probation youth. FFAs provide services to the youth and resource parents under the supervision of their agency to include extra social worker visits and supports as well as connections to services and resources. The current contracts with the eight FFA providers are set to expire on December 31, 2023.

Today's actions authorize RFSQs for the THPP-NMD and FFA programs and authorize awarding contracts from the RFSQs. Today's items support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically for those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically disadvantaged and demonstrates an ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by enhancing the coordination of upstream prevention strategies and services between community resources and the child welfare system to ensure youth receive services and supports to secure and maintain a safe environment. In addition, this item supports the Framework for Ending Homelessness's strategic domain of Root Cause and Upstream Prevention by increasing equitable access to safe and affordable housing for current and former foster youth while maximizing racially equitable community outcomes and preventing youth homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for the Transitional Housing Program Plus - Non-Minor Dependent within San Diego County and re-release the RFSQ as needed, and upon successful negotiations and determination of fair and reasonable price, consistent with State Foster Care Rates Bureau requirements, award contracts as needed for a term of one year with four option years and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes in services and funding, subject to approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
2. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing to issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for Foster Family Agencies within San Diego County and re-release the RFSQ as needed, and upon successful negotiations and determination of fair and reasonable price, consistent with State Foster Care Rates Bureau requirements, award contracts as needed for a term of one year with four option years and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contracts as needed to reflect changes in services and funding, subject to approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being Department (CFWB) Transitional Housing Program (THP), inclusive of THP-Plus and THP-Plus Non-Minor Dependents (THPP-NMD), provides up to 36 cumulative months of subsidized housing for current and former foster youth ages 18-25 years (up to age 24 in prior fiscal years). The goal of THP is for participants and subgroups within, to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color, native Spanish speakers, and LGBTQ+ youth, to secure safe and stable housing by program graduation and make progress towards life goals, including educational attainment or employment achievement, physical and mental well-being, and connections to community. The ethnicity breakdown for youth served under the THPP-NMD in Fiscal Year 2021-22 includes:

- 30.9% African American
- 1.5% Asian
- 21% Caucasian
- 36.8% Hispanic
- .7% Native American
- 4.4% Other Ethnicities/Unknown
- 4.8% Bi or Multi-Racial

To maximize racially equitable community outcomes, CFWB partners with nonprofit entities to provide housing opportunities and services in the six County service regions to ensure youth in underserved communities, communities of color, and communities with increased barriers to housing have greater opportunities and access to safe and affordable housing. CFWB relies on the community offering their homes to foster youth when relatives or non-related extended family members are not available. As of May 2023, there were 2,607 children and youth with an open case with CFWB, Office of Child Safety, of whom 1,852 reside in out-of-home

placements. Among children in out-of-home placements, 162 children and youth reside in Foster Family Agency (FFA) homes. CFWB continues to engage with programs, FFA's, resource parents, youth, and providers to collect data and evaluate service outcomes to ensure the array of THP and foster care services and resources promote positive outcomes for youth transitioning to adulthood as well as help children and youth of all ages maintain safe and stable housing.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action to renew contracts to serve youth in foster care and former foster youth will further the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable access by expanding the availability of safe and stable housing for foster youth of all ages. Investments in concrete supports, such as resource homes and housing, reduces trauma and hardships on children and youth and contributes to efforts to support foster youth until they can safely and stably transition to permanency and/or independence. The Transitional Housing Program Plus - Non-Minor Dependents action will provide the supports needed for transitional age youth to build resilience, independence, and long-term skills which will lead to a reduction in youth homelessness and recurrence of generational maltreatment, and associated costs. When youth have assistance in meeting their basic needs, they can focus on self-healing and growth towards goals that support themselves and improve and sustain the health and well-being of youth (formerly) in foster care. The Foster Family Agency action will promote stability and permanency for children and youth. When children and youth have a safe and stable home to be placed in that can meet their needs for care and supervision, as well as any treatment needs, they can be successful in school, in development, and can transition into permanency, reducing the need for reliance on the foster care system.

FISCAL IMPACT

Recommendation #1: Authorization to Issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications for the Transitional Housing Program Plus - Non-Minor Dependents

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$6,310,000 in FY 2023-24 and estimated costs and revenue of \$6,310,000 in FY 2024-25. The funding source is Social Services Administrative Revenue and Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #2: Authorization to Issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications for Foster Family Agencies

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$8,000,000 in FY 2023-24 and estimated costs and revenue of \$8,000,000 in FY 2024-25. The funding source is Social Services Administrative Revenue and Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

3. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF LABASPIRE PUBLIC HEALTH EQUITY AND READINESS OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE FELLOWSHIP GRANT FUNDING, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratory (PHL) plays a critical role in protecting the health of San Diego County (county) residents and visitors. PHLs were established in response to outbreaks of diseases like typhoid, smallpox, and diphtheria, which are now considered diseases of the past. The California network is comprised of various laboratories which play an important role in disease diagnosis and epidemiological surveillance of routine public health reportable diseases. Each individual laboratory further serves as a source of surge capacity for other local laboratories and the State laboratory in emergency situations and outbreaks.

PHLs are directed by highly qualified laboratory directors that are board certified and hold a doctoral degree. Over the last several decades there has been a decline in the number of qualified laboratory directors, due to requirements and attrition to the private sector. Many California PHL Directors are currently directing more than one PHL to meet the demand and need in California. The County PHL has been directly impacted by personnel turnover and shortages. With the growth of the PHL scope and testing, the need for additional leadership positions has been identified in this profession. A strategy many larger laboratories are employing is the addition of assistant laboratory director positions to support the administrative functions of a laboratory, and to provide succession planning for continuity of operations.

Through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) LabAspire Fellowship program, the Public Health Equity and Readiness Opportunity (HERO) grant was created. This HERO LabAspire Fellowship grant funding will support LabAspire Public Health Laboratory Director training activities in collaboration with the California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors, California Conference of Local Health Officers, and the County Health Executives Association of California. This grant award will assist in response to the ongoing recruitment efforts and the need to increase workforce training programs in the county.

Today's action requests the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorize acceptance of grant funding from CDPH to support the development of qualified PHL directors and assistant directors. Additionally, today's action requests the Board authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency to apply for additional funding opportunities, if available, to support the continuing education and training of PHL personnel.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full-cost recovery of grants.

2. Authorize the acceptance of \$581,586 in funding from the California Department of Public Health, Center for Laboratory Sciences for the Public Health Equity and Readiness Opportunity LabAspire Fellowship grant for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, for laboratory workforce training, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
3. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to support the continuing education and training of lab personnel.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratory (PHL) continually monitors changes to laboratory and testing processes and advancements from technology to testing analysis, in order to continue providing efficient and effective services to San Diego County (county) communities. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that there is a link between health disparities and inequalities across a wide range of diseases, behavioral risk factors, environmental exposures, social determinants, and health care access by sex, race, ethnicity, income, education, disability status, and other social characteristics. By continuing to apply for and receive funding from sources such as the Public Health Equity and Readiness Opportunity LabAspire Fellowship grant, the County PHL can provide additional education and training to improve PHL personnel's skills in testing the large variety of viruses, bacteria, and pathogens more likely to affect the county's most vulnerable communities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions align with the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region by providing additional funding to support the County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Services, Public Health Laboratory and additional training to key laboratory staff to help them gain enhanced leadership capabilities and overall laboratory function management including testing and identification of emerging pathogens. This will improve the overall health of communities and reduce the demand of associated care services. The proposed actions will increase the number of qualified individuals for positions of leadership as lab directors or assistant lab directors and will ensure continuity of operations and help to avoid gaps in services, especially during outbreaks and emergencies.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs of \$281,674 and revenue of \$197,488 in FY 2023-24, and costs of \$406,378 and revenue of \$384,098 in FY 2024-25. This will result in total costs of \$688,052 and revenue of \$581,586 for FY 2023-24 through FY 2024-25. The funding source is the Public Health Equity and Readiness Opportunity LabAspire Fellowship grant from the California Department of Public Health. A waiver of Board Policy B-29 is requested because the funding does not offset all costs. These costs are estimated at \$84,186 for FY 2023-24, and \$22,280 for FY 2024-25, for a total of \$106,466. The

funding source for these costs will be Realignment. The public benefit for providing these services far outweighs these costs. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

4. SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION HUB DESIGNATION FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The United States Economic Development Administration (EDA) has released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for a competition through the Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program (Tech Hubs Program) to support regions to “become globally competitive, within approximately ten years, in the technologies and industries of the future.” In Phase 1, the EDA will designate certain regions as Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (Tech Hubs). The County of San Diego’s (County) Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs (EDGA), has been serving as the convener of a consortium of private and public partners, and has the ability to apply for a designation as a Tech Hub in the area of advanced energy and industrial efficiency technology. This designation will signal that the region has a strong potential to become globally competitive in this industry in the next ten years. Additionally, these efforts support the goals set forth in the County of San Diego’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Today’s actions will authorize the Interim Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to apply for Technology and Innovation Hub (Tech Hub) designation from the Economic Development Administration and to work with necessary parties and other stakeholders to establish the consortium needed.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS

1. Authorize the Interim Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, upon successful negotiation with appropriate consortium partners, to apply for and accept Technology and Innovation Hub (Tech Hub) designation from the Economic Development Administration’s Fiscal Year 2023 Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program (Tech Hubs Program).
2. Authorize the Interim Chief Administrative Officer or designee to execute any contracts, agreements, certifications, or other documents necessary for submission of the application for the Economic Development Agency Technology and Innovation Hub designation.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

As a requirement of the application for designation as a Tech Hub, the consortium must engage underserved communities in planning in an inclusive way and explain how benefits from the tech hub will be shared equitably. This could include removing barriers to good jobs for those from underserved communities, creating new economic opportunities for economically disadvantaged and underrepresented populations, and increasing opportunities for minority business enterprises and socially and economically disadvantaged individual owned businesses.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

As the key technology focus area is around advanced energy and industrial efficiency technology, there is potential for more sustainable technology because of partnerships and shared information in the consortium. Additionally, projects must be designed to minimize the potential for adverse impacts on the environment and the local community and to account for current and future weather- and climate-related risks.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the application for Tech Hub designation. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

If funding is required in future phases, staff will return to the Board with a request which may include an associated grant application, in accordance with Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

If approved, these recommendations will have a positive impact on the energy and technology businesses. The designation will create a platform for businesses to work together and will help bring resources and investments in energy and technology into the region. Potential benefits could include increased number of high-wage, high-quality jobs; creating new economic opportunities; and building and retaining wealth in the region.

5. **SUBJECT: ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TAX REFUND MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS (PROPERTY TAX) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

This is a request to approve the escheatment of unclaimed property tax refunds pursuant to section 5102 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

Approve the escheatment of unclaimed property tax refunds and direct the Auditor and Controller to transfer \$319,382.93 from the Treasurer-Tax Collector trust funds and deposit in the County General Fund.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. The Treasurer-Tax Collector has provided wide-spread public notice that these property tax refunds are available to claim by displaying a full list of items on its website for the past four years, and by placing display ads in local community news publications throughout the County and supplying local shelters with the display ad information to post in their establishment as means to notify the public of the upcoming deadline to claim refunds before they are escheated. The notices and display ads utilize plain language and graphics to convey the message and action that is needed to claim a refund. Concurrent to these efforts staff perform extensive research and make attempts to contact the rightful owner the refund and encourage a claim be submitted. It is anticipated that these actions have a positive impact on groups including Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, and the LGBTQ community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions to escheat unclaimed refunds and return the revenue to the County General Fund are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to align the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency. The proposed actions to escheat revenue is in alignment with the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access as the process to claim refunds is widely accessible to all claimants.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, this request will result in \$319,382.93 of revenue to the General Fund. Appropriation and use of these funds will require subsequent action by the Board of Supervisors. The funding source is unclaimed property tax refunds. This request will result in no current year cost, no annual cost and will require the addition of no staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

6. SUBJECT: ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

This is a request to approve the escheatment of specified unclaimed funds pursuant to California Government Code sections 50050-50057 and Penal Code 1420 - 1422. Public notice has been given by the Treasurer-Tax Collector that 1) the amount of \$725,462.96 was deposited in Trust Funds in the Treasury of San Diego, 2) was not the property of the County of San Diego (the "County"), 3) has remained unclaimed for the requisite years, and 4) will become property of the local agency effective September 20, 2022 if no claim is received prior to that date.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR**

1. ~~Direct the identified County Departments to transfer a total of \$622,517.93 from County Trust Funds and deposit it as revenue in the County's General Fund.~~
2. ~~Direct the Office of Revenue and Recovery to transfer a total of \$102,945.03 from its Trust Funds and deposit it as revenue in the Office of Revenue and Recovery's Victim Services Fund.~~

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. County departments submit a list of unclaimed monies in their possession to the Treasurer-Tax Collector for inclusion in the Treasurer-Tax Collection escheatment noticing and advertising activity. The Treasurer-Tax Collector includes those unclaimed monies in all wide-spread public notice that these unclaimed monies are available to claim by displaying a full list of items on the Treasurer-Tax Collector website, and by placing display ads in local community news publications throughout the County and supplying local shelters with the display ad information to post in their establishment as means to notify the public of the upcoming deadline to claim the monies before they are escheated. The notices and display ads utilize 'plain language' and graphics to convey the message and action that is needed to make a claim. Concurrent to these efforts staff perform extensive research and make attempts to contact the rightful owner of the money and encourage a claim be submitted. It is anticipated that these actions have a positive impact on groups to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, and the LGBTQ community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions to escheat unclaimed refunds and return the revenue to the County General Fund are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to align the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency. The proposed actions to escheat revenue is in alignment with the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access as the process to claim refunds is widely accessible to all claimants.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, this request will result in \$622,517.93 of unanticipated revenue to be realized by the County's General Fund and \$102,945.03 by the Office of Revenue and Recovery Victim Services Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

THIS ITEM HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

7. SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO 2022-23 GRAND JURY REPORTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The 2022-2023 San Diego County Grand Jury recently completed its term and filed five reports with recommendations requiring a response from the County.

California Penal Code Section 933(c) requires:

- That the governing body of agencies that are the subject of Grand Jury reports respond in writing to the Findings and Recommendations addressed to such agencies; and
- Elected officials such as the Assessor Recorder County Clerk and Sheriff respond on behalf of their respective agencies.

Therefore, this is a request for your Board to review and approve the draft Finding and Recommendation responses prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to transmit the responses to the Grand Jury via the Superior Court Presiding Judge. The proposed responses address the recommendations and findings contained in the following five reports and note the recommendations to which the County of San Diego Sheriff will respond separately:

- Housing in San Diego County
- Public Administrator in San Diego
- Permanent Supportive Housing for the Homeless
- Sheriff's Department Incarcerated Persons' Welfare Fund
- Governance of San Diego Bay and Its Tidal Lands and Regions

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Approve the proposed responses and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to transmit the responses to the Grand Jury via the Superior Court Presiding Judge.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a copy of the Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee's 2024 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors, no later than December 31, 2024, which provides updates to the County's responses to the 2022-23 Grand Jury report recommendations.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to review the Grand Jury's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in the reports enumerated below, take any actions that are deemed appropriate based on this review, and report back on the review and any related actions by November 30, 2023.
 - Permanent Supportive Housing, filed May 31, 2023
 - Sheriff's Department Incarcerated Persons' Welfare Fund, filed June 1, 2023
 - Governance of San Diego Bay and Its Tidal Lands and Regions, filed June 7, 2023

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The grand jury is a body of 19 citizens selected by the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego under the supervision of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. Members of the

grand jury are charged and sworn to investigate county matters of civil concern and may examine any aspect of county government and city government, including special legislative districts and joint powers agencies, to ensure that the best interests of San Diego County residents are being served.

Today's actions to approve the proposed responses and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer transmit the responses to the grand jury continues the County's commitment to transparency, open government, and collaboration across agencies, ensuring that the County continues to function in the best interest of the public it serves.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions support the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of engaging the community in meaningful ways and continually seeking stakeholder input to foster inclusive and sustainable communities. The Grand Jury plays a vital role in providing input on various aspects of County government and its role within the community. This process continues to center the County on the core aspect of Community Engagement within the General Management System.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

- 8. SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, MOUNT WOODSON AND ABBEY MONASTERY COMMUNICATIONS SITES AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICTS: 2 & 5)**

OVERVIEW

The San Diego - Imperial County Regional Communications System (RCS), managed and operated by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's (Sheriff) Wireless Services Division (WSD), provides numerous public safety agencies with day-to-day public safety and emergency responder communication support.

Mount Woodson and Abbey Monastery are two RCS communications sites that have been operated by the Sheriff since 1997 and 2002, respectively. Both sites have agreements that have expired and are on holdover, which has allowed the County to continue occupancy on a month-to-month basis as extensions were negotiated.

Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a tenth amendment to license agreement for the Mount Woodson communications site and a fifth amendment to lease agreement for Abbey Monastery communications site. Today's request is for Board approval of the amendments.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find the proposed lease amendment for the Abbey Monastery RCS site is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
2. Find the proposed license amendment for the Mt. Woodson RCS site is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.
3. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the proposed license amendment at Mount Woodson Road, Ramona, California.
4. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the proposed lease amendment for Abbey Monastery at 675 Benet Hill Road, Oceanside, California.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Wireless Services Division operates and maintains all public safety wireless communications systems used by the County of San Diego, including mobile and portable radios. The division also manages the San Diego County-Imperial County Regional Communications System (RCS) radio network that serves the majority of law enforcement, fire and public service including transportation and school users in this region. It is anticipated that the proposed amendments for the RCS sites will have a positive impact on the community by ensuring continuation of community access to public safety services.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The approval of these amendments is appropriate as it supports the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to ensure the capability to respond to the immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in the Sheriff's Department. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$146,088 in Fiscal Year 2023-24 (\$70,476 for Mount Woodson and \$75,612 for Abbey Monastery). Funds for the remaining terms and for each option year (if exercised), will be included in future years' operational plans for the Sheriff's Department. The funding source is revenue from Network Operating Cost fees collected from public safety agencies participating in the Regional Communication System. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

9. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

These appointments are in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, “Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees,” and Board Policy A-77, “Appointments to Fill Vacancies and Cancellation of Election where Insufficient Nominations Filed Prior to Uniform District Election and Citizen Planning Group Election,” and Board Policy A-134 , “Procedures for Appointment to Resource Conservation District Board of Directors.”

RECOMMENDATION(S)

VICE-CHAIRWOMAN TERRA LAWSON-REMER

Appoint Patricia Kay Coleman to the CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, Seat No. 3, for a term to expire January 8, 2029.

Appoint Alice Jacobson to the COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, Seat No. 5, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

Appoint Fabienne Perlov to the LEON L. WILLIAMS SAN DIEGO COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, Seat No. 23, for a term to expire January 6, 2025.

SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND

Appoint Robert Lin to the MISSION RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, Seat No. 3, for a term to expire November 27, 2026.

Appoint Victor Santos to the MISSION RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, Seat No. 4, for a term to expire November 27, 2026.

Appoint Peggy Brown to the MISSION RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, Seat No. 5, for a term to expire November 27, 2026.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Appoint Tara Izzo to the COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP ADMINISTERING BOARD, Seat No. 15, for a term to expire April 6, 2024.

Appoint Michael Bojanowski to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat No. 1, for a term to expire July 18, 2026.

Re-appoint Bettina Uppenkamp to the EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE, Seat No. 2, for a term to expire June 20, 2026.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policy and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County. The nominations in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide individual residents the opportunity to impart valuable insight and input into the operation of the government.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego has over one hundred boards, commissions, committees, and task forces that serve as voice in the County government. Advisory bodies are an essential role in resident engagement that allow citizens to participate on issues relating to the welfare and quality of life in the County. They are fundamental to the County of San Diego’s ability to navigate complex and dynamic policy challenges, are a conduit to the County Bureaucracy, and a broker to community voice. This board letter supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No.1 by “encourage[ing] people and diverse stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities.”

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

10. SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Board Policy A-72, Board of Supervisors Agenda and Related Process, authorizes the Clerk of the Board to prepare a Communications Received for Board of Supervisors' Official Records. Routine informational reports, which need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors yet not requiring action, are listed on this document. Communications Received documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Note and file.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

This board letter is a list of documents received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and/or Board of Supervisors from other entities, other county departments, the public, and internal documents presented to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Supervisors. This contributes to the overall sustainability of the county by engaging the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access opportunities for public engagement.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

11. SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 31.203 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE TO CREATE A NEW PATH FOR VOLUNTEER RESERVE FIREFIGHTERS (JULY 18, 2023 - FIRST READING; AUGUST 29, 2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

Following the devastating effects of the 2003 and 2007 wildfires in the San Diego region, the Board of Supervisors (Board) set out to coordinate, regionalize, and improve fire protection and emergency medical services in rural communities. At that time, there were twelve (12) independent volunteer fire agencies, and four (4) local fire protection districts, protecting San Diego's backcountry, each with varied levels of training and emergency response performance. The County established a Volunteer Reserve Firefighter (VRFF) Program to ensure coverage in communities that did not have full-time firefighters. Although the VRFF program was helpful for individuals wanting experience to pursue a career in the fire service, it was not a sustainable model. The County instead expanded its cooperative agreement with CAL FIRE to add paramedic-level career firefighters to all stations to ensure around the clock service to protect lives and property in our rural areas.

Today, San Diego County Fire (County Fire), through the partnership with CAL FIRE, is the second largest fire department in the region and staffs 22 fire stations with nearly 250 career firefighting personnel. Although career staffing is robust, there is still value in augmenting full-time staff with volunteer reserve firefighters. County Fire initiated a review to evaluate the effectiveness of the VRFF Program and determine if changes could be made to support the Board of Supervisors' vision for creating career opportunities in underserved and impacted communities. Removing financial and access barriers to participation became the priority for a reimagined VRFF program. Access barriers include long transportation time for rural residents to attend firefighting academies and urban residents to volunteer at rural fire stations, and for lower-income individuals to purchase the necessary equipment and loss of income from not working full-time. Proposed changes include updating the stipends to support participants in recovering their financial investment to participate in the program, establishing new opportunities to join the VRFF Program, formalizing training opportunities with established high school fire and emergency medical services programs, and engaging with rural and diverse high school students to promote a firefighting workforce to match our region's diversity.

Today's request is for the Board of Supervisors to amend Section 31.203 in the San Diego County Code pertaining to the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Stipend and receive a presentation on the future of the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Program. The ordinance will be introduced on July 18, 2023, and, if approved, it will be scheduled for adoption on August 29, 2023. If the proposed ordinance is altered on August 29, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for the ordinance's adoption.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On July 18, 2023:

1. Receive a presentation on the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Program.

2. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (first reading) entitled:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31.203 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE VOLUNTEER RESERVE FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM.
3. If, on July 18, 2023, the Board takes action as recommended in Item 2 above, then on August 29, 2023
Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31.203 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE VOLUNTEER RESERVE FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

More than 80 percent of the San Diego County Fire Protection District's (SDCFPD) jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community, based on a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) report on the funding, administration, and performance of the former County Service Area No. 135 (now SDCFPD). The proposed changes to the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Program are intended to remove financial and access barriers to careers in fire service. Increasing the daily stipend rate and adding additional pathways to enter the Program will help to recruit a more diverse firefighting workforce, including minorities and rural residents.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed changes to the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Program are focusing investments on chronically underserved communities in our region to ensure sustainable, safe communities for all. Young adults in rural and urban communities may not have equitable access to joining the firefighting workforce. Proposed changes in this Board Letter increases the County's investment to reduce financial and transportation barriers for young adults to reduce the cost for volunteering with San Diego County Fire while supporting their journey through the fire academy. The increased investment will support with the purchase of equipment, meals, and transportation costs while participating in the Volunteer Reserve Firefighter Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operation Plan for San Diego County Fire. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24 for participant stipends, training, and community outreach to promote and encourage residents to join the local firefighting workforce. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change to net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

12. **SUBJECT: GUN VIOLENCE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

On October 19, 2021 (1), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop options for community-based gun violence reduction and disruption programs and to return to the Board within 180 days. On April 5, 2022 (16), staff returned to the Board

with a recommendation to conduct a contractor-led, regional gun violence community needs assessment to better understand the scope, complexity, and impact of gun violence and to share key findings with the Board upon completion. The recommendation was approved by the full Board and the County issued a competitive solicitation and contracted with Health Assessment & Research for Communities, Inc. (HARC), a non-profit research and evaluation firm.

To complete the community needs assessment, HARC conducted extensive data analysis; issued and analyzed two community surveys; hosted a dozen listening sessions and community forums receiving broad stakeholder input; facilitated numerous meetings with a Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Group comprised of community stakeholders; and conducted a best practice review of local, state, and national programs and practices designed to reduce gun violence. HARC issued its analysis and findings in a Gun Violence Community Needs Assessment Final Report, which summarizes findings from secondary data analysis, community surveys and surveys of practitioners working in jobs that pertain to gun violence, and through virtual and in-person listening sessions. The final report includes recommendations to reduce gun violence in the county. Public Safety Group Executive Office staff have used those recommendations to prepare a Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan.

Today's recommendations are to receive the HARC report, the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan, and a presentation, and to authorize the submission of grant applications that will support violence prevention and intervention programs and services; and to direct staff to return in early 2024 with plans for how gun violence reduction work will be structured and organized within the County.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Receive Health Assessment & Research for Communities, Inc. Final Report and recommendations.
2. Receive the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan and approve year one actions.
3. Receive a presentation on the gun violence community needs assessment project.
4. Waive Board Policy B-29 Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of applications for, acceptance of, and full cost recovery for grants.
5. Pursuant to Board Policy B-29, authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Public Safety Group and the Health and Human Services Agency Director or his/her designee, to submit grant applications and accept grants that support violence prevention and intervention programs and services through June 30, 2028.
6. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in early 2024 with plans for how gun violence reduction efforts will be organized and structured within the County that includes the engagement of the Public Safety Group and Health and Human Services Agency; a proposed evaluation framework for the Gun Violence Reduction

Work Plan that includes the engagement of the Public Safety Group, Health and Human Services Agency, Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics, and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice; and an initial update on Work Plan actions.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

According to the American Public Health Association, gun violence is a leading cause of premature death in the United States. In San Diego County, from 2017-2022, there were 1,310 deaths by firearm (70.9% were suicide and 28.9% were homicides). From 2016-2020, there were 699 firearm-related hospitalizations and 668 firearm-related emergency department visits.

While gun violence impacts people of all ages, genders, and racial/ethnic backgrounds, it does not impact people equally. In San Diego County, the firearm-related homicide rate for Black residents is 11 times greater than the rate for Asian residents, who have the lowest rate. Black residents between the ages of 15-44 have the highest rate of firearm-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits in the county. Regional suicide data shows that White men over the age of 65 have the highest rates of firearm-related suicide in the county.

By focusing programs, services, and practices on the places and people experiencing the greatest burden of violence and underlying conditions that contribute to risk, the strategies are to have both an immediate impact on preventing violence and to establish long-term solutions. With an emphasis on equity, the goals are to reduce disparities and disproportionality and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of residents through partnerships, innovation, and active community engagement, which is in alignment with the County of San Diego's Equity Strategic Initiative.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed actions contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals by seeking to meaningfully engage the community, provide just and equitable access to programs and services, and protect the health and well-being of residents. Ongoing efforts to reduce gun violence will impact the communities and populations historically burdened by gun violence by providing better long-term outcomes through investment in community-centered approaches. Extensive community engagement through listening sessions, surveys, forums, and the integration of an Advisory Group of individuals who actively work on gun violence related issues, was a major component of the project. By partnering with community members to identify challenges and opportunities to reduce gun violence, we hope to see long-term improvements in the health and well-being of neighborhoods and residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for year one of the Work Plan are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan in the Public Safety Group. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2023-24 for suicide prevention activities and community engagement and outreach. The funding source is Public Safety Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Fiscal impact related to future recommendations will either be included in future Operational Plans for the Public Safety Group or staff will return to the board for consideration and approval of other identified funding sources.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

13. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE CHILDREN’S CRISIS CONTINUUM PILOT PROGRAM, AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

In 2017, an urgent need was identified to provide more crisis care alternatives to hospitals for children and youth experiencing mental health crises due to gaps in availability of such services in California. As a result, the California legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 501 and authorized the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to license short-term residential therapeutic programs (STRTP) to operate as children’s crisis residential programs. Crisis residential care, often an alternative to hospitalization, is an essential level of care for the treatment of children and youth with serious emotional disturbances in mental health crisis. Today, crisis treatment continues to remain unavailable to many children and youth in regions throughout California. With a renewed focus on addressing this issue in 2021, AB 153 was passed, which established the Children’s Crisis Continuum Pilot Program (CCCPP), a five-year program to be jointly implemented by CDSS and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The purpose of CCCPP is to fully integrate the system of care for foster youth, enabling a seamless transition between service settings and to provide stabilization and treatment to foster youth with high acuity needs within the least restrictive setting possible. The County of San Diego (County) is among the eight counties and regional collaboratives that met the criteria for participating and have received preliminary awards from CDSS to take part in CCCPP.

Today’s action requests the Board authorize application to and acceptance of funding from CDSS and DHCS for the CCCPP, authorize a competitive solicitation for the procurement of a Children’s Crisis Residential program, authorize a competitive solicitation for the procurement of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment facility upon State approval of the pilot, and authorize the application for additional funding opportunity announcements to improve services to youth in the foster care system who are experiencing high acuity needs. This item supports the County’s vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by expanding placement options, services, resources, and supports needed for foster youth with serious emotional disturbances in mental health crisis.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$8,500,000 in Children’s Crisis Continuum Pilot Program funds from the California Department of Social Services and Department of Health Care Services for the anticipated funding period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 through FY 2027-28 to improve services to youth in the foster care system who are

experiencing substance use issues as well as mental health challenges, and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, including all amendments thereto.

2. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a competitive solicitation for a Children’s Crisis Residential Program, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an initial term of up to one (1) year, with four (4) one-year option periods, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
3. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a competitive solicitation for a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility upon state approval for the pilot, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an initial term of up to one (1) year, with four (4) one-year option periods, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
4. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for any additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to improve services to youth in the foster care system who are experiencing high acuity needs.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego Child and Family Well-Being Department (CFWB), recognizes the impact that placement in foster care has on adolescents, in addition to the trauma that youth may experience in other aspects of their life. In Fiscal Year 2021-22, CFWB, Office of Child Safety (OCS), received 39,025 reports of abuse and neglect to the Child Abuse Hotline, representing 67,824 children. Upon investigation and confirmation that abuse or neglect occurred, cases may be opened with the CFWB, OCS. As of May 2023, there were 2,607 children and youth with an open case with CFWB, OCS, of whom 1,852 reside in out-of-home placements. Among children in out-of-home placements, 121 youth reside in residential programs and require a higher level of care due to experiencing substance use and mental health challenges. The population distribution by ethnicity of the children residing in residential programs includes 49% Hispanic, 34% White, 34% Black, 2% Asian, and 2% Native American. Additionally, there were approximately 37 youth at Polinsky Children's Center awaiting placement, many of whom met the criteria for receiving higher levels of care, highlighting the need to improve the continuum of services for youth in the foster care system in San Diego County.

The proposed Children’s Crisis Continuum Pilot Program (CCCPP) is designed to reduce the reliance for care in emergency rooms and psychiatric hospitals and fulfills a need by providing an alternative to hospitalization for youth experiencing acute mental health crises. This level of care is part of the full continuum of care considered medically necessary for many children with

serious emotional disturbances in crisis. Implementing the CCCPP in San Diego County would yield support to critical components of the continuum of care that are currently not available in the region, advancing the County's efforts to respond to the need for intensive mental health services by expanding capacity to serve foster youth with high acuity mental health needs.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1, to engage the community in meaningful ways and to foster inclusive and sustainable communities; and Sustainability Goal #2, to provide just and equitable access to County services. Throughout the Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot Program (CCCPP) planning and design process, special attention was given to engaging key community partners and stakeholders in meaningful discussions about CCCPP's design and implementation plan. By implementing the CCCPP locally, the County will increase services and supports to youth experiencing high acuity needs, eliminate the placement of foster youth with complex needs in out of county facilities whenever possible, and invest in building resilience in vulnerable populations in partnership with the communities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Recommendation 1: Authorize acceptance of \$8,500,000 in Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot Program funds from the California Department of Social Services and Department of Health Care Services for the anticipated funding period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 through FY 2027-28.

Funds for this request are included in FY 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). If approved, this request will result in estimated annual costs and revenue of \$1.2 million in FY 2023-24 and estimated costs and revenue of \$2.9 million in FY 2024-25. Costs and revenue are expected through FY 2027-28 for a total of \$8.5 million. The funding source is State General Fund via the California Department of Social Services and Department of Health Services. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendations 2&3: Issue competitive solicitations for a Children's Crisis Residential Program and a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility.

Funds for this request are included in FY 2023-25 Operational Plan in HHS. If approved, there will be no fiscal impact in FY 2023-24 and estimated costs and revenue of \$2.9 million in FY 2024-25. The funding sources are Social Services Administrative Revenue, State General Fund, and Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation 4: Authorize applications for additional funding opportunity announcements to improve services to youth in the foster care system who are experiencing high acuity needs.

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

14. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS, SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACTS, AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE AND REVENUE AGREEMENTS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services provides a comprehensive array of mental health and substance use services to people of all ages. These services are delivered through County-operated programs, as well as contracts with community service providers. Those served include vulnerable populations, including individuals who are experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, and children and youth with complex behavioral health conditions.

Today's actions recommend the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorize competitive solicitations, single source contracts, amendments to extend existing behavioral health services contracts, and cooperative and revenue agreements, to sustain critical behavioral health services, with the goal of building a better behavioral health service delivery system for San Diego County communities. Today's recommended actions include the procurement of new services to provide diagnostic and clinical treatment services to children and youth under the age of 21 with specialty mental health needs, inclusive of substance use co-occurring needs. These programs support the County's efforts to respond to local need for intensive mental health services by expanding the levels of care available to serve children and youth. These recommended actions support the continuation of critical work to advance behavioral health continuum of care throughout San Diego County.

Today's actions support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by upholding practices that align with community priorities and improving transparency and trust while maintaining good fiscal management.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for behavioral health services listed below, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
 - a. Assertive Community Treatment Services
 - b. Behavioral Health Patient Rights Education and Advocacy Services
 - c. Supported Employment Technical Consultant Services
 - d. Supported Employment Continuum
 - e. Faith-Based Behavioral Health Training, Education Academy and Community Education

- f. Faith-Based Wellness and Mental Health In-Reach Ministry
 - g. Jail In-Reach
 - h. Incredible Families
 - i. Multicultural Community Counseling
 - j. Intensive Case Management Wraparound Services
 - k. Early Intervention for Prevention of Psychosis Program
 - l. Community Harm Reduction Team
 - m. Support Services for Women Experiencing Homelessness
 - n. Adult Substance Use Outpatient Program
 - o. Adult Substance Use Residential Program
 - p. Perinatal Substance Use Residential Program
 - q. Adolescent Substance Use Residential Program
 - r. Adult Substance Use Outpatient Program for Alcohol Use
 - s. Peer Support Services
 - t. Behavioral Health Services for AB109 Clients
 - u. Intensive Outpatient Program and Partial Hospitalization Program
2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to enter into negotiations for behavioral health services listed below, and subject to successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, enter into single source contracts for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
- a. Electroconvulsive Therapy Services
 - b. Medi-Cal Managed Care Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services
 - c. Skilled Nursing Facility
 - i. Skilled Nursing Facility for Adults with Behavioral Health Conditions
 - ii. Skilled Nursing Facility with Special Treatment Program
 - d. Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs
 - e. School-Based Outpatient Behavioral Health Services
3. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend the contracts listed below to extend the contract term and expand services, subject to the availability of funds; and amend the contracts as required in order to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
- a. Extend the contract term up to December 31, 2024, and up to an additional six months, if needed:
 - i. Placement Stabilization Services at Polinsky Children's Center
 - New Alternatives, Inc. (Contract #556401)
 - b. Extend the contract term up to December 31, 2024:
 - i. Breaking Down Barriers Initiative
 - Jewish Family Service of San Diego (Contract #559599)
 - c. Extend the contract term up to June 30, 2027, and up to additional six months, if needed:

- i. Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (dba Optum)
 - United Behavioral Health (Contract #553848)
 - d. Extend the contract term up to June 30, 2024, and up to an additional six months, if needed:
 - i. Behavioral Health Collaborative Court
 - Telecare Corp. (Contract #551670)
- 4. In accordance with Board Policy B-29, authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, upon receipt, to execute the following Agreements.
 - a. Cooperative Agreement with the State Department of Rehabilitation for Mental Health Employment Services
 - b. Revenue Agreement with Driving Under the Influence Program

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) serves as the specialty mental health plan for Medi-Cal eligible residents within San Diego County who are experiencing serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance, and the service delivery system for Medi-Cal eligible residents with substance use care needs. An estimated 5% of San Diegans ages 21 years and older have a serious mental illness (SMI). While SMI is prevalent in all our communities, there are certain groups that have disproportionately high rates of SMI. Particularly, 2021 data from the California Department of Healthcare Access and Information indicate that rates among Black/African American residents were 145% higher compared to others. Additionally, according to the California Health Interview Survey conducted by the University of California Los Angeles in 2021, 10% of San Diegans reported experiencing serious psychological distress in the past month. However, residents living below 200% of the federal poverty level, those who reported a history of incarceration, or who identified as black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, or multiracial, reported higher percentages of serious psychological distress compared to others. As a steward of public health for the region, BHS must ensure that the services offered through County-operated and contracted programs address the social determinants of health by being accessible, capable of meeting the needs of diverse populations, and with the intent to equitably distribute services to those most in need.

In support of these efforts, BHS utilizes a population health approach to identify needs and design services in a manner most impactful, equitable, and yield meaningful outcomes for those served. This includes facilitating ongoing engagement and input from the community, stakeholders, consumers, family members, community-based providers, and healthcare organizations through formal and informal convenings, along with cross-collaboration with other County departments and community partners. Additionally, through the establishment of the Community Experience Partnership and the recent launch of the Behavioral Health Equity Index, in collaboration with the University of California San Diego, BHS is leading the development of a tool for measuring behavioral health equity which will be used to inform program planning, siting of services, and allocation of resources in a way that supports community needs. If approved, today's actions will improve access to treatment and care for populations who are underserved by social and behavioral health resources, including individuals experiencing homelessness, individuals with justice involvement, as well as children and youth with complex behavioral health needs.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed actions to provide services that improve access to treatment and care for populations who are underserved by social and behavioral health resources would support the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services, Sustainability Goal #3 to transition to a green, carbon-free economy, and Sustainability Goal #4, to protect the health and well-being. This will be accomplished by providing a wider availability and range of supportive, inclusive, and stigma-free options to those in need of behavioral health services. Services will improve the overall health of communities, reducing the demand of associated care services, and in turn increase effectiveness of care providers and lower operating costs of facilities, thus reducing emissions and waste generated within the care sector.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for these requests are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). If approved, today's recommendations will result in approximate costs and revenue of \$3.7 million in FY 2023-24 and \$239.6 million in FY 2024-25. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #1: Authorize Competitive Solicitations

If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$1.1 million in FY 2023-24 and \$150.1 million in FY 2024-25. The funding sources are Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), Realignment, Short Doyle Medi-Cal, California Work Opportunity, and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS), Perinatal/Substance Abuse Block Grant, Drug Medi-Cal (DMC), and Assembly Bill 109. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #2: Authorize Single Source Contracts

If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$53.4 million in FY 2024-25. The funding sources are MHSA, Realignment, and Short Doyle Medi-Cal. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #3: Authorize Amendments and Extend Contracts

If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenues of \$2.5 million in FY 2023-24 and \$35.6 million in FY 2024-25. The funding sources are MHSA, Realignment, Short Doyle Medi-Cal, DMC, Crisis Care Mobile Unit Grant, California Department of Social Services, and the Public Safety Group Behavioral Health Court Diversionary Grant funds. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Recommendation #4: Execution of a Cooperative Agreement and a Revenue Agreement

If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$0.1 million in FY 2023-24 and \$0.5 million in Fiscal Year 2024-25. The funding sources are Realignment and Driving Under the Influence Program participant fees. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

15. SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BRIDGE HOUSING GRANT FUNDS; AUTHORIZE A REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS; AUTHORIZE AMENDMENTS FOR LICENSED ADULT AND SENIOR RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY SLOTS; AND AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENTS FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On September 27, 2022 (23), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the Behavioral Health Optimal Care Pathways (OCP) model, which outlined the optimal future capacity necessary across key services in the Behavioral Health Continuum of Care to support people with critically limited opportunities for placement due to complex needs, lack of existing services in the continuum, inadequate capacity, and/or other specialty care needs that present barriers to care. Within community-based care services, the County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) identified the need to increase capacity for licensed adult and senior residential care facility (board and care) bed days by nearly 150%, which roughly translates to 450 additional beds, to care for individuals within our system.

Through the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will provide a total of \$1.5 billion in funding to county behavioral health agencies and Tribal entities to operate bridge housing settings to address the immediate and sustainable housing needs of people experiencing homelessness who have serious behavioral health conditions. This includes individuals with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder with a primary focus on serving historically underserved client populations that are most in need of care and individuals with a Community Assistance, Recovery & Empowerment plan.

On June 23, 2023, DHCS notified BHS of a conditional award of \$44,300,211 of non-competitive BHBH grant funding through the initial funding round to increase bridge housing capacity for individuals with serious behavioral health conditions, who are experiencing homelessness. The BHBH grant funds will be utilized through June 30, 2027, to increase payment for board and care within adult and senior residential care facilities licensed by the Community Care Licensing Division of the California Department of Social Services for people enrolled in Medi-Cal. This payment is structured as a *patch* that is added to funds from Supplemental Security Income that is routinely used to pay for board and care. A portion of the BHBH funding will also be utilized to support infrastructure start-up costs in the first year to expedite the ability for the new board and care slots to be operationalized and would shift to additional board and care capacity, if unspent.

Approval of today's recommended actions will authorize the acceptance of the one-time non-competitive BHBH Program funding allocation and authorize a Request for Statement of Qualifications for licensed residential adult and senior care facility slots (board and care patches) that provide enhanced rates to support people with behavioral health conditions and amendments to existing licensed residential adult and senior care facilities (board and care patches) that support people with behavioral health conditions. Historically, payment patches for enhanced board and care have been referred to as augmented services program payments.

Today's recommendation also authorizes competitive procurements for administration, oversight, and consultation services to support implementation of grant programs within BHS, which may include the BHBH Program, Community Care Expansion Preservation Program, Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program, Mental Health Services Act Public Behavioral Health Workforce Development and Retention Innovation Program, and others, if awarded.

These items support the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities by supporting housing stability for adults and seniors with behavioral health conditions, including those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$44,300,211 of one-time Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) grant funding and authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to execute all required documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
2. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue a Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) for licensed residential adult and senior care facility slots (board and care patches) or augmented services programs (ASPs) for people with behavioral health conditions, and re-release the RFSQ, as needed, and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an Initial Term of up to one year, with up to four 1-year Options, and an additional six months, if needed, and to amend the contracts, as needed, to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
3. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, to amend existing licensed residential adult and senior care facility (board and care patches or ASPs) contracts that serve individuals with behavioral health conditions, if needed, to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.
4. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for management, administration, and consultation services to support grant implementation within Behavioral Health Services, which may include the BHBH Program, Community Care Expansion Preservation Program, Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program, Mental Health Services Act Public Behavioral Health

Workforce Development and Retention Innovation Program, and others, and upon successful negotiations, and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award contracts for an Initial Term of up to one year, with four 1-year Options, and up to an additional six months, if needed; and to amend contracts as required to reflect changes to services and funding, subject to the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The vision of the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is to build a system in which mental health and substance use services are equitably and regionally distributed and accessible to all individuals and families within the region who are in need. In alignment with this goal, BHS is committed to pursuing funding sources that will support the provision of services to vulnerable and underserved populations. Today's actions will allow BHS to accept new Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program grant funding to increase the capacity of board and care within licensed residential adult and senior care facilities that support individuals with behavioral health conditions who are experiencing homelessness.

According to the San Diego Regional Task Force on Homelessness 2022 Point-in-Time Count (PITC), at least 8,427 individuals were experiencing homelessness across San Diego County. Additionally, 13% of the individuals experiencing homelessness were identified as having a serious mental illness (SMI) and 9% reported a substance use disorder (SUD). Individuals with SMI and/or SUD have a higher difficulty exiting homelessness and establishing housing stability. The BHBH funding will bolster support to enhance bridge housing that meets the unique needs of low-income seniors and individuals experiencing homelessness with behavioral health needs, ensuring that an already vulnerable population receives the care and support they need, further contributing to reductions in local health disparities. To provide a more comprehensive view of the data, 2022 PITC figures were used.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's item supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services by pursuing available funding focused on serving historically underserved client populations that are most in need of care. As noted in the Equity Impact Statement, today's actions will support the unique needs of low-income seniors and individuals experiencing homelessness with serious behavioral health needs. Furthermore, in alignment with the Behavioral Health Optimal Care Pathways model, today's actions support optimal future capacity across the entire behavioral health system ensuring that services at all levels of care are available and accessible.

This item also supports Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region by preserving existing board and care facilities for people experiencing homelessness who have serious behavioral health conditions. The majority of the funding outlined in today's item is dedicated to supporting new board and care slots in existing facilities. This will allow the County to meet the regional need for immediate and sustainable housing, while leveraging established board and cares.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-25 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$8.4 million in FY 2023-24 and estimated annual costs and revenue of \$14.3 million in FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27. The funding sources are State General Fund through the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) grant, Mental Health Services Act, Realignment, and other grant funding as awarded. Today’s recommendations address the total project cost of \$51.3 million, which includes \$44.3 million in BHBH grant funds and \$7.0 million funded by the remaining sources previously mentioned. Funding for this request in future years will be included in future Operational Plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

- 16. **SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CLERK OF THE BOARD (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

Today's action approves the Board's employment agreement with the Clerk of the Board.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS

Approve the Employment Agreement between the County of San Diego and the Clerk of the Board and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the agreement.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

This action will allow the County to provide services more effectively to all residents within the County and at meetings of the Board of Supervisors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action provides stability and continuity in County operations and in carrying out the Board of Supervisors’ sustainability initiatives through the functions of the Office of Clerk of the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Clerk of the Board. The funding source is General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

17. SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OF TERI BUEHLER IN THE CRITICALLY NEEDED POSITION OF SENIOR INVESTIGATOR BEFORE 180-DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE DATE OF RETIREMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

County Counsel's Senior Investigator, Teri Buehler, recently retired after many years of service to the County. Ms. Buehler's experience included numerous complex investigations and investigatory assistance to the Office of Ethics and Compliance (OEC). Teri Buehler's retirement with the San Diego County Employees' Retirement Association (SDCERA) was effective March 31, 2023. The County of San Diego is in need of experienced investigators during a critical transition time over the next few months as the OEC hires and trains additional in-house investigators. However, the County Counsel's ability to provide the assistance of experienced investigators is significantly limited during this transition.

The County Counsel Senior Investigator is responsible for coverage of high-level investigations throughout County departments. The County has a critical need to temporarily employ Ms. Buehler as a Senior Investigator to assist in the timely completion of pending investigations and the transition of investigations to OEC investigators.

According to California Government Code section 7522.56, a retired person shall not be employed by a public employer in the same public retirement system from which the retiree receives the benefit except either during an emergency to prevent stoppage of public business or because the retired person has skills need to perform work of limited duration. In addition, the retired person shall not be employed by an employer in the same retirement system for a period of 180 days following the date of retirement. An exception to this rule is when the employer certifies the nature of the employment and that the appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed position before 180 days have passed since the date of retirement. Such appointment must be approved by the governing body of the employer in a public meeting.

Today's action will approve the employment of Teri Buehler as a retiree-rehire Senior Investigator to perform work of limited duration and which is critically needed before 180 days have passed since Ms. Buehler's retirement date in order to assist in completing timely investigations and transition of high level investigations from departments into OEC.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL, CLAUDIA G. SILVA,

Approve the temporary employment of Teri Buehler as a Senior Investigator that is critically needed before 180 days have passed since Ms. Buehler's retirement date in order to assist in the transition of high level investigations from departments into OEC.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego handles several highly sensitive investigations to ensure a safe and thriving workforce/workplace. Senior Investigators conduct the interviews and assess credibility for all ongoing investigations. The citizens of the County benefit when they know that complaints are promptly evaluated and investigated. With the recent vacancy in the position of Chief Ethics Officer, the continuity of the investigations is more important than ever.

Today's action will ensure the ongoing investigations continue without delay or disruption, and transition from the current investigatory process to the OEC.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action provides stability and continuity in ongoing investigations and will ensure a continuous option for employee/public concerns.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operational Plan for the Office of County Counsel. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs of \$46,330. The funding source is General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

Under Government Code section 7522.56, a retired employee's pay rate cannot be less than the minimum, nor exceed the maximum, paid by the County to other employees performing comparable duties, divided by 173.333 to equal an hourly rate. Ms. Buehler will receive an hourly pay rate of \$48.26 which is within the salary range for the County's Senior Litigation Investigator classification as set forth in Appendix 1 of the Compensation Ordinance. Ms. Buehler will not receive any other compensation or fringe benefit and will not work more than 960 hours in a fiscal year.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

- 18. SUBJECT: COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE PROGRAM, SERIES 2023A (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

In the ordinary course of business, local governments and school districts may experience temporary cash flow deficits during the fiscal year due to a mismatch in the timing of the receipt of revenues, which is largely focused on the months surrounding tax payment dates, and ongoing payment of expenditures. To meet these short-term cash flow needs, the County has in the past issued a tax and revenue anticipation note ("TRAN") to manage its cash flow. The issuance of this TRAN has taken place in conjunction with school districts within San Diego County that wish to issue their TRAN with the County via a County of San Diego and San Diego County School Districts Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note Program ("Note Program"). This year, like last year, the County does not foresee a need to issue a TRAN for the County of San Diego and will not participate in the Note Program. However, certain school districts still anticipate the need to participate in the Note Program. Today's recommendation is to support these school districts and allow the County of San Diego to execute a TRAN on behalf of the participating school districts. The amount of the Series 2023A TRAN will be dependent on the participating school districts' projected cash flow profiles for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Adopt a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PROVIDING FOR THE BORROWING OF FUNDS BY CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 THROUGH THE EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY OF CERTAIN 2023-24 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES AND THE PARTICIPATION BY SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE PROGRAM.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The issuance of the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes is a vital financing mechanism for some school districts in our community. The proceeds from the notes are used to provide much needed cash to continue school operations during temporary cash flow deficits during the fiscal year due to a mismatch in the timing of the receipt of revenues, which is largely focused on the months surrounding tax payment dates, and ongoing payment of expenditures. Without these note proceeds, a school district may not be able to provide valuable resources to the students in San Diego County.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed action supports the County of San Diego Strategic Initiative of Sustainability. Supporting school districts by authorizing the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Note Program and allowing the County to execute the TRAN on their behalf will ensure that there are available financial resources needed for the continuation of school operations.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's action. The Series 2023A TRAN will be obligations of the school districts participating in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Note Program and will be payable from authorized revenues of the respective school districts, and do not constitute an obligation of the County of San Diego. The cost of delivering the Series 2023A TRAN will be the responsibility of the participating school districts.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

19. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Jeffrey Jordan v. County of San Diego, San Diego Superior Court,
Case No.: 37-2021-00052760-CU-PO-CTL

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
The Estate of Elisa Serna, et al. v. County of San Diego, et al.;United States
District Court, Southern District No. 20cv2096-LAB-DDL

- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Janet McNally v. County of San Diego.; San Diego Superior Court,
Case No.: 37-2021-00044385-CU-PO-CTL

- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Zeelee Segura v. City of La Mesa, et al.;United States District Court,
Southern District No. 21-cv-00565-JM-KSC

- E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Deborah Stiesmeyer and Stacey Ralph v. County of San Diego, et al.; San Diego
Superior Court, Case No.: 37-2022-00034541-CU-OE-CTL

- F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
James Lynch v. County of San Diego, et al.; San Diego Superior Court,
Case No.: 37-2020-00016745-CU-PO-CTL

- G. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Abiding Place Ministries, a Church, v. Gavin Newsom, et al.;United States
District Court, Southern District No. 21-cv-00518-RBM-DDL

- H. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph 4 of subdivision (d) of Government
Code section 54956.9: (Number of Cases – 1)

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