

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 32

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT PRIOR BOARD DIRECTION ON UNLOCKED RESERVE FUNDS: AWARD AND AMEND GRANTS AND CONTRACTS, INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION OF A-87 EXEMPTION TO COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT TO APPROVE SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT WITH CITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On September 9, 2025 (23), the Board of Supervisors (Board) amended the San Diego County Administrative Code relating to General Fund Balances and Reserves, freeing up fund balance for one-time use (Unlocked Reserves). The Board's September 9th action further provided that the Board may, under certain criteria, use up to 25% of the County's Unlocked Reserves in a given fiscal year where the use meets certain Board-established criteria noted in the County Administrative Code.

On January 28, 2026 (21), the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop proposals for the use of FY 2025-26 Unlocked Reserves, in coordination with and with the guidance of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainable Fiscal Planning (Subcommittee), for the Board's consideration. Subsequent to January 28, 2026, staff received guidance from the Subcommittee for proposed uses of Unlocked Reserves. Staff returned to the Board on March 3, 2026 (13) for consideration of the proposals developed with the Subcommittee's guidance.

On March 3, the Board considered those proposals and subsequently appropriated a total of \$56.2 million of the Unlocked Reserves balance. \$8.8 million of the Unlocked Reserves were appropriated to address conditions in the Tijuana River Valley and \$47.4 million was appropriated to support the County of San Diego's efforts in the areas of housing, vulnerable populations, sustainability, and infrastructure. Staff took that direction and returned to the Subcommittee for further coordination and guidance on how to operationalize those appropriations. Based on Board direction and the advice and guidance of the Subcommittee, additional Board action is required to implement March 3, 2026 action. Today's item seeks the Board's authority in order to implement \$15,425,000 of the previously appropriated \$47.4 million in Unlocked Reserves through contracts with two community organizations and grants to six other community organizations and public entities. Items that received appropriations on March 3, 2026, and already have existing authority to initiate contract extensions or amendments are not included in today's recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, and Administrative Code Section 401, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with the San Diego LGBT Community Center and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, amend contract No. 569539 to extend the term by two years utilizing \$3,200,000 in Unlocked Reserves, to provide case management and assistance through flexible funding and connections to housing resources,

and up to an additional six months if needed, subject to the availability of funds; and to amend the contract as required to reflect changes to services and funding allocations, subject to the approval of the Director, Housing and Community Development Services.

2. In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement approve and authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with City Heights Community Development Corporation and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for Coordinated Eviction Prevention System services for an initial term of two years utilizing \$3,600,000 in Unlocked Reserves, with one option year and an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to requirements and funding, subject to the approval of the Director, Housing and Community Development Services, Office of Homeless Solutions.
3. Pursuant to Government Code section 26227, find that the grant programs authorized in the following recommendations are necessary to meet the social needs of the County's population in the areas of health, law enforcement, public safety, rehabilitation, welfare, education, and legal services. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute a subrecipient grant agreement in the following amounts for the following organizations:
 - a. \$600,000 with the University of San Diego to fund tenant legal services for eligible residents with complex immigration and documentation status.
 - b. \$350,000 with the Urban League of San Diego County to fund the Housing Financial Assistance Program to provide rental or mortgage relief to eligible residents at risk of homelessness, and to execute any subsequent amendments thereto.
 - c. \$5,000,000 with the Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) to fund the development of the Refugee and Immigrant Cultural Hub and Affordable Housing space in Mid-City/City Heights, with payment contingent upon PANA demonstrating that it has secured financing for the project by June 30, 2027. Further authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute any amendments to the agreement with PANA to provide up to an additional \$15,000,000 in funding for the same purpose, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, subject to the County identifying funding and the Board appropriating the funding for this use.
 - d. \$1,500,000 to amend the subrecipient grant agreement with the City of San Diego for the domestic violence shelter-based services to victims and their children actively fleeing or escaping domestic violence, or in imminent danger of domestic violence, survivors of human trafficking and survivors of sexual assault, residing within San Diego county up to an additional year and up to an additional six months if needed, and to execute any subsequent amendments thereto.
 - e. \$175,000 with the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) for the Community Violence Intervention program, to provide immediate and long-term crisis and community intervention and support to individuals impacted by violence, and to execute any subsequent amendments thereto.
 - f. \$1,000,000 with the San Diego Food Bank, to support inventory for food distribution and mobile pantries, and to execute any subsequent amendments thereto.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Unlocked Reserves are designed to function as a strategic, one-time fiscal tool in periods of heightened uncertainty, particularly when federal or State actions threaten County of San Diego administered programs. Such periods of heightened uncertainty have the potential to exacerbate existing inequities and inequalities, widening the gap between essential goods and services and the people who need to access them. To address continued changes in the financial landscape, on March 3, 2026 (13), the Board of Supervisors directed the use of Unlocked Reserves to expand housing supports, services for vulnerable populations, and sustainability and infrastructure solutions. Today's action ensures the expenditure of the appropriated funds to reduce access gaps to critical resources, for the benefit of the public good.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

If approved, today's actions will sustain funding for the implementation of critical programs and services that advance many of the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goals: provide just and equitable access to County services and resource allocation in support of sustainable communities; and protect health and wellbeing. Specifically, the expenditures would help invest in building resilience in vulnerable populations in partnership with community organizations, protect the availability of housing supports, and protect access to healthy, sustainable, and local food.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the actions requested are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency, the Public Safety Group Executive Office, and the Office of Economic Development & Government Affairs based on use of Unlocked Reserves as approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 3, 2026 (13). If approved, these Recommendations for related contract changes and grant agreements would implement one-time costs totaling \$15,425,000, as identified in Attachment A, funded with unlocked reserves in the current fiscal year as approved by the Board on March 3, 2026. Funds will carry forward as needed to support services during the negotiated grant and contract periods in future years, as applicable. There will be no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

Noting for the record that this item was heard on May 20, 2026; ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe

NOES: Anderson, Desmond

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County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter

