

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 06/07/2022 by the following vote:

AYE:
NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSE:



Resolution No. 2022/206

In The Matter Of: 2021 Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2021, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released funding to implement the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) under the consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub.L. 116-260, Section 533) and The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law (Pub. L.) 117-2, Section 2912, which were signed into law on December 27, 2020, and March 11, 2021, respectively, **WHEREAS**, April 11, 2022, the County received the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) agreement from the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) to administer the water bill assistance payments to eligible county residents who are struggling to make, water, wastewater, and/or storm water payments prior to, during the COVID-19 pandemic, and through the duration of the agreement, **WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 12087.2 prioritizes households with arrearages and establishes regular reporting to the Legislature regarding program implementation and progress with LIHWAP service delivery and grant expenditure, **WHEREAS**, to comply with statutory requirements, the LIHWAP agreement incorporates specific provisions for quarterly reporting and eligibility requirements placing an emphasis on assisting households with the payment of past due balances for residential water and wastewater services, **WHEREAS**, Contra Costa County is allocated a total of \$1,989,789; however, Employment and Human Services Department will only receive the funds for administrative and program support funds in the amount of \$376,446, **WHEREAS**, funds for direct services to eligible Contra Costa County residents will be held by CSD in the amount of \$1,613,343 for the purpose of issuing the payment of household LIHWAP assistance to water service providers through CSDs third-party funds disbursement partner, HORNE, **WHEREAS**, Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department will be responsible in administering the program and determining eligibility to residents of Contra Costa County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors ADOPT Resolution No. 2022/XXX to approve and authorize the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to accept funding in the amount of \$376,446 and execute an agreement with The California Department of Community Services and Development for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program for the period April 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 7, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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