



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services  
Date: December 15, 2015

Subject: 2015 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funding, amendment 3

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment & Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with California Department of Community Services and Development, to increase the payment limit by \$388,873 to a new limit of \$4,603,418, for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs with term January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% Federal funds / CFDA # 93.568  
California Department of Community Services and Development  
Pension costs: \$318,491  
County match: \$0  
State: 15B-3005, Amend 3 / CCC: 39-806-30

**BACKGROUND:**

Contra Costa County has received funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development for 20 years wherein the county provides energy bill assistance payments

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☒ APPROVE ☐ OTHER  
☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR ☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **12/15/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

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: December 15, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

Contact: CSB, 925-681-6304

cc: Jagjit Bhambra, Sam Mendoza



## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

and weatherization services to county residents who are income-eligible to receive said services. The funding sources include Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP), and the Department of Energy (DOE).

The county receives the money via the Employment & Human Services Department (EHSD). EHSD, in turn, partners with the county Department of Conservation and Development to provide energy saving home improvements to low-income families throughout unincorporated Contra Costa County, as well as the County's nineteen cities.

The energy savings measures may provide homes with hot water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, microwaves, doors, windows, fluorescent light bulbs, weather stripping, ceiling fans, and attic insulation. Homes receive a blower door test (a diagnostic tool to locate and correct air infiltration), and homes with gas appliances receive a combustion appliance safety test that checks for carbon monoxide gas leakage. Homes with gas appliances are provided with a carbon monoxide alarm.

This funding also includes the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) where residents of the County can qualify for a credit on their energy bills.

Both programs use income based eligibility. The income levels are based on the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Poverty Guidelines. Once eligibility is determined, clients with no hot water, no heat, or are in danger of having their power shut off are served as emergencies. Service is then based on clients with the lowest income, highest energy burden and families with at least one resident who is considered vulnerable population.

The board approved receipt of funding for 2015-16 on January 13, 2015. The board approved receipt of additional funding on May 12, 2015 and again on November 3, 2015. The State routinely amends these contracts as more funding becomes available; this amendment accepts additional funding for the program year.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, County may not receive funding to operate LIHEAP.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Employment & Human Services Department, Community Services Bureau energy program supports one Contra Costa County community outcome - Outcome #4: "Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing." This outcome is supported by the provision of home energy assistance to keep households warm in winter and to increase household energy efficiency.