



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: March 1, 2016

Subject: 2015-16 Department of Energy / Weatherization Assistance Program contract / amendment #1

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment & Human Services Department Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with California Department of Community Services and Development, including modified indemnification language, for Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program / Low-Income Home Energy Assistance to increase the payment limit by \$49,368 to a new amount \$152,541 and extend the term to September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% Federal funds passed through State / CFDA # 84.042

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

California Department of Community Services and Development

Net County Costs: \$0

CCC: 39-800-16

**BACKGROUND:**

The County routinely receives funds from the California Department of

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **03/01/2016** ☒ 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: March 1, 2016

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

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: CSB (925) 681-6304

cc: Jagjit Bhambra, Sam Mendoza, Cassandra Youngblood

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Community Services and Development to manage a Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance program. 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 and weatherization services to county residents who are income-eligible to receive said services. The funding source is federal funding from the Department of Energy passed through by the California Department of Community Services and Development. 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 direct services to clients through energy saving home improvements. The energy saving measures may provide homes with hot water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, microwaves, doors, windows, florescent 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 carbon monoxide alarm. The program uses income based eligibility as per the federal poverty guidelines for that program year. 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. Services are then based on clients with the lowest income, highest energy burden, and those with one household member who is considered in the vulnerable population.

The board approved receipt of the 2015-16 allocation on July 28, 2015. The state routinely amends these contracts as more funding becomes available; this board order is to accept additional funding and to extend the contract term.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, the Department will not receive funding to operate the weatherization assistance program in Contra Costa County.

## 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.