



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services  
Date: June 7, 2016

Subject: 2016-17 Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE WAP)

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment & Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract with California Department of Community Services and Development, including a modified indemnification language, to pay County an amount not to exceed \$115,014 for Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program for a term July 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% State funds  
California Department of Community Services and Development  
Pension costs: \$6,245  
County match: \$0  
State: 16C-6005 / CCC: 39-805-11

**BACKGROUND:**

Contra Costa County has received funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development for 22 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: **06/07/2016** ☒ 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: June 7, 2016

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

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: CSB, 925-681-6304



### 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.

The program uses income based eligibility. The income levels are based on the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 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.

Approval of this board order will allow state provision of funds for the 2016-17 year.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, County may not receive funding to operate the weatherization program.

### 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.