



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department

Date: September 13, 2016

Subject: Weatherization Contract - Ambient Air C49622

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Conservation and Development Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with Ambient Air, LLC (Contract # C49622) to increase the payment limit by \$105,000 to a new payment limit of \$200,000, with no change to the original contract period of August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2017, to purchase items and/or services needed to provide home weatherization, including air conditioning services, to low income residents throughout Contra Costa County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The additional purchase amount (\$105,000) is fully reimbursable through contracts with the State of California Department of Community Services and Development to expend various State and federal grant funds for a variety of weatherization projects throughout the county.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) has partnered with the Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) for the past 20 years to provide energy saving home improvements to low income families throughout unincorporated Contra Costa County, as well as the 19 cities in the county.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/13/2016** ☒ 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: September 13, 2016

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

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

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cc:

This funding is provided by State and federal grant programs including, but not limited to, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP), the Department of Energy (DOE), and the Cap and Trade Auction Funds for the Low Income Weatherization Program (LIWP) to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

With these grants, the Weatherization Program may provide homes with equipment and services such as hot water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, microwaves, doors, windows, LED (light emitting diode) light bulbs, LED night lights, Tier 2 advanced power strips, occupancy sensors, weather-stripping, ceiling fans, air conditioning 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.

Ambient Air, LLC, will repair, replace or provide air conditioning systems to low income households through the weatherization program. This service is required by the contract between the County and the State Department of Community Services and Development. The increase in the budget is needed to provide additional service.

Under its grant funding contract, the Weatherization Program is required to meet minimum unit production goals (number of homes weatherized) by the end of its grant contract term, July 31, 2017. This contract will allow the Weatherization Program to have ready access to air conditioning and other necessary supplies and equipment to weatherize homes and meet production goals.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The purchase of replacement of air condition systems, repairs to these systems and other services necessary to implement the Weatherization Program would not occur. Failure to maintain the required production goals may result in the State reallocating our share of funding to other counties and could jeopardize our future funding.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of this item will enable the Weatherization Program to purchase materials necessary to provide home energy efficiency improvements to low-income families, which reduces living expenses and improves comfort and quality of life for children residing in the households served. This supports outcomes #3 and #5 established in the children's report card: 3) Families are economically self-sufficient; and 5) Families are safe, stable and nurturing.