



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: January 10, 2017

Subject: Contract with Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano for CalFresh Application Assistance Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services (EHSD) Director, or designee, to execute a contract with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, a non-profit corporation, in the amount of \$202,500 to provide expanded CalFresh Outreach efforts for the period January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. (15% State, 85% Federal, no County match)

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$202,500: 15% State; 85% Federal. No County match.

BACKGROUND:

The most recognized primary food security partner for counties in California is the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano (FBCCS). It is the presumptive service provider for CalFresh outreach services. The outreach efforts in Contra Costa County are achieved through the joint efforts of the County and FBCCS.

The objective of these outreach efforts is to increase awareness of CalFresh and participation in the program. FBCCS works in collaboration with the County to educate and

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ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/10/2017** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor

Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor

Diane Burgis, 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: January 10, 2017

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

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inform potentially eligible CalFresh households. It also partners with community-based organizations to engage and inform

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their customers of the availability of CalFresh benefits to improve their circumstances.

The goal of CalFresh outreach is to work with individuals who otherwise would not come into contact with the County or visit one of the local CalFresh offices. FBCCS makes applications readily available and they also assist with the completion and submission of applications.

This collaboration has been successful and has increased enrollment numbers in the CalFresh program.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without authorization to continue the CalFresh Outreach efforts, the County will be at risk of not reaching all potentially eligible households and consequently not increase program participation. The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano (FBCCS) has direct access to and contact with multiple agencies in our county with a shared goal of promoting nutrition and healthy eating. Their unique position of being a central contact and focal point makes them the presumptive partner for the County.

Through FBCCS, the County wants to be able to use the already established network of partners to help increase awareness and participation in the CalFresh program. In addition, other community based organizations, currently in partnership with FBCCS, will be able access information, training and awareness about the CalFresh program and its benefit to their clients as well as to the community.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The services provided under this contract supports four of the five of Contra Costa County's community outcomes: (1) "Children Ready for and Succeeding in School"; (2) "Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood"; (4) "Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing"; and (5) "Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families" by providing outreach and application assistance to families for increased access to the CalFresh program in Contra Costa County.