



Contra Costa County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: FINANCE COMMITTEE
Date: September 19, 2017

Subject: Immigrants Rights Program in Contra Costa

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ACCEPT a report on funding an immigrants rights program in Contra Costa, and DIRECT staff on next steps, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The requested allocation is \$500,000 in FY 17/18 funding to support operations in the January-June 2018 first phase, with a further commitment that the County will provide \$500,000 in annual support in each of fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20. These funds are not budgeted in FY 17/18 and would require an allocation from general fund reserves, which requires a 4/5 vote.

BACKGROUND:

On May 9, 2017, as part of the action to adopt the FY 2017/18 Recommended Budget, the Board of Supervisors referred to the Finance Committee for review and consideration a proposal for funding an immigrants rights program in Contra Costa.

The item was heard for the first time by the Finance Committee on June 26, 2017. Deputy Public Denender Ali Saidi give an update on the proposal under review and indicated the

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/19/2017** ☐ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

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 19, 2017

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

By: , Deputy

cc: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender

East Bay Community Foundation might provide funding for plan design. The proposal prepared and presented to the Finance Committee on August 16, 2017, by the Contra Costa Immigrant Rights Alliance is Attachment A. The original proposal submitted to the Board of Supervisors on May 9, 2017 is Attachment B.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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The proposal requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Office of the Public Defender to establish Stand Together CoCo as a pilot project. The requested allocation is \$500,000 in FY 17/18 funding to support operations in the January-June 2018 first phase, with a further commitment that the County will provide \$500,000 in annual support in each of fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20. Working with key local partners, Stand Together CoCo will then use this commitment to generate funding from other public and private sources.

The Finance Committee accepted the report as presented and directed staff to forward the item to the full Board of Supervisors for discussion. Finance Committee support the proposal as presented with the condition that all proposed matching funds are secured by the Public Defender's Office from private donors. The Committee directed the Public Defender to attend the Board meeting for the discussion.

Attachment C is a letter from the Public Defender regarding private foundations' funding commitments to support Stand Together CoCo (Attachment D came in after this letter was written). Attachments D through I are letters of funding commitment and intention totaling \$585,000:

- D. Richmond Community Foundation - \$10,000 (Letter of Intention)
- E. Y & H Soda Foundation - \$275,000 (Letter of Commitment)
- F. San Francisco Foundation - \$100,000 (Letter of Commitment)
- G. California Endowment - \$100,000 (Letter of Intention)
- H. East Bay Community Foundation - \$50,000 (Letter of Commitment)
- I. Firedoll Foundation - \$50,000 (Letter of Commitment)

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Status quo regarding immigrants rights in Contra Costa.

CLERK'S ADDENDUM

Speakers: Oscar Flores, CC Racial Justice Coalition; Debra Bernstein, Monument Impact; Blanca Collin, Monument Impact; Raquel Ortega, CC Immigrant Rights Alliance (CCIRA); David Brazil, FARE; Nicole Zapata, East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE); Christopher Martinez, resident of Richmond; Reverend Deborah Lee-MICA; resident of Walnut Creek; Melvin Willis, Richmond City Council; Edith Pastrano, ACCE; Nancy Ybarra, resident of Richmond; Rose Strogatz, Orinda Progressive Action Alliance; Mariana Moore, Ensuring Opportunity Campaign. Written commentary provided by (attached): Claudia Velasco, Catholic Diocese of Oakland; Reverend Will McGarvey; Mariana Moore, Ensuring Opportunity Campaign
ACCEPTED a report on funding an immigrants rights program in Contra Cost; AUTHORIZED the Office of the Public Defender to establish Stand Together CoCo as a pilot project, funded from the AB109 Reserve Fund; and DIRECTED staff to return

this matter to the full Board in April 2018.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Proposal for Stand Together CoCo

Attachment B - Original Proposal Submitted to Board of Supervisors on April 18

Attachment C - Private Foundations' Funding Commitments

Attachment D - Letter of Funding Intention from Richmond Community Foundation

Attachment E - Letter of Funding Commitment from Y & H Soda Foundation

Attachment F - Letter of Funding Commitment from San Francisco Foundation

Attachment G - Letter of Funding Intention from California Endowment

Attachment H - Letter of Funding Commitment from East Bay Community Foundation

Attachment I - Letter of Funding Commitment from Firedoll Foundation