



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services  
Date: October 24, 2017

Subject: 2018 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Funding

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract containing modified indemnification language with the California Department of Community Services and Development to pay the County in an amount not to exceed \$1,919,892 for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs for the period of October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This contract will increase revenue in an amount not to exceed \$1,919,892 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services via the California Department of Community Services and Development. 100% Federal funds with no County match requirement.

CFDA # 93.568

State: 18B-4005 / CCC: 39-806-37

**BACKGROUND:**

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

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **10/24/2017** ☒ 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: October 24, 2017

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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cc: Nelly Ige, Sam Mendoza

payments and weatherization services for income-eligible County residents. The funding sources for these programs include Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP), and the Department of Energy (DOE), the Low Income Weatherization Program (LIWP) and the Toilet Retrofit Program (TRP).

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The Employment & Human Services Department (EHSD) partners with the Department of Conservation and Development to provide energy-saving home improvements for 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/or 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 and a carbon monoxide alarm.

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) allows eligible residents of the County to qualify for a credit on their energy bills.

Both programs use 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 first 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 to be a member of a vulnerable population.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, County may not receive funding to operate LIHEAP.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Employment & Human Services Department, Community Services Bureau energy programs supports 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.