



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services
Date: August 7, 2018

Subject: 2018 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Funding, Amendment 2

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with the California Department of Community Services and Development to increase the payment limit by \$1,031,184 to a new payment limit of \$4,353,075 for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs and to extend the term to new end date of July 31, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This contract will increase revenue in an amount not to exceed \$4,353,075 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services via the California Department of Community Services and Development. This will be 100% Federal funds with no County match requirement. The CFDA # is 93.568. The State contract number is 18B-4005, Amendment 2 and the County contract number is 39-854-7.

BACKGROUND:

Contra Costa County has received funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development for 25 years wherein the County provides energy bill assistance payments and weatherization services for income-eligible County residents. The funding

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/07/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
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: August 7, 2018

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

ABSENT: Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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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 saving measures may include the provision of hot water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, microwaves, doors, windows, fluorescent light bulbs, weather stripping, ceiling fans, and/or attic insulation. Blower door tests (a diagnostic tool to locate and correct air infiltration) are conducted on homes, and combustion appliance safety tests are conducted on homes with gas appliances to check for carbon monoxide gas leakage. Carbon monoxide alarms are provided to homeowners with gas appliances.

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

Both programs use income based eligibility. Once eligibility is determined, top priority is given to clients with no hot water, no heat, or are in danger of having their power shut off. Priority of 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.

The board approved receipt of LIHEAP funds on October 24, 2017 (c.43). The board approved a contract amendment to receive additional funds and to extend the term on March 27, 2018 (c.40). This board order is to accept more additional funds and to extend the term to a new term end date of July 31, 2019.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, County will forego funding to continue operating LIHEAP.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Employment & Human Services Department, Community Services Bureau's 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 the winter and to increase household energy efficiency.