



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services  
Date: February 26, 2019

Subject: 2018-2020 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Funding Amendment

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**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 to the County by \$1,796,401 for an amount not to exceed \$3,702,690 for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs, with no change to term October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This grant is 100% funded with federal dollars passed through California Department of Community Services and Development. The CFDA number is 93.568. No county match required.

The state agreement number is 19B-5005 / amend 1; county agreement number is 39-806-40.

**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 to county residents who are income-eligible to

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 RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR  RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **02/26/2019**  APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED  OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
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: February 26, 2019

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

ABSENT: Diane Burgis, District III  
Supervisor

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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receive said services. The funding sources include Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP),

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

the Department of Energy (DOE), the Low Income Weatherization Program (LIWP) and the Toilet Retrofit Program (TRP).

The Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) partners with the county Department of Conservation and Development to provide energy saving home improvements to 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 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.

This funding also includes the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) where residents of the County can qualify for a credit on their energy bills.

These programs use income based eligibility. The income levels are based on the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 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 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 vulnerable population.

The Board approved receipt of initial funding on September 11, 2018 (c.53) in the amount of \$1,906,289. This board order is to approve an amendment to increase the payment limit by \$1,796,401. The State routinely adds funding to these contracts as federal budgets are finalized.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Employment and Human Services Department, Community Services Bureau energy program supports one Contra Costa County community outcome - 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.