



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender
Date: July 23, 2019

Subject: Stand Together Contra Costa Contract

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Defender, or designee, to execute a contract with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Oakland DBA Catholic Charities of the East Bay, in an amount not to exceed \$905,414 to provide civil legal deportation defense and community services for Stand Together Contra Costa, for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, subject to approval by the County Administrator's Office and approval as to form by County Counsel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this contract is funded with 40% AB109 Public Safety Realignment revenue and 60% Restricted Donation Revenue.

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 immigrant legal due process and community services program in Contra Costa County. The item was heard for the first time by the Finance Committee on June 26, 2017. On August 16, 2017, the Finance Committee received and reviewed a formal

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/23/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: Diane Burgis, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
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: July 23, 2019

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: 925-335-8075

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proposal for the project and voted to

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

recommend the project for funding and implementation. On September 19, 2017, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to establish the project, Stand Together Contra Costa, and to approve \$500,000 in County funds to underwrite the project from January 1-June 30, 2018, with options to provide \$500,000 in County funds annually for two additional one-year terms (FY 18/19 and FY 19/20), subject to both renewed private funding and satisfactory program performance. On December 19, 2017 the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the review panel and authorized the Contra Costa County Office of the Public Defender to enter into a contract with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Oakland DBA Catholic Charities of the East Bay for the period from January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. The contract was executed on January 31, 2018. The program successfully launched on March 1, 2018. On July 10, 2018 the Board of Supervisors accepted Stand Together Contra Costa Project Status Report for the first six month of operations. On July 24, 2018, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to authorize the Contra Costa County Office of the Public Defender to enter into a contract with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Oakland DBA Catholic Charities of the East Bay for the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The contract was executed on July 27, 2018.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, the civil legal deportation defense and community services currently provided by Stand Together Contra Costa would cease during a time of increasing anti-immigrant sentiment and policies. This would leave families in Contra Costa even more vulnerable to actions or policies that result in disparate, discriminatory, or unlawful treatment.