



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender
Date: November 12, 2019

Subject: Philanthropic Funding for Stand Together Contra Costa

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Defender, or designee, to accept funding from philanthropic organizations, in an aggregate amount of \$455,000, to support Contra Costa's "Stand Together Contra Costa" program to support legal services for immigrants residing in Contra Costa County for the fiscal year of 2019-2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will receive several one-time grants in an aggregate amount of \$455,000. These funds are contingent on agreement by Contra Costa County to commit \$500,000 in County funds to support Stand Together Contra Costa in the fiscal year 2019/20. The project has an estimated operating cost of \$1,255,000 for the fiscal year 2019/20.

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.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **11/12/2019** ☒ 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: November 12, 2019

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

>On September 19, 2017, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to establish the project, Stand Together Contra Costa, and 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. The program successfully launched on March 1, 2018. On July 23, 2019, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to authorize the Contra Costa 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The contract was executed on July 27, 2019.

Projected philanthropic funding includes the following:

Y & H Soda Foundation: \$100,000
The San Francisco Foundation: \$100,000
The California Endowment: \$50,000
East Bay Community Foundation: \$105,000
Firedoll Foundation: \$50,000
The Wallace E Gerbode Foundation: \$50,000
Total philanthropic funding: \$455,000

The remainder of the FY 2019/2020 budget for Stand Together Contra Costa (\$295,000) is funded through San Francisco Foundation grants made directly to Catholic Charities of the East Bay for general support of Stand Together Contra Costa in accordance with the Contract executed on July 27, 2019.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, the County will not be able to accept the private funds necessary to implement Stand Together Contra Costa, and immigrants residing in Contra Costa County will lose existing and future immigration legal services.