



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: March 10, 2020

Subject: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Funding, Amendment 1

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 \$1,945,169 to a new payment limit of \$4,044,443 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program for the period October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive total funding in the amount of \$4,044,443, including the increased amount of \$1,945,169. Revenue is 100% Federal through the California Department of Community Services and Development, State Agreement Number 20B-2005, Amendment 1. No County match is required.

BACKGROUND:

County has received funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development for more than 25 years wherein County provides energy bill assistance payments and weatherization services to county residents who are income eligible through

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/10/2020** ☒ 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: March 10, 2020

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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cc:

the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Energy

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Crisis Intervention Program (HEAP). Energy saving measures may provide homes with hot water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, microwaves, doors, windows, energy-saving light bulbs, weather stripping, ceiling fans, and attic insulation. Homes with gas appliances receive a combustion appliance safety test that checks for carbon monoxide gas leakage and are provided with a carbon monoxide alarm. Residents can also qualify for the Home Energy Assistance Program, which provides a credit on their energy bills. Additional funding will allow increased services and community outreach.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The LIHEAP funding supports one of the community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card, #4 "Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing" by the provision of home energy assistance to keep households warm in winter and to increase household energy efficiency.