Contra Costa County

To: **Board of Supervisors** 

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: July 14, 2020

Subject: California Department of Community Services, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Amendment

#### **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 pay the County by \$835,237 to a new payment limit of \$4,879,680 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for the period October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

County to receive total funding in the amount of \$4,879,680, including the increased amount of \$835,237. Revenue is 100% Federal through the California Department of Community Services and Development, State Agreement Number 20B-2005, Amendment 2. 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 LIHEAP and the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (HEAP). Energy saving measures

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Action of Board On: 07/14/2020 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER	
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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: July 14, 2020  David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  By: Laura Cassell, Deputy
Contact: Elaine Burres	

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## **BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)**

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.

The board approved the original agreement on October 8, 2019 (c.36), approved first amendment on March 10, 2020 (c.49). This board order is to approve a second amendment.

# **CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

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

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The LIHEAP funding supports the following community outcome 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.