



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director  
Date: August 11, 2020

Subject: California Department of Community Services and Development Weatherization Assistance Program Funding

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Resolution No. 2020/206 to approve and authorize the Employment & Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract containing modified indemnification language with the California Department of Community Services and Development, to pay County an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program for low-income households for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funded with 100% federal funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the California Department of Community Services and Development Department (CFDA No. 81.042). There is no net County cost. The Contra Costa County contract number for this grant is 39-800.

**BACKGROUND:**

The County routinely receives funds from the California Department of Community Services and Development to manage a Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance program. Contra Costa County has received funding from the State Department of

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/11/2020** ☒ 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: August 11, 2020

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Elaine Burres  
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cc:

Community Services and Development for 24 years wherein the county provides energy bill assistance payments and weatherization

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

services to county residents who are income-eligible to receive said services. The funding source is federal funding from the Department of Energy passed through by the California Department of Community Services and Development. The county receives the money via the Employment & Human Services Department (EHSD); EHSD, in turn, partners with the County's Department of Conservation and Development to provide direct services to clients through energy saving home improvements. The energy saving measures may provide homes with hot water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, microwaves, doors, windows, florescent 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 carbon monoxide alarms. The program uses income-based eligibility as per the federal poverty guidelines for that program year. 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. Services are then based on clients with the lowest income, highest energy burden, and those with one household member who is considered in the vulnerable population.

This board order is to accept funding for the 2020-2021 program year.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, the Department will not receive funding to operate a weatherization assistance program in Contra Costa County.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This funding supports one Contra Costa County Community Outcome established in the Children's Report Card, Outcome #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.

### ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2020/206