



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender
Date: December 8, 2020

Subject: Philanthropic Funding for Stand Together Contra Costa

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Office of the Public Defender, or designee, to apply for and accept funding from the Firedoll Foundation in the amount of \$50,000 for the Department's "Stand Together Contra Costa" program to support legal services for immigrants residing in Contra Costa County for the fiscal year of 2020/21.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will receive a one-time grant of \$50,000. Stand Together Contra Costa has an estimated operating cost of \$983,989 for the fiscal year 2020/21.

BACKGROUND:

On May 9, 2017, as part of the action to adopt 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.

On September 19, 2017, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to establish the project, Stand Together Contra Costa, and approved \$500,000 in County funds to

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **12/08/2020** ☒ 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: December 8, 2020

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

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underwrite the project from January 1 - June 30, 2018 with options

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

to provide \$500,000 in County funds annually for two additional one-year terms (FY 2018/19 and FY 2019/20), subject to both renewed private funding and satisfactory program performance. After the pilot phase ended in FY 2019/20, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors continued funding Stand Together Contra Costa and approved \$500,000 in county funds for FY 2020/21.

The Office of the Public Defender seeks to apply to the Firedoll Foundation for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to support Stand Together Contra Costa in current fiscal year 2020/21.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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