



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender  
Date: June 22, 2021

Subject: Philanthropic Funding for Stand Together Contra Costa

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Defender, or designee, to accept funding from philanthropic organizations, in an aggregate amount of \$150,000, to support the Stand Together Contra Costa program to support legal services for immigrants residing in Contra Costa County for fiscal year 2020-21.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The County will receive several one-time grants in an aggregate amount of \$150,000. These funds are contingent on agreement by Contra Costa County to commit \$965,662 in County funds to support Stand Together Contra Costa in the fiscal year 2021-2022. The project has an estimated operating cost of \$965,662 for the fiscal year 2021-2022. The additional philanthropic funds will allow additional Community Engagement Specialist positions for the Stand Together Contra Costa Program.

**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

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **06/22/2021** ☒ 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: June 22, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: 5104124931

cc:

Contra Costa

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

County. 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. For the current fiscal year, the philanthropic funding breakdown is as follows:

Projected philanthropic funding includes the following:

The San Francisco Foundation: \$100,000 (\$50,000 per year over two years)

Firedoll Foundation: \$50,000

Total philanthropic funding: \$150,000

### 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.