



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Jason Crapo, County Building Official  
Date: September 13, 2022

Subject: Weatherization Contract Amendment - Water Heaters Express (C46814)

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Conservation and Development Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with Water Heaters Express (C46814), to increase the payment limit by \$200,000 to a new payment limit of \$400,000, with no change to the original term of October 1, 2020 through July 31, 2023, for the purchase or repair of additional water heater equipment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The costs of the proposed amendment will be covered entirely by state and federal Weatherization Program Funds and will enable completion of a variety of weatherization projects throughout the county. There will be no impact on the County General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) has partnered with the Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) for the past 20 years to provide energy-saving home improvements to low income families throughout unincorporated Contra Costa County, as well as the County's 19 cities. This funding is provided by state and federal grant programs including, but not limited to, the Low Income Home Energy

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **09/13/2022** ☒ 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: September 13, 2022

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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cc:

Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP), and the Department of Energy (DOE).

With these grants, the Weatherization Program may provide homes with hot water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, microwaves, doors, windows, LED (light emitting diode) light bulbs, LED night lights, Tier 2 Advanced power strips, occupancy sensors, 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 a carbon monoxide alarm.

Many contracts with current Weatherization Program vendors providing services are expiring July 31, 2023.

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Under its grant funding contract, the Weatherization Program is required to meet minimum unit production goals (number of homes weatherized) by the end of its annual grant contract term. Failure to maintain the required production goals may result in the State reallocating our share of funding to other counties and could jeopardize our future funding. This contract amendment is necessary because we have need for additional services from Water Heaters Express that will allow the Weatherization Program to have ready access to water heaters and other necessary supplies and equipment to weatherize homes and meet production goals.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

A denial would prevent DCD Weatherization Program from replacing or repairing additional water heater equipment.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of this item will enable the Weatherization Program to purchase materials necessary to provide home energy efficiency improvements to low-income households, which reduces living expenses and improves comfort and quality of life for children residing in the households served. This supports outcomes Nos. 3 and 5 established in the Children's Report Card: (3) Families are economically self-sufficient; and (5) Families are safe, stable and nurturing.