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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Monica Nino, County Administrator
Date: September 13, 2022
Subject: Contract with Ernst and Young, LLP

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Administrator, or designee, to enter into a contract with Ernst and Young, LLP, subject to final approval by the County Administrator and County Counsel, for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for consulting services for grant reimbursements submitted to the State of California under SB 844 for the West County Reentry, Treatment and Housing project for the period September 13, 2022 through December 31, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% general fund.

BACKGROUND:

The County approved Resolution 2017/44 authorizing the submission of a grant application for

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

SB 844 funding to support the construction of the West County Reentry, Treatment and Housing (WRTH) project on February 7, 2017. The County was awarded \$70 million dollars under SB 844 to support the WRTH project. The County will have to file significant amounts of documentation as part of claims for reimbursement of construction expenses over the next three years under the grant. In addition, the County will have to produce a set of audited documents at project closeout within 60 days of the completion of the project.

Neither Public Works Finance Division nor the County Auditor's Office has a sufficient number of staff or staff with the specific expertise in grant claims under the SB 844 program. Ernst and Young is already under contract with the County for a similar practice area supporting the County's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant claims submissions and has the expertise to help ensure the County's SB 844 claims are accurately and timely submitted. Ernst and Young will also help the County prepare for the end-of-project audit, although a separate firm will have to be hired to perform that audit.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

If the contract is not authorized, there may be a delay in receiving reimbursements from the State of California under SB844.