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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: ACCEPT AN AWARD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE TERM 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,850,523 AND APPROVE MASTER CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR RECOVERY RESIDENCE PROGRAMS INCREASING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 ALLOCATIONS BY A NET \$702,252

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Accept the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Supplemental funding available to counties through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan Act from the California Department of Health Care Services to augment substance abuse prevention and treatment programs for the period of 7/1/21 - 6/30/25 in the amount of \$7,850,523;
- B. Approve augmentations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services procurement contracts for substance use disorder (SUD) recovery residence services with the following community-based organizations, with no change in the contract period 7/1/21 – 6/30/22, increasing the amount from \$13,001,952 to \$13,704,204 (\$702,252 increase):
 1. Carnales Unidos Reformando Adictos Incorporate (Principal: Joseph Locaria; Location: Fremont; Master Contract No. 900083; Procurement Contract No. 21678), increasing the amount from \$3,269,760 to \$3,503,844 (\$234,084 increase);
 2. Options Recovery Services (Principal: Justin Phillips; Location: Berkeley; Master Contract No. 900097; Procurement Contract No. 20260), increasing the amount from \$5,130,293 to \$5,364,377 (\$234,084 increase);
 3. Second Chance, Inc. (Principal: John Balentine; Location: Newark; Master Contract No. 900098; Procurement Contract No. 21709), increasing the amount from \$4,601,899 to \$4,835,983 (\$234,084 increase); and
- C. Delegate Authority to the Agency Director or designee to negotiate and execute master contract amendments on your behalf and submit originals to the Clerk of the Board for filing subject to approval as to form by County Counsel; and
- D. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations by \$2,420,860 and make the related budget adjustments.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY

Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) applied for and has been awarded supplemental Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Block Grant (SABG) funds in the amount of \$7,850,523 by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) under the Behavioral Health Response and Rescue Project. Of the funding, \$4,273,127 is provided by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and must be expended by 12/31/2022. The remaining \$3,577,396 is provided under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and must be expended by 6/30/2025. Because these are time-limited funds expiring by 2025, ACBH determined that these funds should be rolled out as augmentations to current SUD programs rather than funding permanent new programs. ACBH believes that a proven track record of successful SUD services and expanding existing programs is more prudent, especially since finding a permanent funding stream in 2025, when this funding expires, will be unlikely. Starting new programs would result in delays with implementation and would run the risk of not spending the funds by the expiration date.

Of the total \$7,850,523, \$7,733,481 will be used to augment programs primarily with community-based organizations (CBO) for existing SABG programs, and \$117,042 will help fund ACBH administrative expenses.

SABG Program	7/1/21-6/30/22	7/1/22-6/30/23	7/1/23-6/30/24	7/1/24-6/30/25	Total
Friday Night Live Set-Aside	30,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	150,000
Perinatal Set-Aside	642,809	428,539	-	-	1,071,348
Primary Prevention Set-Aside	975,574	888,743	888,743	888,742	3,641,802
Recovery Housing Support	702,252	1,034,805	566,637	566,637	2,870,331
Program Subtotal	2,350,635	2,392,087	1,495,380	1,495,379	7,733,481
Admin Fee	70,225	46,817	-	-	117,042
Grand Total	2,420,860	2,438,904	1,495,380	1,495,379	7,850,523

Program services funded by the SABG supplemental funding are:

- 1) Primary Prevention (PPv) programs, which are for individuals who have not been determined to require treatment for substance use. The desired result of primary prevention is to promote safe and healthy behaviors and environments for individuals, families and communities. In FY 20-21, these providers collectively produced over 15,696 service hours (direct and indirect) and engaged 3,528 youth and older adults in these activities. In addition to overall capacity building, the funding will be used to deliver services to 30% more clients, enhance outreach and engagement, and increase training and technical assistance. Pending DHCS approval, a portion (up to 50%) of the FY 21-22 funding will be used to purchase media and support staff for the Health Care Services Agency’s (HCSA) Cannabis Decoded Campaign, a SUD risk messaging effort directed toward youth and their families.
- 2) Friday Night Live (FNL), a program to promote healthy lifestyles free of tobacco, alcohol and any substance use for high school-aged people. In FY 20-21, 45 clients received 252 services through this program. Supplemental funds will be used for focused trainings and other learning and development for the FNL provider on designing and delivering PPv programs through an Environmental/Community-Based Process lens. Funding will also allow the contracted provider to outreach and engage with difficult-to-engage populations of youth and their families, for example individuals with decreased school engagement and elementary school students, as well as with

neighborhood-based alcohol and cannabis retailers through the Environmental/Community-based Process strategy with a goal of providing services to at least 30% more clients across two County districts and at least three FNL sites.

- 3) Perinatal programs provide services to women with children or who are pregnant and struggle with substance use. In FY 20-21, residential programs with a contracted focus on serving perinatal and parenting women served 148 clients and met 94% of their contract deliverables of serving 156 clients. Supplemental funds will be used to contact and provide additional outreach and engagement to 520 pregnant and/or parenting women experiencing substance use over the 15-month period, 10/1/2021 – 12/31/2022.
- 4) Recovery Housing programs, which provide temporary, drug and alcohol free, transitional housing for clients engaged in medically-necessary treatment. It is estimated that the supplemental funding will provide 123 additional beds over the four-year period, an average of just under 25 beds per year with a goal that 60% of the clients will successfully graduate from the program and 95% of the clients who discharge from the program will no longer be homeless.

This request focuses on augmenting the following providers which have a Recovery Housing programs: Carnales Unidos Reformando Adictos Incorporate (CURA), Options Recovery Services (Options), and Second Chance, Inc. (Second Chance). The other services will be presented to your Board for approval at a later date.

In FY 20-21 the CURA, Options, and Second Chance combined Recovery Residence programs were funded to provide 22,945 bed days and serve 270 unduplicated clients. During this time, these programs provided 21,107 bed days (over 90% of contracted bed days) and served 363 clients (134% of their contract deliverable). The additional funding requested in this Board Letter will support the programs in delivering an additional 10,402 bed days in FY 21-22. It is expected that at least 40% clients who are discharged from the recovery residence program will successfully complete the program. Recovery residence programs are designed to support and promote recovery and prevent relapse while the client participates in outpatient treatment services. The combination of a safe environment, provided by the recovery residences, and participation in outpatient treatment provides clients the needed support, knowledge and skills to promote and sustain recovery.

Your Board's approval of these recommendations will allow ACBH to significantly augment substance use prevention and treatment services over the current fiscal year and the subsequent three-year period. The SABG award does not involve an agreement requiring signature. Delegation of authority to sign housing contracts was previously requested and approved by your Board on May 25, 2021 (Item No. 9) when your Board approved the FY 2021-22 master contract amendment.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The augmentations requested in this Board Letter are for expansions of existing contracted programs. Your Board approved CURA, Options and Second Chance to provide recovery residence services on July 24, 2018 (Item No. 10) following a competitive Request for Proposals Process. Your Board approved the 2022 allocations for these providers and delegation of authority on May 25, 2021 (Item No. 9). As non-profit CBOs providing direct services on behalf of Alameda County, these providers are exempt from the County's Small, Local and Emerging Business (SLEB) policy. However, two of these providers elected to participate in the SLEB program: Options (No. 07-90995; Expiration 7/31/2022) and Second Chance, Inc. (No. 13-00007; Expiration: 2/28/2022).

FINANCING

Funding for the program augmentation is from the supplemental SABG funds and will be split over four fiscal years. Per the attached Financial Recommendation, \$2,420,860 will be added to the ACBH FY 21/22 Budget, and subsequent years will be included in the FY 22-23 MOE budget and out-years. Approval of these recommendations will have no impact on net County cost.

VISION 2026 GOAL

The SABG supplemental funds augmenting programs for individuals with substance use disorder meets the 10X goal pathways of **Healthcare for All** in support of our shared vision of a **Thriving and Resilient Population**.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Chawla, Director
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FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

#140100-35 Rev 5/21/14

AGENDA DATE: 2/15/2022

BOARD LETTER SUBJECT: ACCEPT AWARD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE TERM 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

BUDGET YEAR: FY 21/22 **FUND:** 10000

The use of Designations, as follows:

NAME OF DESIGNATION	ORG	AMOUNT

The increase (decrease) in anticipated revenue, as follows:

Informational

ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
350601	456120	00000		\$2,420,860
ORG TOTAL				\$2,420,860

Informational

ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
ORG TOTAL				\$0

GRAND TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE \$2,420,860

The increase (decrease) in appropriations, as follows:

Informational

ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
350500	610000	00000		\$2,420,860
ORG TOTAL				\$2,420,860

Informational

ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
ORG TOTAL				\$0

GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$2,420,860