Aneeka Chaudhry Interim Director

April 18, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Alameda 1221 Oak Street Oakland, CA 94612

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO INCREASE AND EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH THREE VALLEYS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR THE PROVISION OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT; MASTER CONTRACT NO. 902392; PROCUREMENT CONTRACT NO. 26816; AMOUNT: \$2,500,000

**Dear Board Members:** 

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the Purchasing Agent, or her designee, to execute Amendment No. 2 to the contract (Master Contract No. 902392; Procurement Contract No. 26816) with Three Valleys Community Foundation (Principal: Kelly Bowers; Location: Pleasanton) to continue opioid settlement grants management and disbursal services to implement Phase VI and Phase VII of the Innovative Mini-Grants Program to Alameda County Behavioral Health Department, extending the contract term of 6/19/24 - 6/18/26 to 6/18/27, and increasing the contract amount by \$2,500,000 from \$3,000,000 to \$5,500,000.

## **DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:**

On June 18, 2024, your Board approved (Item No. 28) two actions: (1) a two-year contract with Three Valleys Community Foundation (3VCF) to provide opioid settlement fund management services to Alameda County Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD) in the amount of \$297,673, and (2) the use of the National Opioid Settlement funds of \$3,000,000 for the Innovative Mini-Grants Program (Mini-Grants). On December 17, 2024, your Board approved (Item No. 18) an amendment to increase the contract to \$3,000,000 to disburse settlement funds to grant awardees.

According to the California Department of Public Health surveillance data (2023), Alameda County experienced 309 opioid-related overdose deaths in 2023. The annual age-adjusted mortality rate for 2023 was 21.82 per 100,000 residents, an increase of 65% from 2022. Synthetic opioid overdose deaths are on the rise and are largely related to fentanyl in California and Alameda County.

Based on Alameda County's data (2020-2022), opioid deaths are increasing as a proportion of overall overdoses, with polydrug overdoses that include opioids and stimulants being the fastest growing segment. This rapid increase in overdoses in Alameda County started in 2017 and has maintained an upwards trajectory, with the highest mortality rate seen in cisgendered men.



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The overdose deaths are disproportionately higher among African American residents, with a mortality rate of 38.3 per 100,000 population. This is followed by Latino residents at 14.7 per 100,000 and White residents at 14.4 per 100,000 population. Some of the most vulnerable users are among the unhoused community, which accounts for approximately 30% of all overdose deaths. In addition, data shows that recently incarcerated individuals who have a history of opioid use disorder often relapse within the first 24 to 72 hours of their release, making them vulnerable to overdoses, poisoning, and even death.

ACBHD developed an Opioid Settlement Funds Planning Committee (Committee), comprised of Alameda County Health leadership who are familiar with the opioid crisis and its impact on the community, to provide strategies to help reduce opioid harm. 3VCF released the Mini-Grants application in October 2024 and received 41 applications from community agencies across the County. Of the 41 applications submitted to 3VCF, the Committee awarded funds to 12 community agencies (Attachment 1) based on the established criteria and budget. During the review process, panelists identified additional applicants with innovative proposals that, while not originally funded, were recommended for support. To accommodate this recommendation, ACBHD is requesting approval to award an additional \$2,500,000 and to extend the contract term so grantees can meet their key milestones, address any unforeseen challenges, and deliver meaningful results in addressing the opioid crisis in the County.

Your Board's approval of this amendment to extend the term and increase funding will enable 3VCF to disburse additional funds (\$2,500,000) to new Mini-Grants awardees, ensuring the successful implementation of their innovative programs.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA/PROCESS:**

ACBHD worked with General Services Agency (GSA)–Procurement to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) that was issued on December 15, 2023, and resulted in three responses. 3VCF was the highest scoring vendor, met all requirements of the RFP, received favorable references, and is a certified Small Local Emerging Business (Certified Emerging: 24-00016, Expiration: 2/28/2027).

# **FINANCING:**

Appropriation and revenue adjustments are requested as final adjustments to the ACBHD Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget and are offset by Opioid Settlement Funds. There is no impact to net County cost as a result of your approval.

## **VISION 2036 GOAL:**

The opioid settlement fund management services meet the 10X goal pathway of <u>Healthcare for All</u> in support of our shared vision of a <u>Thriving & Resilient Population</u>.



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Attachment

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cc: County Administrator

Auditor-Controller County Counsel

Attachment A - Round 1 Awards	Amount	Project Description
Bay Area One Health Coalition	\$62,327.00	Project Pet's opioid settlement initiative aims to address the mental health and substance use challenges in the Tri-Valley by integrating animal-assisted therapy, holistic wellness approaches, and culturally competent wrap-around services. Our project works with the One Health model to focus on enhancing the well-being of system-impacted community members, particularly those from historically marginalized communities experiencing substance abuse challenges.
Black Girls Mental Health Collective Foundation	\$299,000.00	The BIRTH Network is launching a transformative initiative that integrates perinatal mental health care with opioid remediation strategies, addressing the intersecting challenges of substance use disorders (SUD) and maternal health disparities. This project will train birth workers in perinatal mental health, harm reduction, and trauma-informed interventions, while expanding services to support vulnerable youth and incarcerated individuals. Through therapy, psychoeducation, and strategic partnerships, the program aims to break cycles of trauma and substance misuse, ensuring long-term family and community wellness.
(CAL-PEP) California Prevention and Education Project	\$250,000.00	"CAL-PEP's Project MOST will evaluate the effectiveness of a fully street-based opioid treatment program, aiming to enhance engagement and improve outcomes for unhoused individuals receiving treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD)."
City of Fremont Human Services	\$128,669.00	The project will be administered by the City of Fremont's Mobile Evaluation Team (MET), a field based response team which is a collaboration between the Fremont Police Department and the City of Fremont Human Services Department. The project goals are to decrease repeat emergency care visits, psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations, and continued involvement with law enforcement among our unsheltered residents with substance use issues through engagement, building rapport, and determining appropriate referrals and service linkages.
(HEPPAC) HIV Education and Prevention Project of Alameda County	\$299,150.00	The HEPPAC Santa Rita Jail MAT Engagement and Overdose Prevention Program is an expansion of HEPPAC's current pilot program, "Medication Assisted Treatment for Justice-involved People with Substance Use Disorders," funded by Alameda County. Services include:  1. Pre-release Engagement 2. Post-release Support and Comprehensive Services 3. Support and Enhance MAT Access in the Santa Rita Jail. HEPPAC will collaborate with custody and medical staff at Santa Rita Jail, and train them on MAT, overdose prevention, and HEPPAC's services.
National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives	\$250,000.00	With a public health approach to preventing Opioid misuse, our goal is to increase awareness in families, and in public service and legal systems, about positive parenting programs that reduce the risk that children will grow up to develop substance use disorders. We will do this through a public education campaign and offer free access to a gamified version of Triple-P.
Roots Community Health	\$250,000.00	Roots Community Health's East Oakland Opioid Response Initiative will expand access to opioid addiction treatment, harm reduction, and recovery support for marginalized communities in East Oakland. Through mobile medication-assisted treatment (MAT), naloxone distribution, and culturally responsive care, Roots aims to reduce overdose deaths and improve long-term recovery outcomes.
Tha Town	\$194,400.00	Junior Journalist Opioid Outreach for Alameda County project, each student will be paid for their contributions encouraging both creativity and professionalism while highlighting the Opioid crisis in Alameda County. Tha Town is a nonprofit based in Oakland that trains and develops Junior Journalists to produce articles, podcasts and videos to showcase their community. With support from Three Valleys Community Foundation, Tha Town, in collaboration with Pleasanton Weekly and Embarcadero Media Foundation, will expand our Junior Journalists program to focus on the opioid crisis across Alameda County. Our goal is twofold: to revitalize local journalism and to connect with vulnerable youth in vulnerable communities with peer-generated content that will educate and motivate them to reduce and prevent opioid abuse throughout the county.
Tri-Valley Haven	\$179,299.00	With the help of this grant from ACBHD, Tri-Valley Haven is committed to achieving significant improvements in the support we provide to individuals struggling with substance abuse, particularly opioid addiction. Our goals will focus on three key areas: enhanced client outcomes, improved staff ability, and strengthened community collaboration.

Trybe, Inc.	\$300,000.00	The Trybe Safe Spaces Project, as part of 3VCF's Opioid Innovative Mini-Grants, positively develops youth and empowers young people by: meeting them where they are, engaging effectively through trusted mentors with similar lived experience, and addressing obstacles like trauma, violence, basic needs, and a historical lack of safe spaces in the community. Trybe aims to reduce substance abuse through preventative measures by providing healthy alternatives through fostering youth participation in community building, opportunities for new experiences (outdoors, different sports, educational offerings, college/career trips and retreats), meaningful connections, healing and support for those struggling with substance use, and strengthening community collaboration.
West Oakland Punks With Lunch	\$189,482.00	West Oakland Punks with Lunch's project, Harm reduction, Education and Access to naloxone for safer Lives (HEAL) Oakland, is a four-pronged approach to engage and uplift the voices of drug users in west Oakland. Through increased naloxone distribution, peer counseling, innovative educational materials and a community advisory board we will work to end the overdose crisis in our community.
Youth Uprising	\$300,000.00	"A Push Forward" is an innovative, youth-centered initiative designed to combat the opioid epidemic in Alameda County through a multifaceted approach focusing on Prevention, Intervention, and Awareness.
Total	\$2,702,327.00	