
Setting the Standard in Health Care Excellence

June 6, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Approval and Ratification of the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director's Acceptance of Additional California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community Care Expansion Preservation (CCEP) Program Non-Competitive Funds, in the Amount of \$569,360, for an Operating Subsidy Payment Program and \$59,156 for a Capital Project Program, to Assist with the Preservation of Ventura County Licensed Adult Residential Facilities; Approval of, and Authorization for the VCBH Director to Sign, a Program Funding Agreement with CDSS, in the New Total Amount of \$2,725,272, Effective Upon Execution and Through January 30, 2027; Approval of, and Authorization for the VCBH Director to Sign, an Agreement for CCEP Program Capital Projects Construction Project Management Services with JAMB Services, Inc., in the Amount of \$197,000, Effective July 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2026; Authorization for the VCBH Director to Make Limited Amendments to the Agreements. (RECOMMENDATION #5 REQUIRES 4/5THS VOTE).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval and Ratification of the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director acceptance of additional California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community Care Expansion Preservation (CCEP) Program non-competitive grant funds to assist with the preservation of licensed adult residential facilities in Ventura County, in the amounts of \$569,360 for an Operating Subsidy Payment (OSP) Program and \$59,156 for a Capital Project (CP) Program (combined amount of \$628,516), effective for the periods August 15, 2022 through June 30, 2029 and August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, respectively. (Exhibit 1)
2. Approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign a Program Funding Agreement (PFA) with CDSS for CCEP Program non-competitive grant funds, in the new total amount of \$2,725,272, (including the additional

\$628,516 referenced in Recommendation #No. 1), effective upon execution through January 30, 2027. (Exhibit 2)

3. Approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, an Agreement with JAMB Services, Inc., for CCEP Program Capital Projects Construction Project Management (CPM) Services, in the amount of \$197,000, effective July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026. (Exhibit 3)
4. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve future amendments to the PFA and CPM services agreement to make corrections, clarifications, technical changes, and other modifications, provided that the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreements, do not result in additional costs to the County, and are reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.
5. Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary budgetary transactions to revise the following appropriations and revenue (this recommendation requires 4/5ths vote):

MHSA Division #3260-3273 (ADULT Services)

INCREASE	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$533,864
INCREASE	Services and Supplies	\$533,864

MHL Division #3200-3203 (Adult Services)

INCREASE	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$2,191,408
INCREASE	Services and Supplies	\$2,191,408

REASON FOR RATIFICATION:

In a December 13, 2022, board letter, VCBH sought your Board's approval of the agency's acceptance of an initial CCEP non-competitive grant allocation in the amount of \$2,096,756. At that time, VCBH did not have the PFA from CDSS to present to your Board for approval. Shortly after your Board's approval to accept initial CCEP grant allocation, CDSS notified VCBH of the availability of additional non-competitive CCEP Program funds in the amount of \$628,516. The deadline to accept the new non-competitive funding allocation was January 25, 2023, thereby not leaving sufficient time for VCBH to obtain approval from your Board before accepting the additional funding. VCBH notified the County Executive Office of the availability of additional funds and VCBH's intent to accept the funding for a total award of \$2,725,272. VCBH also recently received the PFA from CDSS for both the initial and subsequent funding allocations, therefore, VCBH is now presenting these items for Board approval at the earliest opportunity.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

MHSA Division #3260-3273 (ADULT Services)

Mandatory: No [x] Yes [] Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: CCE Preservation Grant and Proposition 63 (Mental Health Services Act)

Funding Match Required: Yes, MHSA funds

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$ 0	\$ 474,200
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$ 0	\$ 474,200
Indirect – Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 0	\$ 474,200
Net County Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

FY 2022-23 Adjusted Budget for MHSA Services BU #3273				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$62,296,650	\$61,512,042	\$51,421,571	\$10,090,471
Revenue	\$57,560,508	\$57,839,029	\$41,604,931	(\$16,234,098)
Net Cost	\$4,736,142	\$3,673,013	\$9,816,640	(\$6,143,627)

MHL Division #3200-3203 (Adult Services)

Mandatory: No [x] Yes [] Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: CCE Preservation Grant

Funding Match Required: Yes, MHSA funds

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$ 0	\$ 1,934,745
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$ 0	\$ 1,934,745
Indirect – Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 0	\$ 1,934,745
Net County Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

FY 2022-23 Adjusted Budget for MHL Services BU #3203				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$28,679,340	\$30,291,465	\$30,175,622	\$115,843
Revenue	\$26,697,992	\$26,717,025	\$28,240,353	\$1,523,328
Net Cost	\$1,981,348	\$3,574,440	\$1,935,269	\$1,639,171

DISCUSSION:

Recommendation #1

California has a shortage of licensed adult and senior care facilities that accept individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP). Adult residential facilities, also known as "ARFs", include both board and care facilities for adults ages 18-59 and residential care for the elderly facilities for people ages 60 plus. These facilities are commonly known as assisted living facilities and can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per month. Licensed ARFs provide 24-hour care for clients in need of a high level of support but who do not yet require skilled nursing care. Licensed ARFs provide room and board, all meals and snacks, medication management, social and recreational activities, and transportation for residents. VCBH currently contracts with eight (8) licensed ARFs that accept SSI/SSP clients for a total available bed count of 231 beds. The contracted facilities accept people receiving SSI and SSP who endorse their monthly payment to the ARF operator to cover room and board in addition to all living expenses. Not only is there a shortage of licensed ARFs that accept SSI and SSP, but existing facilities are closing at an alarming rate due to the extremely low payments from high needs residents. Many licensed ARF operators in Ventura County have closed in the last ten (10) years choosing instead to sell their properties. Licensed ARFs are a crucial asset for extremely low-income and vulnerable people living with mental illness and a significant resource in the efforts to eliminate homelessness.

The CDSS CCEP Program is part of the larger Community Care Expansion program, which was established through Assembly Bill 172 (AB 172) and passed by the Legislature in 2021. CCEP Program funds have been allocated by the State to county governments through a non-competitive award process. Counties are tasked with designing and implementing local programs that will preserve existing licensed adult and senior care facilities and disbursing funds accordingly. In July of 2022, VCBH received an initial CCEP Program funding allocation of \$2,096,756 (combined amount for CP and OSP programs). In December of 2022, VCBH received notice of an additional funding allocation of \$628,516 for the CP and OSP programs. This additional funding award will increase the availability

of OSP funds for Ventura County eligible ARFs from \$563,367 to \$1,132,727 for the period starting effective upon execution of the PFA through June 30, 2029 and CP funding from \$1,533,389 to \$1,592,545 to be expended by December 31, 2026. There is a 10% in-kind match requirement for CP funding which VCBH can meet with administrative costs covered by MHSA funds. The CCEP Program funds will be utilized to improve eligible ARFs in Ventura County that are serving residents who are recipients of SSI/SSP.

VCBH recommends approval and ratification of the VCBH Director's acceptance of the additional CDSS CCEP Program non-competitive grant funds for implementation of the CP and OSP Programs, to assist with the preservation of licensed adult residential facilities in Ventura County, in the combined amount of \$628,516. OSP Program expenses for the period starting with contract execution through June 30, 2029, and CP Program expenses for the period starting effective upon execution through December 31, 2026. (Exhibit 1)

Recommendation #2

To participate and manage the CCEP Program funding, CDSS has issued a standard (PFA). The PFA defines roles and responsibilities of VCBH and CDSS with regard to management of the CCEP Program funding.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, a PFA with CDSS for CCEP Program non-competitive grant funds, in the total amount of \$2,725,272, effective upon execution and through January 30, 2027. (Exhibit 2)

Recommendation #3

In January 2023, VCBH issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for (CPM) services to oversee the CP activities of VCBH's CCEP Program. From that RFP process, VCBH selected JAMB Services, Inc. to serve as the CP Construction Project Manager. JAMB Services, Inc. will be responsible for completing the following duties: (1) preliminary construction phase services, (2) preconstruction phase services, (3) construction phase services, and (4) construction close-out phase services. For their services JAMB Services, Inc. will receive hourly rates of \$140 for Senior Project Manager and \$100 for administrative services. These hourly rates will be allocated among four Phases of service provision that are necessary to ensure proper management of the CP funding. This contract will be covered by MHSA funding and MHSA funding will serve as County 10% in-kind match required by the CCEP Program for the CP Program.

VCBH recommends approval of, and authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign, an agreement with JAMB Services, Inc., for CCEP Program CP CPM services, in the amount of \$197,000, effective July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026. (Exhibit 3)

Recommendation #4

VCBH also recommends authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve modifications to decrease the amount, to approve budget modifications that do not increase the amount, and/or to approve corrections, clarification and technical changes and other modifications to each of the agreements referenced in the Exhibit 2-3, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreements and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.

Recommendation #5

To ensure that sufficient appropriations are available, VCBH is also recommending approval of, and authorization for the Auditor-Controller to process, the budgetary transactions necessary to revise the appropriations and revenue in VCBH Budget Unit 3260-3273 by \$533,864 and Budget Unit 3200-3203 by \$2,191,408. This recommendation requires approval by a 4/5ths vote).

This Board Letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, County Counsel and Human Resources. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact VCBH Director Scott Gilman at (805) 981-2214 or HCA Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 973-5357.



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Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – CCE Preservation Program Award Letter
- Exhibit 2 – California Department of Social Services – Program Funding Agreement
- Exhibit 3 – FY 2023-26 JAMB Services, Inc. - Agreement