

December 19, 2023

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

SUBJECT: Approval and Ratification of the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director's Acceptance of Mentored Internship Program Round Two Grant Funding Made Available through the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Efforts of the California Department of Health Care Services, in the Combined Amount of \$668,734; Authorization for the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director to Sign Related Grant Agreements and Make Limited Amendments to the Agreements; Waiver of County Administrative Policy Manual No. Chapter VI-1 County Contracts, Prohibiting the Inclusion of Provisions for Attorney Fees in County Contracts, Recommendation No. 5 Requires 4/5ths Vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval and ratification of the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director's acceptance of mentored internship program (MIP) round two grant funding made available through the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Efforts of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), in the combined amount of \$668,734, effective October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 (Exhibit 1).
2. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the grant agreements from AHP for the two mentored internship programs described below in the combined amount of \$668,734, for the term of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 (Exhibit 2 and 3).
3. Waiver of the Provision of County Administrative Policy Manual No. Chapter VI-1 County Contracts, Prohibiting the Inclusion of Attorney Fees in County agreements.
4. Authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to approve future amendments to the AHP grant agreements to make corrections, clarifications, technical changes, and other modifications, provided that the changes are consistent with

the original purpose of the agreement, 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 Budget Unit #3260-3265 (Workforce Education and Training/WET Services)

INCREASE	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 397,042
INCREASE	Services and Supplies	\$ 271,692
INCREASE	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 668,734

REASON FOR RATIFICATION:

AHP notified VCBH of the MIP second round grant funding award on August 15, 2023. VCBH was required to submit acceptance of the additional funding by August 17, 2023. On September 22, 2023, VCBH received the Notice of Awards, which did not leave sufficient time for VCBH to obtain approval from your Board to accept the additional funding. VCBH is now presenting this item for your Board's approval at the earliest opportunity.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

MHSA Division #3265 (Workforce Education and Training/WET Services)

Mandatory: No ☒ Yes ☐ Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: MIP Round 2 Grant Funds, Proposition 63 MHSA Funds

Funding Match Required: No,

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	<u>FY 2024-2025</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$ 492,407	\$ 299,552
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$ 492,407	\$ 299,552
Indirect – Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 492,407	\$ 299,552
Net County Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

FY 2023-24 Adjusted Budget for MHSA Services BU #3265 (WET Services)				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$328,101	\$370,929	\$370,929	\$0
Revenue	\$307,401	\$307,401	\$307,401	\$0
Net Cost	\$20,700	\$63,528	\$63,528	\$0

STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY:

The item presented in this board letter aligns to the diverse and innovative workforce dedicated to service excellence strategic priority of the County Strategic Plan as it is designed to meet the goal of leveraging innovative and continuous improvement to provide efficient and effective services.

DISCUSSION:

Recommendations #1 - #3

On April 26, 2022, your Board accepted two MIP grant awards made available through the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Efforts Initiative of DHCS to implement within the existing VCBH Internship Program an in-house mentored internship program designed to improve the quality of training and number of persons joining the behavioral health workforce.

On September 22, 2023, DHCS notified VCBH that it was awarded two additional MIP Round Two grant awards, each in the amount of \$334,367, to support the expansion of MIP services at the VCBH North Oxnard and Conejo locations. The MIP Round Two grant will provide up to 23 internship opportunities between doctoral level, graduate level, and undergraduate level students. VCBH accepted the grant awards from DHCS and recently received the MIP grant agreements from AHP, DHCS's contractor that is responsible for implementing and managing the MIP grant program. The proposed agreements each carry a term of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 and are attached in Exhibits 2 and 3 for your Board's review, and ratification approval. The grant agreements require indemnification of AHP and DHCS against injury, loss or damage to person or property, including attorney's fees, if the County failed to maintain required insurance coverage covering AHP and DHCS and either entity was held liable by a third party for such damages. (Sections 14 and 15). Although the County does not usually agree to indemnify or pay attorney's fees of another party (Board Policy No. Chapter VI -1), these circumstances are narrowly circumscribed and within the control of the County and the Department therefore recommends approval.

VCBH recommends: (1) approval and ratification of the VCBH Director's acceptance of the MIP Round Two grant funding from DHCS, in the combined amount of \$668,734; (2) authorization for the VCBH Director or designee to sign the two grant agreements from AHP, in combined grant amount of \$668,734, for the term of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024; (3) Waiver of the provision in County Administrative Policy Manual No. Chapter VI-1 County Contracts, prohibiting the inclusion of attorney fees in County agreements.

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 the agreements referenced in Recommendation #2, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the agreement and do not result in additional costs to the County, subject to County Counsel review and approval.

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



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Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – Notice of Awards
- Exhibit 2 – FY23-24 MIPVES1 – Subcontract Agreement
- Exhibit 3 – FY23-24 MIPVES2 – Subcontract Agreement