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July 23, 2024

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

Subject: Approval of, and Authorization for the Public Works Agency Director to Execute, Professional Services Contract AE24-056 for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Lewis Road MHRC Renovation and Lewis Road Barn Reconstruction projects with RRM Design Group of Ventura, California in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,045,300; Authorization for the Auditor Controller to Prepare the Necessary Accounting Transactions; Project No. P6T24002; Supervisorial District No. 5. RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 REQUIRES 4/5 VOTE

Recommendations:

1. Approve, and authorize the Public Works Agency Director or his designee to execute, Professional Services Contract No. AE24-056 with RRM Design Group, attached hereto as Exhibit 2, for architectural and engineering services for the Lewis Road MHRC Renovation and Lewis Road Barn Reconstruction projects in an amount not to exceed \$1,045,300.
2. Authorize the Auditor Controller to prepare the accounting transactions necessary to establish the following transfer and appropriations (4/5th vote required):

Increase Unit 3267 – 4111 Building Improvements	\$2,000,000
Increase Unit 3267 – 9252 State Other	\$2,000,000

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Proposition 63 MHSA Funds
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on Other Department(s):	None



Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

		<u>FY 2024-25</u>		<u>FY 2025-26</u>
Revenue:	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
Costs:				
Direct	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
Indirect – Agency/Dept.		0		0
Indirect – County CAP		0		0
Total Costs	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,000,000
Net Costs	\$	0	\$	0
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$	0	\$	0

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget for MHSA Division #3260				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$121,144,062	\$121,144,062	\$121,144,062	\$0
Revenue	\$102,227,444	\$102,227,444	\$102,227,444	\$0
Net Cost	\$18,916,618	\$18,916,618	\$18,916,618	\$0

Discussion:

The Ventura County Health Care Agency's Behavioral Health Department (VCBH) is proposing to contract and oversee operations of a 39 bed Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) at the existing RAIN facility at the County owned Lewis Road Community. As of 12/7/23, VCBH had 104 adult clients on conservatorship who require placement in a secure setting. VCBH only has capacity to treat sixteen persons in-county. The remaining 88 are in out-of-county facilities, some located more than two hundred miles from Ventura. The current number of VCBH clients in secure settings reflects an increase of more than 130% of clients with this level of need since 2021. Additionally, with the implementation of the CARE Act, SB 43, and the counties' expanding role in the treatment of legally incompetent criminal defendants, it is anticipated that the demand for beds in secure settings will continue to increase in the foreseeable future.



The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) 2024-2026 Three Year Plan includes \$20M in funding to help cover the cost of this project. The remaining appropriations for this project will be requested once a final plan is in place. On-going operating cost will be covered with a combination of Realignment and Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) funds. In addition, with the proposed BH-CONNECT demonstration waiver, there is the possibility of federal financial participation (FFP) for short-term stays in IMDs.

On October 17, 2023, your Board approved a contract with RRM Design Group to conduct a feasibility analysis of the infrastructure and facilities on the Lewis Road property and to perform preliminary assessments of the existing RAIN facility and the existing barn. The outcome of this analysis is the following scope of work (Project):

- Renovation of the existing RAIN building into a Mental Health Rehabilitation Center
- Demolition of an existing barn structure and new building in its place to provide a community center
- Relocating the bus stop on Lewis Road to an internal transit hub and covered bus stop

Professional services contract AE24-056 will provide design and engineering services on the Project for the environmental review, entitlement submittals, preparation of construction documents and building permit approval for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,045,300.

The estimated project costs are as follows:

Design (includes preliminary engineering, permitting, design, and project management):	\$ 2,000,000
Construction Engineering (includes testing, inspection & observation, construction administration, and project engineering):	\$ 4,000,000
Construction Contract: (estimate)	\$ 20,000,000
Contingency:	\$ 2,000,000
TOTAL	\$ 28,000,000

Strategic Plan:

This item contributes to the Board of Supervisors 2024-2027 strategic priority to provide:

- I. Healthy, safe, and resilient communities through
 1. Providing equitable and timely access to quality healthcare, mental health, and public health services.



- IV. Address homelessness and lift up the most vulnerable through
1. Providing short and long-term housing options with wrap-around services to foster well-being and self-sufficiency for individuals experiencing homelessness.
 2. Meeting/sustaining basic needs and be a reliable safety net for our vulnerable populations.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, County Counsel, and the Behavioral Health Department.

If you have any questions concerning this item, please contact:

<u>Person</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
Brian D'Anna	805-654-2025	Contracting, Project Management and Technical requirements
John Schipper	805-981-2294	Project Justification
Narcissa Egan	805-973-5357	Project Financing

Sincerely,

David Fleisch, P.E.
Assistant Director

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Vicinity and Location Map
Exhibit 2 – Professional Services Contract AE24-056

