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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Establish Appropriations and Revenues for a Second Chance Act Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice; Authorization for the Purchasing Agent or Designee to Execute a Contract with Social Finance, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, in the Amount of \$196,000 to Prepare Deliverables and Re-Design the Venture Home Program (Recommendation No. 1 Requires 4/5ths Vote)

Recommendations:

1. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the following budgetary transactions necessary to establish appropriations and unanticipated revenue in support of a Second Chance Act grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (4/5ths vote required):

INCREASE Unit 1030-1034 Services and Supplies	\$ 2,200,000
INCREASE Unit 1030-1034 Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 2,200,000

2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent or designee to execute a contract with Social Finance, Inc., a Delaware corporation, in the amount of \$196,000 (Exhibit 2) to undertake the development of deliverables and proposal to revamp the Venture Home project originally anticipated with the grant approved by your Board on April 14, 2020.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

Fund G001

County Executive Office, Division 1030 – CEO Various Grants

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Department of Justice
Funding Match Required:	None
Impact on Other Departments:	Minimal

Summary of Revenues and Costs:		FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Revenues:		\$ 2,200,000	\$0
Costs:			
	Direct	\$ 2,200,000	\$0
	Indirect-Dept	\$0	\$0
	Indirect-County CAP	\$0	\$0
	Total Cost	\$ 2,200,000	\$0
	Net County Cost	\$0	\$0
	Recovered Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

FY 2022-23 Budget Projection for CEO Various Grants – Division 1030				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 144,100	\$ 144,100	\$ 144,100	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 144,100	\$ 144,100	\$ 144,100	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

DISCUSSION

On April 14, 2020, your Board authorized the CEO to accept an award of \$2,200,000 in Second Chance Act (SCA) outcomes-based grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). At that time, the County was a finalist for an award of Social Impact Partnerships Pay for Results Act (SIPPRA) funds from the U.S. Treasury and was awaiting further information regarding award and grant requirements. With the disruption from the pandemic, coupled with subsequent information regarding the onerous grant conditions for documenting cost savings, staff ultimately determined that the SIPPRA funds were not appropriate for our Venture Home project.

The Venture Home project (Venture Home) is designed to provide permanent supportive housing for persons with high service needs that create an undue burden on the service delivery system. Drawing from information gleaned from the Homeless Cost Study from January 2020 (Exhibit 1 with an online version available here: <https://socialfinanceprojects.org/ventura/>), this pre-pandemic project sought to provide permanent supportive housing for up to 140 individuals with frequent utilization of emergency health care, mental health crisis interventions, incarceration, and other expensive interventions. Both service utilization and costs would be tracked and reported before and after housing placement, ostensibly demonstrating cost savings. Without SIPPRA funding, the project design would need some adjustments in order to meet the specific programmatic needs for the SCA grant.

The DOJ requires development of specific deliverables prior to authorizing grant recipients to initiate projects and will authorize up to \$200,000 of the grant for this planning. These deliverables include documenting how data related to reductions in justice interventions will be collected and reported, defining and delineating how outcomes will be determined, what the payment structure will be, and providing evidence that the project design is likely to meet programmatic objectives within the grant term, currently expiring on September 30, 2024, although the DOJ allows for a one-year no-fault grant extension.

As the pandemic winds down, there should be an increased focus on addressing the needs of our unsheltered population and those temporarily sheltered by Project Roomkey. The funds available under this proposed grant would provide time-limited supportive services and potential housing support until clients can transition to California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal to receive housing stability services. This project has been, and will continue to be, coordinated with the Health Care Agency, Human Services Agency, Sheriff's Office and the Probation Agency, among others.


The SCA grant application has specific partners, including Social Finance, Inc. (SFI). Thus, entering into a contract with SFI would be exempt from the County's procurement requirements. Attached as Exhibit 2 is the proposed contract with SFI in the amount of \$196,000 to hopefully expedite the pre-approvals required to pursue the implementation of Venture Home. We are requesting that your Board authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute this agreement effective immediately.

This item has been reviewed by the offices of the Auditor-Controller, General Services Agency and County Counsel. If you have questions regarding this item, please contact Christy Madden at 654-2679.

Sincerely,



Christy Madden
Senior Deputy Executive Officer



Sevet Johnson, PsyD.
Interim County Executive Officer

Exhibit 1 – Ventura County Homelessness Cost Study Final Report 2020

Exhibit 2 – Contract Social Finance Inc.