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January 24, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
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Subject: Approval of a Contract Modification with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties for the CalWORKs Expanded Subsidized Employment Program to Increase Funding by \$350,000, to an Amount Not to Exceed \$850,000, Effective February 1, 2023; and Authorization for the Human Services Agency Director, or Designee, to Sign the Contract Modification and Approve and Sign Additional Limited Contract Modifications.

Recommendation:

1. Approve, and authorize the Human Services Agency (HSA) Director, or designee, to sign a contract modification with Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (Goodwill) for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Expanded Subsidized Employment Program to increase funding by \$350,000, to an amount not to exceed \$850,000, effective February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 (Exhibit 1.)
2. Authorize the HSA Director, or designee, to approve and sign additional limited contract modifications to (a) decrease, or increase up to ten percent, the amount of the contract, (b) extend the time of performance up to six months, and (c) make budget modifications, corrections, clarifications and technical changes to the contract, when the changes are consistent with the original purpose of the contract, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Federal
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenue and Costs:

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Revenue:		
Direct	\$350,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$350,000	\$0
Costs:		
Direct	\$350,000	\$0
Indirect	Minimal	\$0
Total Costs	\$350,000	\$0
Net County Cost	\$0	\$0

FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget for Employment and Support Services – BU 3415				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$26,791,451	\$27,071,841	\$27,071,841	\$0
Revenue	\$27,080,001	\$27,080,001	\$27,080,001	\$0
Net Cost	(\$288,550)	(\$8,160)	(\$8,160)	\$0

There is no net county cost associated with this contract change. There are sufficient revenue and appropriations in the HSA Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023.

Discussion

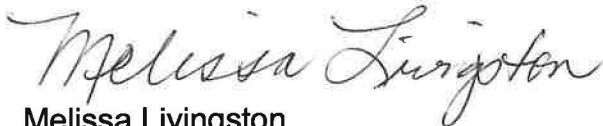
Assembly Bill 74 (2013) authorized the State to implement the CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work Expanded Subsidized Employment (ESE) Program as a part of an effort to increase early engagement strategies among eligible CalWORKs participants. CalWORKs provides temporary financial assistance and employment-focused services to families with minor children whose income and property are below state maximum limits for their family size. The goal of the ESE program is to improve participants' work skills and abilities by providing up to six months of paid work experience in order to help them obtain unsubsidized employment and ultimately leave public assistance.

On June 7, 2022, your Board approved a contract with Goodwill for the ESE program in the amount of \$500,000 for the dates of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The contract covers 100% of participants' wages and allowable fringe benefits during work experience assignments, with the average participant earning nearly \$18.00 per hour. The contract value was established at \$500,000 for FY 2022-23 based on pandemic-era labor market trends. During the first six months of FY 2022-23, however, the ESE program has experienced an increase in referrals of qualified clients, necessitating an increase to the contract amount in order to sustain participants' wages and benefits throughout their work assignments. With the additional funding requested, the contract will support costs for another two to three participants to receive paid work experience each month during the remainder of the contract.

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We ask that your Board approve and authorize the HSA Director or her designee to sign the contract modification with Goodwill. We also ask that your Board delegate to the HSA Director or her designee the authority to approve and sign limited contract modifications, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at 805-477-5301, or Marissa Mach, Deputy Director, Adult & Family Services at 805-477-5323.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Livingston". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Melissa Livingston
Director

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 –CalWORKs Expanded Subsidized Employment Program Contract Modification