



Program Planning & Evaluation Committee Meeting

October 17, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Fresno EOC Board Room

1920 Mariposa Street, Suite 310

Fresno, CA, 93721



PROGRAM PLANNING & EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 17, 2022 AT 12:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 8, 2022 MINUTES

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4. SANCTUARY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

A. Continuum of Care Special Notice Of Funding Opportunity Competition	Approve	8
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10. OTHER BUSINESS

November 14, 2022 meeting has been canceled due to Fresno EOC All Staff Conference.

The next meeting is scheduled on December 5, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within jurisdiction but not on the agenda. Comments are limited to three minutes).

12. ADJOURNMENT



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Fresno EOC Board Room
1920 Mariposa Street, Suite 310
Fresno, CA 93721
Monday, August 8, 2022
12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1 CALL TO ORDER

Amy Arambula, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2 ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Committee Members:

Amy Arambula
Sherry Neil
Alysia Bonner
Steven Taylor
Linda R. Hayes

Staff:

Michelle Tutunjian
Jim Rodriguez
Jack Lazzarini
Karina Perez
Misty Gattie-Blanco
Joseph Amader
Jeff Davis
Kevin Williams

Nidia Davis
Patrick Turner
Gilda Arreguin
Cesar Lucio
Tinicia McPeters
Leah Struck
Aaron Foster
Yer Gutierrez
Lola Mireles

Absent:

Charles Garabedian

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 11, 2022 Program Planning and Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Bonner Second by: Neil

Ayes: Arambula, Neil, Bonner, Hayes, Taylor.

Nays: None

4 HEAD START 0-5

. A. 2022 Monthly Program Update Reports

Nidia Davis, Head Start 0 to 5 Program Support Director, provided an overview of the Head Start 0 to 5 April, May and June 2022 Monthly Program Update Reports. Arambula inquired about employee retention strategy. Davis explained the strategy.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Hayes Second by: Bonner

Ayes: Arambula, Neil, Bonner, Hayes, Taylor.

Nays: None

5 AFRICAN AMERICAN COALITION

. A. COVID-19 Related Health Disparities Interventions

Marcie Santana, African American Coalition Program Coordinator, provided an overview of the COVID-19 Related Health Disparities Interventions grant proposal for \$1,000,000 to be submitted to the County of Fresno by August 17, 2022. Arambula inquired about the criteria to select the providers. Santana explained the criteria. Arambula inquired about the target population for this project. Santana responded stating community members targeted are geographically located within Fresno County.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Hayes Second by: Neil

Ayes: Arambula, Neil, Bonner, Hayes, Taylor.

Nays: None

6 TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

. A. 2022 Title II Grant Program

Jeff Davis, Training and Employment Services Division Director, provided an overview of the Title II Grant Program application to the Board of State and Community Corrections in the amount of \$1,050,000 for a 27-month period expected to begin January 1, 2023. Arambula inquired about the additional supportive services to be provided with this funding. Davis described the services.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Bonner Second by: Hayes

Ayes: Arambula, Neil, Bonner, Hayes, Taylor.

Nays: None

B. Medicare Savings Program

Davis provided an overview of the Medicare Savings Program grant application to the American Association of Retired Persons Foundation in the amount of \$150,000 submitted on August 3, 2022, for a 12-month period expected to begin October 1, 2022. Arambula commended staff for seeking this funding opportunity. Arambula requested for this item to be added to the August 24, 2022 Board meeting agenda.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Neil Second by: Bonner

Ayes: Arambula, Neil, Bonner, Hayes, Taylor.

Nays: None

7 ADVANCE PEACE FRESNO

. A. City of Fresno Violence Intervention and Prevention

Aaron Foster, Advance Peace Program Manager, provided an overview of the application submitted to the City of Fresno's Violence Intervention and Prevention initiative for \$750,000, on

July 19, 2022. Arambula inquired about the purpose of the Peacemaker Fellowship for adults. Foster explained the purpose. Arambula requested for this item to be added to the August 24, 2022 Board meeting agenda.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Hayes Second by: Bonner

Ayes: Arambula, Neil, Bonner, Hayes, Taylor.

Nays: None

8 FOOD SERVICES

. A. FY 2022-23 Food Services Agreements

Yer Gutierrez, Food Services Dietary Manager/Operations Coordinator, provided an overview of the multiple Fiscal Year 2022-23 Food Service agreements.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Bonner Second by: Neil

Ayes: Arambula, Neil, Bonner, Hayes, Taylor.

Nays: None

9 ENERGY SERVICES

. A. 2022 Supplemental Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

Joseph Amader, Energy Services Division Director, provided an overview of the 2022 Supplemental Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Agreement Number 22Q-4557 with the State of California, Department of Community Services and Development in the amount of \$228,282 for a 10-month period beginning September 1, 2022. Hayes inquired about the utility assistance provided to households to prevent energy services disconnection. Gilda Arreguin, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program Director, explained the assistance provided. Taylor inquired about the qualification guidelines to receive assistance. Amader and Aguirre explained the qualification process.

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Neil Second by: Taylor

Ayes: Arambula, Neil, Bonner, Hayes, Taylor.

Nays: None

1 SANCTUARY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

0 A. Repurpose Shelter Facility

. Misty Gattie-Blanco, Sanctuary Director, provided an overview of the activity to repurpose the Sanctuary Youth Shelter facility.

EQUITY AND IMPACT

11. A. Grant Tracker

Kevin Williams, Director of Equity and Impact provided an overview of the Grant Tracker.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting is scheduled on September 12, 2022.

Arambula inquired an update about the cities participating in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. Amader and Aguirre provided an update. Michelle Tutunjian, Chief Operating Officer, added how Fresno EOC keeps the public informed.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None heard

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Arambula
Committee Chair



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: Sanctuary and Support Services
Agenda Item #: 4A	Director: Misty Gattie-Blanco
Subject: Continuum of Care Special Notice Of Funding Opportunity Competition	Officer: Michelle L. Tutunjian

Recommended Action

Staff recommends Committee approval for full Board consideration of the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$1,150,482 in response to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness. The deadline to submit the grant application is October 20, 2022.


Background

The purpose of the Special Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness is to target efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness in rural areas. Through this Special NOFO, HUD will award funding to communities to implement coordinated approaches – grounded in Housing First and public health principles – to reduce the prevalence of unsheltered homelessness, and improve services engagement, health outcomes and housing stability among highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families. HUD expects applicant communities to partner with health and housing agencies to leverage mainstream housing and healthcare resources.

The Notice of Funding Availability was released on October 20, 2022, opening the competition, making available approximately \$322,000,000; of this amount \$54,500,000 is available only for projects that serve rural areas and \$267,500,000 is available for projects as part of the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside. The application is reviewed by the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) consultant prior to submission to HUD to assure alignment with local priorities and processes, and to prepare the Community consolidated application.

Fiscal Impact

If funded, Fresno EOC can expand permanent housing by providing an additional 17 households through project Rise 2.0 over a three- year period commencing in 2023.



Required matching funds (25%) will be provided through partnerships with Anthem Blue Cross, Cal Viva, and Fresno Housing Authority.

Conclusion

Funding is necessary to continue permanent housing to homeless individuals and families throughout Fresno and Madera Counties.



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: Sanctuary and Support Services
Agenda Item #: 4B	Director: Misty Gattie-Blanco
Subject: FY 2022 Continuum of Care Competition	Officer: Michelle L. Tutunjian

Recommended Action

Staff recommends Committee ratification for full Board consideration of five (5) grant applications for a total of \$1,717,589 submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on September 22, 2022; in response to the FY 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition, in partnership with the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC).

Background

The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the ultimate goal of ending homelessness to 1) provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; 2) promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and 3) optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

The FY 2022 CoC Notice of Funding Availability was released on August 3, 2022, opening the competition, making available approximately \$2.8 billion to serve homeless people nationally. Applications are reviewed by the FMCoC consultant prior to submission to HUD to assure alignment with local priorities and processes, and to prepare the consolidated application for submission prior to the September 30, 2022 deadline.

The CoC's estimated Annual Renewal Demand is \$11,182,417 in funding to support existing housing and services for homeless households; \$559,121 in CoC Bonus funds; and \$895,221 for Domestic Violence Bonus funds. As in previous years, there is a requirement to rank all project applications into two tiers. Tier one must equal 95% (\$10,623,296) of the total Annual Reward Demand. FMCoC may choose/select projects to reallocate some or all funding to reduce homelessness.

Fiscal Impact

The following applications will be submitted to support projects over a 12-month period starting 2023-2024.

Renewal Projects (4):

1. Project PHoenix - \$452,264
2. Project Hearth - \$306,962
3. Project Rise - \$49,869
4. HERO Team 2 expansion - \$525,000

New Project (1):

5. Project Rise expansion – \$383,494

Conclusion

Funding is necessary to continue permanent housing and outreach services to homeless individuals and families throughout Fresno and Madera Counties.



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: Sanctuary and Support Services
Agenda Item #: 4C	Director: Misty Gattie-Blanco
Subject: Youth Substance Use Disorder Prevention Program	Officer: Michelle L. Tutunjian

Recommended Action

Staff recommends Committee ratification for full Board consideration of the grant application to The Center at Sierra Health Foundation in the amount of \$1,000,000 in response to the Elevate Youth California - Youth Substance Use Disorder Prevention Program. The application was submitted on September 26, 2022.

Background

In this current round of funding, The Center is seeking applications from community-based organizations and Tribal organizations that: support youth engagement that focuses on youth activism, specifically in communities disproportionately impacted by the War on Drugs; possess cultural humility and responsiveness with staff and organizational leadership who reflect the racial, ethnic and cultural community they intend to serve; prioritize harm reduction and public health solutions that focus on positive messages to prevent substance use disorder; develop culturally and linguistically appropriate social justice youth development, peer-to-peer support and mentoring programs that are healing-centered, trauma-informed and focused on youth, ages 12-26; and utilize an intersectional approach to health equity through policy, systems and environmental change.

Fresno EOC LGBTQ+ Resource Center will continue providing youth engagement activities and mentorship through peer-led groups focusing on substance use disorder prevention.

Fiscal Impact

Fresno EOC is currently funded through November 16, 2022. This funding is only available to currently funded organizations to continue operations through November 30, 2025.

Conclusion

Funding is necessary to continue substance use prevention activities and personnel at the LGBTQ+ Resource Center.



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: Sanctuary and Support Services
Agenda Item #: 4D	Director: Misty Gattie-Blanco
Subject: Homeless Youth Services	Officer: Michelle L. Tutunjian

Recommended Action

Staff recommends Committee ratification for full Board consideration of the grant application for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) for Homeless Youth Services in the amount of \$483,400 submitted to the City of Fresno on September 1, 2022.

Background

The City of Fresno received funding specific for Homeless Youth Services from the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Homeless Youth Services in 2019. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)/HHAP was a \$500 million block grant program authorized by Senate Bill 850, which is designed to provide direct assistance to cities and counties to address the homelessness crisis throughout California.

HHAP funds were allocated to the City of Fresno, who collaboratively with other institutions and organizations in Fresno's homeless service provider system, aim to make homelessness infrequent, brief and non-recurring. The Mayor's/City Manager's Office shall provide administration and oversight of these funds through contractual relationships between selected vendors and the City.

In 2021, the City of Fresno received funding under the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention program to continue funding projects providing navigation services, emergency, and bridge housing previously funded under HEAP. Due to remaining funds in Homeless Youth Services, this new RFP has been released for a 24-month project period beginning November 1, 2022.

Fiscal Impact

If funded, Fresno EOC can expand Youth Bridge Housing to provide services to Fresno City College young adults that are enrolled in Project HOPE. Funding will also expand the current Bridge Housing by two additional households operated at a separate location. The HHAP funding does not require matching funds.



Conclusion

Funding is critical to operate the new project proposed in partnership with Fresno City College – Project HOPE at the 1545 N Street facility.



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: Sanctuary and Support Services
Agenda Item #: 4E	Director: Misty Gattie-Blanco
Subject: Project HOPE On-Site Program Review Report	Officer: Michelle L. Tutunjian

Background

The information presented is intended to keep the Board apprised of the County of Fresno Department of Social Services (DSS) On-Site Program Review Report for Project Housing Opportunities Promote Education (HOPE), Contract Number A-22-319.

The purpose of the site review is to provide support to the work of Project HOPE and examine the program's records, policies, and service delivery to compare them to the County's contract and ensure the agency's adherence to Federal, State and County standards. Doing so regularly provides an opportunity to collaborate and continually improve services.

Four (4) findings under client review were addressed during the review conducted from April to June 2022; therefore, no correction action was required.



September 30, 2022

Emilia Reyes
Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
1900 Mariposa Street, Suite 100
Fresno, CA 93721

RE: County Program Review of Homeless Services to Young Adults, Agreement No. A-22-319
(amended; formerly No. A-21-268)

Dear Ms. Reyes:

Enclosed is your copy of the site review report of findings for the contracted Project HOPE services conducted from April to June 2022. Thank you for opening your doors to the County and welcoming staff in examining Project HOPE files and interviewing participants.

The purpose of the site review is to provide support to the work of Project HOPE and examine the program's records, policies, and service delivery to compare them to the County's contract and ensure the agency's adherence to Federal, State and County standards. Doing so regularly provides an opportunity to collaborate and continually improve services. The report format lists the review methods and cites recommendations, as well as strengths of the program.

Because all findings were addressed during the review, your agency is not required to submit a corrective action plan for this program. A County follow-up visit may be conducted at a later date; however, this report is closed effective September 30, 2022.

The Fresno County Department of Social Services would like to thank you for assisting the Department's staff during the program site review. If you have any questions regarding the items cited, please call me at **(559) 600-3061**.

Sincerely,

Leah Melidonian, Senior Staff Analyst
Department of Social Services

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Attachment

Cc: Laura Moreno, DSS Program Manager
David Long, DSS Staff Analyst
Misty Gatte Blanco, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
Natalie Chavez, Fresno City College

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County of Fresno Department of Social Services
On-Site Program Review report
Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
Hope Opportunities Promote Education (A-22-319)
September 30, 2022

I. OVERVIEW

A. Program Description

Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) provides services to assist young adults 18-25 to secure and maintain housing, increase gross income, and prevent homelessness. Services are provided in collaboration with the Fresno City College (FCC) Project Housing Opportunities Promote Education (HOPE) program to FCC students.

Services include Housing Navigation supportive case management, which connects FCC students to housing, assists them in maintaining housing, and supports them in securing suitable housing after their exit from the program. Also included are Income Specialist services, which are one-on-one case management services designed to assist students in increasing their income. Lastly, the agreement provides for direct financial assistance to participating students, including rent subsidies, security deposit assistance, and other minor costs to assist students in maintaining their housing.

B. Methods

1. Period reviewed: July 2021 - May 2022
2. A brief entrance conference was held with EOC staff on April 29, 2022. EOC staff present were Sanctuary and Support Services Director, Misty Gattie-Blanco, and Sanctuary and Support Services Homeless Services Manager, Chrystal Streets. Present on behalf of the Department of Social Services (DSS) were Staff Analyst, David Long and Senior Staff Analyst, Leah Melidonian.

An exit meeting was held on June 1, 2022 to summarize the completion of the on-site program review. The exit meeting included Misty Gattie-Blanco, Chrystal Streets, and Leah Melidonian, as well as EOC Chief Operating Officer, Michelle Tutunjian, and FCC HOPE Education Coordinator, Natalie Chavez. DSS Staff Analyst David Long was unable to be present at the exit meeting.

3. The program evaluation included a review of the following components to ensure compliance with contractual obligations and adherence to Federal, State and County standards:
 - a) Program policies and procedures
 - b) Agency policies and procedures
 - c) Management and budget documents
 - d) Client interviews
 - e) Client file review
 - f) Program activity observation

II. PROGRAM CITED FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following sections contain findings and recommendations for each area

evaluated during the on-site program review. *Findings* are significant issues identified in relation to contractual or regulatory non-compliance, performance, reporting, or fiscal management that require corrective action on behalf of your agency. *Recommendations* are suggested actions that an agency may complete to improve program performance.

A. Program policies and procedures

No findings and one recommendation was revealed under this component

Recommendation #1: Develop program guidelines to aid in prioritization

Currently, HOPE utilized the McKinney Vento definition of homelessness for program guidelines, with some priority to clients that fit the narrower definition of literal, street homelessness. However, staff have shared that there is limited availability in the program due to high demand, and there are times when the program has had to create a waitlist. Students are entered into the program with a first-come, first-served approach.

By providing a specific, defined rubric for homelessness and what students will be prioritized, HOPE would best be able to prioritize limited resources to the clients that most need it at any given time.

B. Agency policies and procedures

No findings or recommendations were revealed under this component.

C. Management and budget documents

No findings or recommendations were revealed under this component.

D. Client Interviews

No findings or recommendations were revealed under this component.

Feedback received from clients on the program was positive and clients indicated that their participation in the program was very beneficial to their academic progress and success.

E. Client file review

Twenty random case files, including both open and closed cases, were reviewed for this component. Four findings and no recommendations were revealed. All findings were addressed during the course of the site review and require no further action. Follow up to verify progress on these findings may occur at a later date.

Finding #1: Incomplete housing and income assessments and long-term housing plans

Housing income assessments included in client files were minimally accomplished or missing. Most clients had intake forms on file (*Fresno EOC Sanctuary Support Services Form*) which contained some vital assessment information such as personal documents, Criminal History, Rental History, Owes PG&E, Active Warrants, Income sources, current living situation, and some living preferences, but forms were not complete. A more thorough assessment will allow staff to create a more well-defined plan and better prepare students for success in housing.

Resolution: This has already been addressed by EOC. Documents have been prepared for intake, as well as for long-term housing plans. They will be included and utilized for future client intake and ongoing case management processes.

Finding #2: Client rental responsibility was inconsistent and out of compliance with contract requirements

Upon review, there were several documents in each client case file that showed client rental contributions, which were not consistent with each other (lease agreements, HOPE contracts, and case comments). Additionally, files reviewed did not show an increasing share of client rental responsibility, in accordance with the contract *Summary of Services* (“Participants shall pay a share of cost toward rental assistance, beginning with the first month of assistance and progressing toward full financial responsibility from the participant.”)

Compliance with this requirement will assist clients in their progress toward financial self-sufficiency. Consistent information and case comments detailing the increasing responsibility will help demonstrate that clients understand and are complying.

Resolution: This has already been addressed by Project HOPE. An updated client contract has been created with more defined parameters that should prevent this issue. EOC will review files to ensure consistency and increasing rental portions throughout clients’ participation in the program.

Finding #3: Case comments showed infrequent contact with clients

In a number of case files reviewed, case comments include contact for the purpose of collecting rent, and others had contact for the purpose of obtaining school progress report, but there is little evidence of exploring services that would help clients maintain their housing (housing plan). Case comments should include the progress clients are making on their housing and income plans.

Resolution: This has been addressed with the development of the housing and income plans, and discussion of these plans will be included in future case comments.

Finding #4: Client income plans and financial literacy training activities were not documented

Long-term income development plans were not in the client case files. Per the agreement *Summary of Services*, this is required (“The Income Specialist shall work with each participant to prepare short- and long- term objectives for increasing income, achieving self-sufficiency, and securing financial stability.”)

Additionally, the HOPE Program Student Mutual Responsibility Agreement includes a requirement for participants to complete Financial Literacy Counseling. Some HOPE Agreements include Debt Management planning. Per the agreement, this is also required (“Those who receive direct financial assistance are required to participate in financial literacy training that teaches self-sufficiency so they can assume rental responsibility.”)

Resolution: This has already been addressed by EOC and in the future, client income improvement plans will be included in the case folders. As referenced above, the Project HOPE contract has been updated accordingly. Additionally, one-on-one financial literacy education has been built into the duties of Housing Navigators, while Income Specialists focus on maximizing client employment and benefits.

F. Program activity observation

No findings or recommendations were revealed under this component. EOC staff

provided recorded videos of Housing Navigator staff and Income Specialist staff performing case management meetings with clients. Both videos showed positive, productive interactions with clients, consistent with the positive feedback from client interviews. Client interaction appears to be very constructive and one of the strengths of the program.

III. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Project HOPE is a new collaborative partnership in the community that is an invaluable opportunity to provide homeless services to clients that are otherwise difficult to reach. By working closely with EOC, the Department is able to target a previously underserved segment of the homeless population through Project HOPE. Outreach and engagement of this population of homeless and unstably housed community college students is a highlight of the program.

This is new territory not only for the local community, but for the California community college system, and it is an important opportunity to learn lessons and create a truly holistic and supportive program. Client interviews and observations support the need for the program and the great benefits that both FCC and EOC bring to students' lives.

In the last year alone, DSS staff have observed FCC increase outreach efforts and accessibility to clients, working closely with local schools, the juvenile justice system, and the Department itself to target foster and justice-involved youth, in accordance with DSS funding requirements.

Both EOC and FCC staff have always been willing and amenable to working with DSS staff and all requests. DSS recognizes EOC and FCC's efforts and growth with Project HOPE and would like to thank both organizations for the partnership, and for all that you do for the local community.



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: African American Coalition
Agenda Item #: 5A	Director: Marcie Santana
Subject: Together We CAN Grow	Officer: Jack Lazzarini

Recommended Action

Staff recommends Committee ratification for full Board consideration of the “Together We CAN Grow” grant. The grant proposal for \$750,000 was submitted to Bristol-Myers Squibb on September 9, 2022.

Background

Bristol-Myers Squibb released a request for proposals for the development and implementation of innovative approaches and partnerships for addressing Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) and integrating social care and healthcare to reduce health disparities.

The project will support Fresno EOC’s African American Coalition (AAC) health education and health equity work within the West Fresno California Avenue Neighborhood (CAN). The CAN initiative serves low-income and communities of color in Southwest Fresno, which includes those that are living in affordable housing developments, and receiving housing subsidy.

Funding will support the development and growth of the CAN 93706 Farmers Market as a consistent location to access healthy foods in Southwest Fresno. Program participants will also be connected to nutrition and lifestyle medicine education and coaching to enhance their knowledge and literacy regarding the root causes of chronic health conditions and self-management skills, as well as additional resources via Fresno EOC and its networks. The Public Health Institute Center for Wellness and Nutrition will be a subcontractor/consultant on the project, doing training and capacity building around SDOH and the Farmers Market, in addition to program evaluation.

Fiscal Impact

If funded, Fresno EOC will receive a total of up to \$750,000 to begin the project. The African American Coalition would receive up to \$549,155 for its efforts and the subcontractor, Public Health Institute Center for Wellness and Nutrition, would receive up to \$200,845 for its part.



Conclusion

These funds will allow Fresno EOC to further its mission to address Social Determinants of Health and reduce health disparities for our most vulnerable populations.



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: African American Coalition, Health Services
Agenda Item #: 6A	Director: Marcie Santana, Jane Thomas
Subject: Fresno County Immunization	Officer: Jack Lazzarini

Recommended Action

Staff recommends Committee ratification for full Board consideration of Fresno County Immunization (Agreement No. A-22-102) amendment with the Fresno County Department of Public Health (FCDPH) in the amount of \$777,924.

Background

Fresno EOC and FCDPH entered into an agreement in March 2022, to which Fresno EOC agreed to provide COVID-19 and flu testing and vaccinations to the county's most vulnerable populations, including migrants, farmworkers, other essential workers and people of color.

In September 2022, FCDPH received County Counsel's approval to amend Agreement No. A-22-102 with Fresno EOC. This Amendment will add the provision to continue the MonkeyPox vaccination and education and outreach services from September 20, 2022 to November 20, 2022 and extend the term through January 31, 2023 with an option to extend for an additional 6-months. The Amendment also revises the compensation language that the budget, pursuant to Exhibit A SOW (AAC), will be \$646,924 and the budget, pursuant to Exhibit E SOW (LGBTQ+/Health Services), will be \$131,000.

FCDPH desired to amend the contract with Fresno EOC in order to add the provision of the MonkeyPox vaccination administration, and education and outreach to high-risk populations for MonkeyPox infection or exposure through January 31, 2023.

Fiscal Impact

For the services provided, FCDPH has agreed to pay \$646,924 to Fresno EOC AAC, and an additional \$131,000 to LGBTQ+/Health Services.

Conclusion

This contract is part of Fresno EOC's ongoing efforts to combat the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the MonkeyPox outbreak among Fresno County's most vulnerable populations.



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: Women, Infants & Children
Agenda Item #: 7A	Director: Annette Thornton
Subject: 2023 WIC Funding Amendment	Officer: Jack Lazzarini

Recommended Action

Staff recommends Committee ratification for full Board consideration of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) funding amendment with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), WIC Division in the amount of \$21,475,313, throughout the next full 3-year term.

Background

On September 13, 2022, Fresno EOC WIC received a modified funding award letter from CDPH WIC Division for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 – 2025. The original award letter included funding for Books For Kids for FFY 2024 and FFY 2025, and these allocations are to be determined. Caseload assignment was also modified based on more recent WIC certification numbers. Caseload assignment increased to 28,270, which is 830 more participants than the original allocation. Funding description and yearly amounts are listed in the table below.

Description of Funding	FFY 2023	FFY 2024	FFY 2025
Original Funding Level	\$6,940,005	\$6,922,005	\$6,922,005
NSA Adjustment	\$6,815,904	\$6,797,904	\$6,797,904
BFPC	\$304,205	\$304,205	\$304,205
Book for Kids	\$145,286	TBD	TBD
FMNP	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900
Total Funding for Amendment 1	\$7,267,295	\$7,104,009	\$7,104,009

Contract amendment package accepting the new funds was due to CDPH WIC on October 7, 2022.



Fiscal Impact

The increased funding will allow for hiring an additional Supervisor to support our large staff of WIC Nutrition Assistants.

Conclusion

The increased amount will allow Fresno EOC WIC to continue and improve modernized WIC services, including remote, online, and in-person services for the next three federal fiscal years, beginning October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2025.



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: Equity and Impact
Agenda Item #: 8A	Director: Kevin Williams
Subject: Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program	Officer: Emilia Reyes

Recommended Action

Staff recommends Committee ratification for full Board consideration of the grant application to the State of California Department of Social Services in the amount of \$7.5 million in response to the California Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program. This application was submitted on September 7, 2022.

Background

The California Department of Social Services is deploying a Guaranteed Income Pilot program that will provide unconditional, individual, regular cash payments intended to support the basic needs of recipients. The program priority participants are a) California residents who age out of the extended foster care program at or after 21 years of age and b) California residents who are in their first or second trimester of pregnancy at the time of program enrollment. Further, the CDSS is focusing specifically on supporting low income individuals through this pilot program, and has eligibility requirements that participants must meet.

Fiscal Impact

The grant requires a 50% match, which can include in-kind donations. As this is a state grant, not a federal, Fresno EOC is able to use CSBG funding within that match. The United Way will also be partnering with Fresno EOC in fundraising to meet the \$2 million match goal. The program would span three years include six months of planning, six months of implementation, 18 months payments and six months of evaluation and reporting.

Conclusion

Fresno EOC is uniquely positioned to run this program, and provide holistic poverty intervention services along with the guaranteed income payments.



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: Equity & Impact
Agenda Item #: 8B	Director: Kevin Williams
Subject: Grant Tracker	Officer: Emilia Reyes

Background

The information presented in the Grant Tracker is intended to keep the Board apprised of program grant activity for Fresno EOC.

**Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
Grant Tracker
Friday, September 30, 2022**

FUNDED							
Submitted	Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Board Report Date	Date of Notice	Amount Awarded
2/10/2022	Training & Employment	Good Jobs Challenge	Economic Development Adminstration	\$2,625,000	3/23/2022	8/3/2022	\$2,500,000 (minimum)
	Scale the Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC) Program to include six rural cohorts serving rural Fresno County.						
11/2/2021	Sanctuary and Support Services	Foundation Grant	Slave 2 Nothing Foundation	\$30,000	11/17/2021	9/1/2022	\$20,000
	Emergency safe housing, food and support services for victims of human trafficking.						
11/2/2021	Sanctuary and Support Services	MHSOAC #Out4MentalHealth	Health Access Foundation	\$30,000	11/17/2021	10/4/2022	\$30,000
	Supporting local LGBTQ community members and LGBTQ+ servinv organizations with engaging LGBTQ+ mental health advocacy.						
NOT FUNDED							
Submitted	Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Board Report Date	Date of Notice	
7/19/2022	African American Coalition	Health Ambassadors for People Experiencing Homelessness	Sierra Health Foundation	\$250,000	7/11/2022	9/9/2022	
	To provide ongoing outreach to help people experiencing homelessness feel more confident about COVID-19 vaccines and link them to testing and vaccine resources						

PENDING GRANTS						
Submitted	Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Board Report Date	Expected Date of Notice
7/19/2022	Advance Peace Fresno	City of Fresno Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative	City of Fresno	\$750,000	8/8/2022	8/12/2022
	Provide programming, training and grant funding to support evidence-based violence intervention and prevention strategies to reduce violence.					
8/22/2022	African American Coalition	COVID-19 Related Health Disparities Interventions Program	County of Fresno	\$1,000,000	8/8/2022	9/1/2022
	Involves recruiting, training, and deploying CHWs to improve and address COVID-19 related health disparities and advance equity in underserved and disproportionately affected populations within Fresno County.					

9/9/2022	African American Coalition	Together We CAN Grow	Bristol-Myers Squibb	\$750,000	10/17/2022	Not specified
	Funding will support the development and growth of the CAN 93706 Farmers Market in Southwest Fresno. Program participants will also be connected to nutrition and lifestyle medicine education, coaching and literacy regarding the root causes of chronic health conditions.					
3/15/2021	Energy Services	Energy Efficiency Grant Program	Energy Upgrade California	\$20,000	3/24/2021	Not specified
	Outreach to rural and urban Fresno County residents through direct and indirect methods about energy efficiency benefits and best practices.					
3/9/2022	Energy Services	American Rescue Plan	County of Fresno	\$1,200,000	3/23/2022	Not specified
	Install PV solar systems on approximately 70 low-income family homes.					
8/2/2022	Foster Grandparent Program	Medicare Savings Program	AARP	\$150,000	8/8/2022	Not specified
	Educate and engage adults over 50 about Medicare Savings Programs and help enroll more eligible older adults with low income in the programs.					
6/15/2022	Health Services, African American Coalition	COVID-19 Community Health Project 3.0	Sierra Health Foundation	\$500,000	7/11/2022	Not specified
	Conduct outreach to those who experience the greatest social and health inequities on the importance of getting vaccinated and practicing harm reduction to mitigate the spread of the virus.					
8/2/2022	LCC	BSCC Title II Grant Program	Board of State and Community Corrections	\$1,050,000	8/2/2022	Not specified
	Will fund additional supportive services for corpsmembers at the LCC site, including counseling, legal services, peer support groups, and other resources, as well as an increase in referrals to other EOC programs to address barriers.					
6/28/2022	Sanctuary and Support Services	Services for Victims of Human Trafficking	USDOJ Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)	\$885,913	7/11/2022	Not specified
	Provide comprehensive services to victims of human trafficking. Funds will support personnel, operational and supportive services costs.					
7/5/2022	Sanctuary and Support Services	Preventing Trafficking of Girls	USDOJ Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)	\$500,000	7/11/2022	Not specified
	To develop or enhance prevention and early intervention services to focus on the needs of girls who are at risk or are victims of sex trafficking.					
8/2/2022	Sanctuary and Support Services	Making Spirits Bright	PG&E's Better Together Giving Program	\$2,000	N/A	Not specified
	To provide 25 families selected by a local elementary school with a Christmas Tree and decorations, along with hand-selected gifts for every child under 18 year old, personalized stockings, food and more during the holiday season.					
9/1/2022	Sanctuary and Support Services	Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Youth Services	City of Fresno	\$483,400	10/17/2022	Not specified
	To expand Youth Bridge Housing to provide services to Fresno City College young adults that are enrolled in Project HOPE.					

9/26/2022	Sanctuary and Support Services	Elevate Youth California: Youth Substance Use Disorder Prevention Program	Sierra Health Foundation	\$1,000,000	10/17/2022	11/1/2022
	To expand youth and young adult substance use prevention through policy, systems and environmental change.					
7/26/2021	Strategy & Resource Development	CSBG CARES Act Rapid Cycle Impact Project	Administration of Children and Families	\$250,000	9/22/2021	Not specified
	Provide 30 families with children enrolled in Head Start Huron with monthly supplemental incomes for a 12-month period.					
9/6/2022	Equity and Impact	CDSS Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot	California Department of Social Services	\$7,500,000	9/22/2021	10/10/2022
	Provide identified participants with guaranteed income of \$1000 per month for 18 months to measure their ability to improve their living conditions and move					
2/9/2021	Training and Employment	Prop 64 Public Health and Safety Grant	City of Fresno	\$1,225,047	9/22/2021	Not specified
	Address public health and safety challenges related to the legalization of the cultivation and sale of recreational cannabis, particularly for youth.					



PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: October 17, 2022	Program: Energy Services
Agenda Item: 9A	Director: Joseph Amader
Subject: Department of Energy Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds	Officer: Michelle L. Tutunjian

Background

The information presented is intended to keep the Board apprised of the Department of Energy Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds. The State of California, Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) has requested Energy Services to provide services to Tulare County income qualified residents through an additional funding allocation from the Department of Energy Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (DOE BIL) Funds. Total allocation over five years beginning late 2022, early 2023 for Tulare County is approximately \$2,325,000. In addition, Fresno County's five-year allocation is estimated at \$5,616,000. CSD indicated additional Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding would be made available to assist with leveraging DOE BIL funding to provide additional energy efficiency measures per home while maintaining the Maximum Average Reimbursement per Unit (MARU) as mandated by contract.

Fiscal impact would increase number of homes served in both Fresno and Tulare Counties as increased funding will allow for an additional 60 homes per year above the 140 homes per year provided by Fresno County allocation alone. CSD is willing to work with Energy Services to establish flexible unit and expenditure goals regarding providing services to additional neighboring county.