



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: May 16, 2016
Board Meeting Date: June 21, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Agreement with Second Harvest Food Bank

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Second Harvest Food Bank to provide the Food Assistance Program and the Operation Brown Bag Program in an amount not to exceed \$205,281 for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

Every year San Mateo County residents who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty level turn to private agencies to obtain sufficient food for themselves and their families. Some reasons residents seek assistance include high housing costs, cutbacks in government funded services, eligibility requirements for government assistance, the reluctance to use food stamps, layoffs and the growing disparity between the cost of living and low income. In FY 2015-16 Second Harvest Food Bank (SHFB) distributed an estimated 6 million pounds of nutritious food to low-income families in need in San Mateo County.

San Mateo County has helped fund this effort as a partner with the SHFB for many years. While this contract is a small part (3%) of SHFB's overall funding, the funding contributes towards SHFB's efforts to reduce hunger in the community.

DISCUSSION:

SHFB is the primary source of donated, surplus and purchased food for non-profit agencies in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. SHFB provides food efficiently through their direct service programs and by collaborating with a network of 316 partner non-profit agencies operating 445 programs at 834 different food distribution sites; including shelters, food pantries, soup kitchens, children's programs, senior meal sites and residential programs.

It is in the County's best interest to waive the Request for Proposal process and enter into an agreement with SHFB in order to prevent the interruption of food services to San Mateo County's low-income families and seniors. SHFB is also the only source of donated, surplus, and purchased food for non-profit agencies in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties and therefore it should be considered a sole source provider.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement and resolution as to form.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community Mateo by providing food services to residents of San Mateo County.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2015-16 Estimated | FY 2016-17 Projected |
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| Collection and distribution of food within San Mateo County to non-profit agencies serving low-income individuals. | 100% or 6 million pounds per year | 100% or 3.1 million pounds per year |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. The maximum obligation of this agreement is \$205,281. Funding for this agreement is 100% Net County Cost. Budgetary Appropriation for this agreement is included in the FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget and will be included in the FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 Recommended Budgets.