



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 22-891

Board Meeting Date: 11/15/2022

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise F. Rogers, Chief, San Mateo County Health
Lisa Mancini, Interim Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Subject: Agreement with Center for Applied Research Solutions

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Center for Applied Research Solutions for evaluation activities for the Tobacco Prevention Program and the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Program for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$425,003.

BACKGROUND:

In order to address problems associated with alcohol and drug use and to improve the overall health and well-being of the community, San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) and Alcohol and Other Drug Services (AOD) have developed a Strategic Prevention Framework plan to create a sustainable, community-based, and prevention-focused infrastructure that will build partnerships between local government agencies, schools, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, community-based organizations, businesses, and residents.

In February 2019, BHRS released a Request for Proposals for evaluation activities for AOD and Tobacco Prevention Program (TPP). The Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS) was awarded the contract in June 2019 and entered into an agreement with BHRS for the term of March 10, 2020, through June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$270,000.

DISCUSSION:

CARS will provide evaluation activities for AOD and the TPP. Services include assessments of: existing federal, state, and local substance use resources; impact of marketing efforts; outcome of programmatic and policy-related activities; and selected program strategies and their effectiveness in meeting the needs of County residents. The final program reports with recommendations for potential programs and curricula are expected from this contract. For the community assessment processes (FY 2022-25), CARS will provide training, technical assistance and guidance as needed to community-based partners conducting an assessment of the African American, LatinX and Pacific Islander communities in San Mateo County. Funding for the community assessment process

expenditures is derived from Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) Supplemental funding.

The resolution contains the County's standard provision allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to form. The agreement is coming to this Board late due to prolonged contract negotiations.

It is anticipated that 100% of TPP and AOD Prevention community contractors will receive training and/or technical assistance in how to conduct effective program evaluation.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2021-22 Actual	FY 2022-23 Estimated
Percentage of TPP and AOD Prevention community contractors that receive training and/or technical assistance in how to conduct effective program evaluation	100% 9 community contractors	100% 12 community contractors

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$425,003 for the three-year term. Funds in the amount of \$205,001 are included in the BHRS FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget. Similar arrangements will be made for future years. Of the FY 2022-23 amount, it is anticipated that \$90,000 will be funded by SABG Supplemental Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act program; \$60,000 will be funded by the SABG Prime; \$30,001 will be funded by Prop 99/56; and \$25,000 will be funded by SABG American Rescue Plan Act program. There is no Net County Cost associated with this amendment.