



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY EXECUTIVE

File #: 23-774

Board Meeting Date: 9/26/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael P. Callagy, County Executive
Subject: **Measure K:** Agreement with 1-A District Agricultural Association, dba Cow Palace Arena and Event Center, for Emergency Preparedness Renovations

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with 1-A District Agricultural Association, dba Cow Palace Arena and Event Center, for the purpose of remodeling and making repairs for emergency preparedness to the Cow Palace Arena and Event Center, for the term July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, and authorizing the County Executive, or designee, to execute the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Measure K is the half-cent general sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012 and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years.

The Board of Supervisors (Board) held study sessions on **Measure K** expenditures and approved the allocation of **Measure K** funds for the FY 2023-24 budget, including allocating \$1 Million for emergency preparedness renovations at the Cow Palace Arena and Event Center ("Cow Palace").

PROJECT SUMMARY:

In a local or regional disaster, the Cow Palace will be used as an evacuation, care, and shelter site for County residents. **Measure K** funds are being provided to the Cow Palace to support substantial emergency preparedness renovations which must be undertaken at the facility for it to be suitable for this purpose. Specifically, the Cow Palace will use the **Measure K** funds toward (1) remodeling the kitchen, freezer, and dining hall to facilitate the provision of thousands of meals per day; (2) installing additional permanent emergency generators to sustain power during outages; (3) acquiring and appropriately storing care supplies including blankets, cots, and comfort kits; and (4) repairing and renovating large animal/livestock evacuation and care areas.

County staff has informed the grantee that this grant is one-time only, and that the grantee will need secure other sources of funding going forward.

The County Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the agreement and resolution as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure(s)	Target
Make repairs and renovations to Cow Palace Arena and Event Center, and purchase emergency preparedness items.	Complete

EQUITY STATEMENT:

This **Measure K** funding will increase the County's ability to provide evacuation, care, and shelter services to vulnerable residents who are often disproportionately impacted by disasters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are sufficient **Measure K** funds for this specific FY 2023-24 **Measure K** request. These funds are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2023-24 Approved Recommended Budget.