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COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: May 2, 2023

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

CONTACT PERSON: Alex Cruz PHONE: 5596365005

SUBJECT: Approve a Funding Agreement with Community Services Employment Training, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Funding Agreement with the Community Services Employment Training, Inc. for the construction of the Tulare County Hope Navigation Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, effective May 2, 2023 and shall continue until terminated;
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the Funding Agreement; and
3. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required)

SUMMARY:

The Community Services Employment Training, Inc. (CSET) and its partners seek financial support for the construction the TC HOPE Navigation Center, a low barrier navigation center. "Low Barrier Navigation Center" means a Housing First, low-barrier, service enriched shelter focused on moving people into permanent housing. The Navigation Center will provide temporary living facilities while case managers connect residents to supportive services. Services will include employment training, public benefits, health services, substance abuse and mental health services and connections to permanent housing opportunities. "Low Barrier" means employing best practices to reduce barriers to entry and may include referrals to specialized services (such as domestic violence referrals), as well as on-site kennels, vaccinations and care for pets, and the storage of possessions.

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The Navigation Center will be located at the southwest corner of Glendale Street and Court Street in the City of Visalia. The 100-bed facility will provide housing for single individuals and private spaces for families experiencing homelessness. Beds will be assigned, and residents can stay at the Navigation Center 90-180 days. An online reservation system, accessible by local partners and the Police Department, will provide updates on the number of vacancies. There will not be a line formed each day to get into the facility because all residents will be enrolled and assigned a bed.

It is estimated that many of the TC Hope clients would come from the City of Visalia, many unsheltered are found in the unincorporated area and in the nearby cities. The County's one-time payment of \$1.5 million would reserve 25% of the Center's beds for those unhoused persons from outside of Visalia.

The Navigation Center has a robust network of partners, including Kaweah Health, Family Healthcare Network, City of Visalia, Family Services of Tulare County, and the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance. If a resident has specific needs, such as being a survivor of domestic violence, a referral will be made to the appropriate partner agency and transportation will be provided. This will include referrals to Family Services, transportation to a medical facility for treatment, and/or enrollment in a local supportive housing program for permanent housing placement.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The amount of \$1,500,000 will be a one-time cost to the County and will be expended from the Miscellaneous Administrative budget. The Homelessness and Community Activity Fund 589 will provide the funding for the project. There will be No additional Net County Cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Organizational Performance initiative to continuously improve organizational effectiveness and fiscal stability. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by allowing us to develop new and continue established relationships with community partners.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Jason T. Britt

Jason T. Britt
County Administrative Officer

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Funding Agreement and AUD308