



Legislation Text

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TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Multi-Year Grant Awards

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer and Director of Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) request the following actions relating to the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) grant awards:

1. Approval and authorization for the Chair to sign the following Agreements, each for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, totaling \$904,718 in awards:
 - a. Agreement No. 230051B with Feeding it Forward, Inc., for a maximum of \$166,100 to expand recovery and delivery of fresh perishables;
 - b. Agreement No. 230052B with Puertas Abiertas Community Resource Center, for \$20,000 for the Feeding Our Families: Napa Farmers Market and Veggie Bucks program;
 - c. Agreement No. 230053B with Mentis, Inc., for \$191,000 for safety net mental health treatment services and the Building Teen Resiliency in Schools Initiative;
 - d. Agreement No. 230054B with Community Action of Napa Valley, Inc., for \$210,650 for the Food Bank and Meals on Wheels programs;
 - e. Agreement No. 220037B with Napa Valley Education Foundation, for \$125,041 for the Elementary Student & Family Behavioral Health Access Project collaborative;
 - f. Agreement No. 220038B with On the Move, Inc., for \$45,000 for the Elementary Student & Family Behavioral Health Access Project collaborative;
 - g. Agreement No. 220039B with Bay Area Legal Aid, Inc., for \$38,804 for the Eviction and Homeless Prevention collaborative;
 - h. Agreement No. 220040B with On the Move, Inc for \$39,189 for the Eviction and Homeless

Prevention collaborative;

i. Agreement No. 220041B with UpValley Family Centers of Napa County, Inc., for \$37,572 for the Eviction and Homeless Prevention collaborative; and

j. Agreement No. 220042B with Fair Housing Napa Valley, for \$31,362 for the Eviction and Homeless Prevention collaborative.

2. Approval and authorization for the Chair to sign the following Agreements, each for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, totaling \$1,143,137 in awards:

a. Agreement No. 230059B with Cope Family Center, Inc., for \$240,000 for Stabilization and Wraparound Services;

b. Agreement No. 230060B with On the Move, Inc., for \$339,058 for VOICES Guaranteed Income for Emancipating Foster Youth;

c. Agreement No. 230061B with Napa Valley Child Advocacy Network, Inc., for \$130,734 for the Family Wellness Project;

d. Agreement No. 220043B with Cope Family Center, Inc., for \$208,748 for the Napa County Triple P collaborative;

e. Agreement No. 220044B with Up Valley Family Centers of Napa County, Inc., for \$95,503 for the Napa County Triple P collaborative; and

f. Agreement No. 220045B with Napa Valley Child Advocacy Network, Inc., for \$129,094 for the Napa County Triple P collaborative.

3. Approval and authorization for the Chair to sign the following Agreements, each for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, totaling \$1,948,533 in awards:

a. Agreement No. 230055B with Molly's Angels, Inc., for \$250,434 for senior services transport and care calls;

b. Agreement No. 230056B with Share the Care of Napa, Inc., for \$150,000 for donation center and programs;

c. Agreement No. 230057B with NEWS, Inc., for \$523,235 for Domestic Violence Housing First;

d. Agreement No. 230058B with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, Inc., for \$202,256 for Jefferson Permanent Supportive Housing and Rainbow House Family Emergency Shelter; and

e. Agreement No. 230062B with Collabria Care Inc., for \$822,608 for the Community-Based Home Health and Information & Assistance for Older Adults.

The grand total of the aforementioned grant agreements amounts to \$3,996,388.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa County has a strong historic commitment lasting over twenty years of using Master Settlement Agreement funding to support services that improve the health of our most vulnerable community members. In March 2022, the Board directed that the County commit to dedicating \$3.0M of General Fund operational revenues to the MSA grant process to continue enhanced funding for another three fiscal years through 2024-2025. Adhering to the process established during the COVID-19 pandemic for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, the County prioritized for funding the areas of food insecurity, housing instability, and healthcare (behavioral and physical), a multi-year grant award process, and an ad hoc committee of the Board of Supervisors to serve as the review panel. In response, 24 grant applications were received, and the review panel received presentations over two and a half days. Staff presented the review panel's funding recommendations of 19 proposals to the Board on May 17, 2022. The Board unanimously supported the recommendations and directed staff to prepare agreements that memorialize those recommendations. The agreements are now before the Board for consideration and approval.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Funding is from the National Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. The revenue and expenses are budgeted within the General Fund.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested action is discretionary because there is no mandate to distribute the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funds for specific purposes or to specific entities. The award of these funds to community providers is in accordance with the Board's direction to staff.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	MSA and General Funds will be allocated for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and the following two fiscal years.
Consequences if not approved:	If the Board does not approve of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement recommended grant awards, funds will not be distributed to non-profit grant applicants.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Board of Supervisors has directed that the MSA funding received by Napa County be prioritized to support community health through grant awards. The Board assigned responsibility for administration of the MSA grant process to HHSA many years ago, although the MSA funds reside in the Napa County general fund budget. This process has resulted in historic investments in the areas of food insecurity, housing instability, and behavioral and physical healthcare for those who are vulnerable.

The County's commitment to address the community's needs was strengthened through direction by the Board over the prior two fiscal years of enhanced MSA funding amounting to an additional \$1.0M, bringing the total fiscal year funding for grant awards to \$2.1M in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. For the current fiscal year and the subsequent two fiscal years, the Board committed to an additional \$3.0M of funding to continue the enhanced MSA funding. The ability to commit \$3.0M of General Fund was made possible solely due to the Board's dedication of applying American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to otherwise offset General Fund expenses. Distributing the funding in this manner helps to minimize administrative burdens and maximize flexibility of funding for our community-based organizations. Many multi-year grant agreements were awarded in order to provide those projects with more financial and programmatic stability.

Accordingly, grant applications were received during a four-week period from March 9 through April 6, 2022, resulting in the submission of 24 applications from 22 organizations. In total, organizations requested approximately \$10.5M in funding over three years, and for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, alone, more than \$4.0M was requested, resulting in almost double the amount of funds requested against the annual amount of \$2.1M available.

Following a review of the submissions, the organizations were invited to present their 24 proposals to an ad hoc committee of the Board of Supervisors. The committee consisted of Supervisors Ramos and Wagenknecht, the County Executive Officer, and the Director of HHSA. The process resulted in the review panel's recommendations that 19 proposals be approved for funding. Staying within the maximum of \$2.1M each year with at least 30% reserved in FY 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 for future awards, the total funding recommended over three years breaks down as follows: FY 2022-2023 - \$2,098,789, FY 2023-2024 - \$1,221,870, and FY 2024-2025 - \$675,729.

Although proposals are generally not limited to a single category, a reasonable primary categorization shows that through these grant awards approximately \$400,000 is dedicated to addressing food insecurity, approximately \$900,000 to housing instability, approximately \$1.5 million to behavioral health and health services, and approximately \$1.2 million is dedicated to older adult services.

On May 17, 2022, the Board approved of the review panel's recommendations and directed staff to memorialize those recommendations through agreements with the various non-profit organizations for the Board's review and approval. Those agreements are now before the Board.

There is a separate Board Item on today's agenda for the approval of a Fiscal Year 2021-2022 MSA budget adjustment.