



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: June 6, 2017

Title: Allocation of Community Action Agency Emergency Services Network (ESN), rent and utility assistance funds based on the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Introduction/Background:

Pima County receives federal funds from the Department of Economic Security for Short Term Crisis Services/Temporary Assistance To Needy Families (STCS/TANF), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) for ESN and the other programs for ESN. The County allocates the funds for eligible low-income households experiencing a temporary financial crisis in order to prevent homelessness or utility disconnection.

Each month hundreds of families in Pima County face a crisis that leads to an inability to pay or fully pay utility and/or housing/rent bills. The federal government as well as local governments and utilities provide funds through various programs to assist these families so that they do not become homeless or lose utility services. Each program has unique eligibility guidelines and requirements. Pima County bundles these programs under the Emergency Services Network (ESN) to leverage resources and avoid duplication.

Pima County, through its Community Action Agency, periodically issues a Request for Proposals (RFP) for agencies to become part of ESN. This method provides more locations for a family to access the system.

Discussion:

As a result of the RFP, there will be seven agencies in FY2018 and the system is expected to serve about 9,000 households representing 24,000 individuals. This action will continue a county-wide ESN for the next year. Qualified social service agencies were selected to assist with short-term crisis services by providing case management and referral/advocacy services to households that receive such assistance when qualified under the Arizona Department of Economic Security guidelines. The County has the option to renew ESN contracts yearly. The County has reviewed the performance of Awardees and finds it satisfactory.

Conclusion:

The county's Emergency Services network is more effective when it offers multiple entrance points in the system in order to assist families in danger of utility cutoff or eviction.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached list of selected organizations, appropriate funding in the amount of \$778,677.00 to fund the ESN Program, and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign subrecipient contracts with each of the organizations listed.

Fiscal Impact:

The federal funds are from Short Term Crisis Services/Temporary Assistance To Needy Families (STCS/TANF), LIHEAP, and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

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Pima County Community Action Agency

**Funding Recommendations for
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018**

Emergency Services Network (ESN) RFP Agency Name	Recommendations	Services Provided
Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.	\$ 81,265.00	Case management and emergency assistance; rent/mortgage.
Interfaith Community Services	\$ 186,605.00	Case management and emergency assistance; rent/mortgage.
Portable Practical Educational Preparation (PPEP), Inc.	\$ 109,010.00	Case management and emergency assistance; rent/mortgage.
Primavera Foundation, Inc.	\$ 104,362.00	Case management and emergency assistance; rent/mortgage.
The Salvation Army	\$ 68,792.00	Case management and emergency assistance; rent/mortgage.
American Indian Association of Tucson, Inc.	\$ 65,455.00	Case management and emergency assistance; rent/mortgage.
Tucson Urban League, Inc.	\$ 163,188.00	Case management and emergency assistance; rent/mortgage.
TOTAL	\$ 778,677.00	Case management and emergency assistance; rent/mortgage.