

DATE: May 6, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Discussion and Consideration of ASSET Funding Allocations

Earlier this month, we brought an action before the Board that served as an alert to the challenges ASSET-funded agencies were facing. Like many organizations around the world, these agencies are significantly impacted by COVID-19. As a result, many have modified or stopped contracted service delivery brought on by this public health emergency. The ASSET Admin Team surveyed agencies to get a better understanding of the status of the relevant services delivered and agencies' budget needs (**see attached**). The information provided to you today is done to inform the Board's decision regarding how budget allocations for the remainder of the fiscal year should be handled.

Additional Funds Requested - UPDATED. To date, only one agency has made a request for additional funding. ERP has made a request for \$10,043 (the County's share of a larger request for \$52,650 that was divided among all Funders) over its current FY20 allocation to pay for hotel/motel rooms for shelter residents and comply with the CDC's social distancing guidelines. ***The Board of Supervisors approved ERP's \$10,043 request at its 5/1/20 meeting.***

External Funding. Many agencies were successful in seeking funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, mostly through its Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which provides forgivable loans when used for payroll, mortgage interest, rent, and utilities. Efforts are ongoing to determine if agencies or the County are eligible for additional funding through the Federal or State government.

Options Available - UPDATED. The Board has several options available for addressing this issue with its partners who deliver services to Story County residents. They are outlined below. ***At its 5/1/20 meeting, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to return to future meeting for discussion and consideration of the options below:***

1. For those agencies that have no changes in service delivery, continue to bill the County as usual.
2. For those agencies that have modified services that largely meet the service definitions outlined in the ASSET reference manual developed prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, and included in the county's current FY contract, allow them to draw down funds allocated for services that can be provided through June 30, 2020. Agencies may also request to reallocate funds within service definitions of (or within) their current county FY contract.
3. For those agencies that have modified services to where they no longer meet the service definitions outlined in the ASSET reference manual or have stopped service, as included in the county's current FY contract, allow the agencies to draw down the remaining funds for the portion of their allocation for this service which is needed to cover administrative or fixed costs from the time services were modified or stopped through June 30, 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
4. Allow agencies to request rollover of any remaining funds for use with FY 21 allocations.

Board Action Requested. Action requested today include the following:

1. The action requested of the Board of Supervisors is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and is for a public purpose. On the advice of the County Attorney's Office, Ethan Anderson, the public purpose should be stated for the record.
2. From options 1-4 above identify the options the Board of Supervisors approves and direct staff to work with agencies to amend contracts as needed to draw down funds in the authorized manner.

SURVEY SUMMARY OVERVIEW

FY20 Funded ASSET AGENCIES

General Info

- **Total Agencies Surveyed Overall – 27**
- **Total Agencies Surveyed (County Funded) – 21**
 - 72 services (no remaining funds are available for 35 services)
 - **Funding Allocation: \$1,461,105 (w/\$468,402 remaining to be paid—includes general basic and local option \$, as well as PH allocation)**

1. Has your agency laid off staff due to COVID-19?

10 Yes (# laid off ranged from 1 to 40)
11 No

2. Has your agency continued, modified, or stopped services?

8 continued/no change

33 modified

9 stopped or modified [agency indicated modified; description provided indicates stopped]

13 stopped, including closed programs (i.e. MICA Dental Clinic) and organizations (i.e. UCC, StoryTime, ACPC)

9 pending, provided another answer, or services stopped prior to COVID-19, etc.

3. When do you anticipate services to be reinstated? Answers varied. Some are waiting for schools to reopen and/or may have listed unknown or indicated waiting for pandemic to end.

4. What revenue sources and anticipated funds has your agency lost?

Losses range from \$2,000 to \$95,000 (program/activity fees, fundraisers, Medicaid, etc.).

5. Does your agency have reserves?

16 Yes

5 No

6. Has your agency applied for federal funding through the CARES Act?

15 Yes (mostly PPP; a few expected funding from Community Services Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Transit)

6 No