

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of November 10, 2022

To: Board of Directors
From: Steve McGrath, Interim Executive Director
Subject: Budget Amendment No. 1 for Three Million Dollars in State Unanticipated State Grant Funds

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Motion: Approve budget amendment No 1. in the amount of \$3 million in additional revenue and up to \$400,000 in additional expenditures, adopt Resolution 23-22.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

At the beginning of 2022, and in concert with the County of Marin, staff started work on a funding request to the State through the office of Senate Majority Leader McGuire.

With the encouragement and support of the Senator, the request progressed through multiple iterations, resulting in a comprehensive joint application from the County and RBRA (see attached). This funding request totaled \$5 million, with \$2 million for the County and \$3 million for RBRA, all of which is to be used to address the needs of the unhoused population.

At the time of submission, the funding request anticipated the possibility of both water-based and land-based housing. The water-based housing was viewed as a less expensive opportunity to house people legally on the water either by improving vessels to allow for stays in existing marinas or by the development of additional slip space in existing marinas. Staff did not contemplate the development of a new marina. In consultation with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), staff recognized the limitations of the McAteer-Petris Act and the related difficulty in developing new housing opportunities on the water. For this opportunity to be realized, there must be legislative changes to the Act, which is not anticipated at this time. Additionally, funding was requested to a) complete the mooring field project, which is now on hold, and b) provide limited funds to assist individuals in preparing vessels for placement in marina.

Recognizing the difficulty of the development of water-based housing, staff included in the funding request language that anticipated this issue and stated that funds not available for water-based housing would instead be transferred to land-based housing as needed or necessary.

The housing component of the funding request anticipated working with the County Department of Health and Human Services to facilitate the placement of members of the anchor-out community into land-based housing. A key component of this is the

development of a temporary housing support program with the Marin Housing Authority (see related staff report). Staff anticipates that expenditures in the balance of the fiscal year could be approximately \$400,000:

Case manager:	\$ 62,000
Housing Locator:	\$ 62,000
Temporary Housing Support:	\$233,000
Training, vessel related matters:	<u>\$ 33,000</u>
	\$390,000

Staff recommends this board approve the proposed budget amendment of \$3 million in additional state grant funds. Staff will update this Board and Senator McGuire's office on a regular basis on the expenditure of funds and the efficacy of the efforts to house the anchor-out community on the water.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Three million dollars in grant revenue, with an anticipated expenditure of up to \$400,000 in the balance of FY 23, including a ten percent (10%) allowance for administrative overhead.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: RBRA County Funding Request

Attachment 2: DRAFT Resolution 23-22 Budget Amendment No. 1