



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 1.12

MEETING DATE: 05/06/2025

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Mike Hodges

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Tracey Belton

SUBJECT:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY- T. BELTON

Approve subaward Central Coast Uplift Catalyst Grant agreement No. 49083868 with Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) of Ventura County in the amount of \$175,000.00 for the period of April 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, for expanding the San Benito County Workforce Development Board Workforce Upskilling Internship Project, and authorize the HHSA Director or Deputy Director to execute subaward grant and any future amendments or other documents related to the subaward grant; and approve Budget Adjustment to move \$175,000.00 from the grant funding into the HHSA CSWD WorkForce program for FY 2024/2025. This successful subaward grant is retroactive because the subaward grant contract was received on April 2, 2025. (4/5 vote required)
SBC FILE NUMBER: 939

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

San Benito County Workforce Development Board is pleased to announce that it has been selected to receive funding through the California Job First Initiative, as part of the Central Coast Uplift Catalyst Grant. This competitive grant will support the expansion of the CSWD Workforce Upskilling Project aimed at providing training and resources to enhance the employability of individuals in San Benito County. The California Job First Initiative seeks to connect individuals with opportunities for sustainable employment, improve workforce participation, and support economic mobility for underserved communities.

The San Benito County Workforce Development Board is expanding its Workforce Upskilling Internship

Project to provide a comprehensive range of workforce development opportunities for job seekers, laid-off workers, youth, incumbent workers, and new entrants to the workforce. This expansion includes enhancing the existing Work Experience Program into a new Internship Program, aimed at building the skills of underserved community members, particularly in high-demand industries like Wastewater Operator. Wastewater Operators plays a critical role in managing and maintaining the infrastructure that ensures clean water systems function effectively.

As part of this program, participants will receive up to 900 hours of paid training at minimum wage. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding will be used to cover an additional 900 hours, ensuring participants receive the full support needed to become certified Wastewater Operators. Once participants are enrolled in the program, staff will work collaboratively with local Wastewater companies as the worksite for the duration of the training program. Ongoing support will be provided by an Employment and Training Services Counselor, who will assist both the participants and the worksites. This training is structured to help participants complete the 1,800 total hours required for Wastewater Operator certification. Upon successful completion, participants will have the skills to secure jobs with living wages ranging from \$30 to \$50 per hour.

The Uplift Catalyst grant is sponsored by Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation from Ventura County. EDC received an award from the State for the purpose to build an equitable and sustainable economy across California's diverse regions. EDC desires to have subrecipient perform work like what is offered by the San Benito County Workforce Development Board's Upskilling Internship Program. After a program application solicitation and competitive evaluation process, San Benito County CSWD was awarded \$175,000.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

This item is a new grant awarded to the San Benito County HHSA CSWD after competitive review of all other area's agency grant applications.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

n/a

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

This is a new contract.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

Yes

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

240.80.2555

CURRENT FY COST:

\$ 0.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Catalyst Uplift Project Subaward Agreement 2025
Budget Adjustment - HHSA - Catalyst UpLift Grant