



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: General Services Department

Subject: Children's Crisis Center Design Services Contract Amendment

Meeting Date: January 28, 2025

Formal Title: Approve amendment to design services agreement with 19six Architects, for design services of the Children's Crisis Center, increasing the total amount to \$1,347,250, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

- 1) Approve amendment to agreement No. 3 to contract 23D0832 with 19six Architects to increase the contract amount by \$24,700 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$1,347,250, for design services for the Children's Crisis Center; and
- 2) Authorize the Deputy CAO/Director of Community Development and Infrastructure to sign the amendment on behalf of the County.

Executive Summary

The additional funds requested to complete design services are the result of discovery of an inadequately sized water line servicing the building as well as changes to the project design to reduce the number of second floor restrooms.

Discussion

Currently, there are no inpatient programs for youth located in Santa Cruz County. The building located at 5300 Soquel Avenue is envisioned as a Children's Crisis Stabilization Program (first floor) and a Children's Residential Program (second floor), collectively termed the Children's Crisis Center, to be managed by the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency (HSA). With the proposed Children's Crisis Center, many youths in crisis will be able to be supported at a local level with stronger parent/guardian engagement rather than being sent out of Santa Cruz County for services. A project team consisting of representatives from the County Administrative Office, Health Services Agency (HSA), Community Development and Infrastructure (CDI), Sheriff's Office, Information Services Department (ISD), and General Services Department (GSD) has collaborated with the design consultant to create the plans and specifications for this project.

Since awarding a contract to 19six Architects to complete architectural and engineering design for the necessary tenant improvements in May 2023, the Board has approved two contract amendments to date. Such amendments allowed for split demolition and construction phases into separate projects to expedite project delivery, revise the construction documents to add a grease interceptor device to comply with current environmental health standards and remove the proposed second elevator and new dumbwaiter.

The recommended contract amendment with the additional contract amount requested is needed for additional work and construction administration required to design and install a new connection to the main domestic water supply, apply to the authority having jurisdiction for approval, and redesign the former second floor restrooms into ancillary spaces. The Children's Crisis Center programs will not be impacted with these changes.

Financial Impact

Sufficient funding for the project, including an additional \$24,700 to increase the total contract amount for 19six Architects to \$1,347,250, is available through the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grant, awarded to HSA in December 2022 (Capital Project GLKey 191172).

Strategic Initiatives

Strategic Plan

- 1.A (Comprehensive Health & Safety: Health Equity)
- 1.D (Comprehensive Health & Safety: Behavioral Health)
- 6.A (Operational Excellence: Customer Experience)
- 6.C (Operational Excellence: County Infrastructure)
- 6.D (Operational Excellence: Continuous Improvement)

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

15 (Reduce, reuse, repair, and recovery of goods and materials for packaging)

Development of the Children's Crisis Center supports the Strategic Plan elements in the areas of Comprehensive Health & Safety and Operational Excellence by providing a facility with programs currently not offered in the county.

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.