



# *Camarillo City Council*

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## **AGENDA REPORT**

Date: June 12, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Greg Ramirez, City Manager

Submitted by: Carmen Nichols, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Third Amendment to Agreement With County of Ventura Behavioral Health for Community Services Coordinator No. CC 2022-13C

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## **BACKGROUND**

In January 2019, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) began partnering a Ventura County Behavioral Health Agency Community Services Coordinator with a VCSO deputy assigned to the Helping Our Community Progress Efficiently initiative, also known as Project H.O.P.E. The Coordinator is part of the County's Rapid Integrated Support and Engagement (RISE) Program. RISE and VCOS partnered to support individuals experiencing mental illness in Camarillo with accessing services and resources to achieve the goal of reducing the number of calls for service, hospitalizations, and incarcerations. At the time, the position was grant funded and covered 20 hours of the Coordinator's staff time each week at no cost to the City of Camarillo (City).

When the grant funding ended in late 2021, the City entered into Agreement No. CC 2022-13 with the County of Ventura to cover .50 of the full time equivalent of the position. The remainder of the position is covered by the Ventura County Behavioral Health Care Agency.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Community Services Coordinator's goal is to assist the homeless and mentally ill population with services offered through the Ventura County Behavioral Health Agency. Additionally, the position helps to lessen the calls for service to our high-volume consumers. Together with the Project H.O.P.E deputy, the Coordinator self-initiates contacts with persons of concern by visiting various areas throughout the City. Once contact is made, the Coordinator helps in connecting individuals with various resources, including housing, mental health services, substance abuse support, and more. In 2023 alone, the Project H.O.P.E. team engaged in 1,537 repeated interactions with homeless and mentally ill individuals.

The original term of Agreement No. CC 2022-13 ended June 30, 2023, and could be extended for two additional one-year terms. The first amendment, Agreement No. CC 2022-13A, extended the term through June 30, 2024. Following the execution of the first amendment, City staff received a special request from the County to amend the agreement to account for a cost-of-living increase that had not gone into effect at the time the Council approved the first amendment. This became the second amendment to the agreement, referred to as Agreement No. CC 2022-13B. Staff now recommends entering into a third and final Amendment to Agreement CC 2022-13, extending the agreement term through June 30, 2025. This will ensure that those who are currently experiencing mental illness and homelessness and those who are at-risk of homelessness are offered the necessary support to access the resources available that will equip them with the tools necessary to succeed. If approved, the third amendment will increase the cost of the agreement to \$2,766 per pay period for a total not to exceed amount of \$71,916.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the Third Amendment to Agreement No. 2022-13C for a Community Services Coordinator are included in Fiscal Year 2024/25 General Fund, City Manager budget, Account No. 101-1401-414.32-01.

### **CEQA DETERMINATIONS**

City staff determined, in accordance with Section 15061 (b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, that these services are not subject to CEQA review because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these services may have a significant effect on the environment.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to Agreement No. CC 2022-13 (CC 2022-13C) with the County of Ventura, for a Ventura County Behavioral Health Agency Community Services Coordinator, for an amount not-to-exceed \$2,766 per pay period, for a total contract amount of \$71,916.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Agreement No. CC 2022-13 – County of Ventura
2. First Amendment to Agreement No. CC 2022-13A – County of Ventura
3. Second Amendment to Agreement No. CC 2022-13B – County of Ventura
4. Third Amendment to Agreement No. CC 2022 – 13C – County of Ventura

### **REFERENCE MATERIALS – AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT CITY HALL**

None