



Bill Walker, LMFT, Director

April 2, 2019

Board of Supervisors
County of Kern Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH FLOOD BAKERSFIELD MINISTRIES, INC.
TO PROVIDE OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND HOUSING CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FOR THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN KERN COUNTY
(Fiscal Impact: \$2,969,547 [FY 2018-19 \$989,849]; MHSA; Budgeted; Discretionary)**

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services requests the approval of an Agreement with Flood Bakersfield Ministries, Inc. ("Flood") to provide outreach, engagement, and housing case management services for the homeless population from April 2, 2019 through June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$2,969,547. The amount allocated for Fiscal Year 2018-19 is \$989,849. This agreement is funded by the Prevention and Early Intervention component of the Mental Health Services Act.

The Department initiated the Homeless Outreach, Engagement, and Housing Case Management Program to increase homeless individuals' ability to access behavioral health services. The program was developed to engage and link adults with untreated mental health and/or substance use disorders to on-going treatment services. The program will serve individuals and families in metropolitan Bakersfield and the outlying areas of the County who require such services and will include street and homeless shelter outreach as well as outreach to existing clients who have disengaged from treatment.

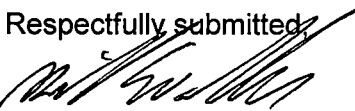
Under this proposed agreement, Flood will provide outreach teams who will visit homeless people in their surroundings, including encampments, abandoned buildings, parks, meal programs, bus stations, streets, alleys, and under bridges. The teams will carry electronic tablets for immediate real time data entry. They will provide information-referral materials and incentive items.

In accordance with the County's procurement procedures, in June 2018 the Department published a Request for Proposals (RFP) for homeless-related services in Kern County. Flood was selected to provide such services. This agreement will begin the first year of a five-year RFP cycle.

The Agreement has been approved as to form by the Office of County Counsel. Sufficient appropriations are included in the Department's requested Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget to fund this Agreement.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the proposed Agreement with Flood Bakersfield Ministries, Inc. to provide outreach, engagement, and housing case management services for the homeless population in Kern County from April 2, 2019 through June 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$2,969,547, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Respectfully submitted,


Bill Walker, LMFT
Director

cc: County Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller

