



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

November 21, 2017

Supplemental Funding for Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse

Background

Recently, the safe residential housing location for Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse suffered a significant natural gas utility failure requiring a number of the domestic abuse housing units to be closed. Clients were relocated to confidential locations at hotels and other residences.

The cost to make appropriate repairs to the natural gas utility infrastructure is in excess of \$20,000 and additional housing costs will increase the total cost.

The County has been a longtime supporter of Emerge! and their Center Against Domestic Abuse. We previously supported Emerge! on an annual appropriation basis through the Outside Agency program.

Due to the emergency nature of this repair and the costs associated with it, as well as the need to continue providing emergency housing for domestic abuse victims, I am requesting the Board of Supervisors approve a supplemental appropriation to this year's Emerge's Outside Agency allocation in the amount of \$17,500. This amount will offset the capital repair costs to the natural gas system. All other costs associated with this action will be absorbed by Emerge!.

It should be noted that Southwest Gas provided significant emergency and permit assistance in facilitating the permanent repairs to the natural gas utility system serving the Emerge! housing program. The location of the housing unit is not disclosed due to the need to protect domestic violence victims; however, the location is available should the Board have any requests associated with the location of repairs.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve a supplemental appropriation to Emerge! – Center Against Domestic Abuse in the amount of \$17,500 for emergency and permanent repairs to the natural gas utility system serving their housing units.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.H. Huckelberry".

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

CHH/anc– November 8, 2017

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Ed Mercurio-Sakwa, Chief Executive Officer Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse