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DIVISION 9. PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES [10000 - 18999.98] (Division 9 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

PART 3. AID AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE [11000 - 15771] (Part 3 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1784.)

CHAPTER 5.7. Rapid Response Program [13400 - 13408] (Chapter 5.7 added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 27, Sec. 96.)

13400. The State Department of Social Services shall administer a rapid response program to award grants or contracts to entities that provide critical assistance to immigrants during times of need.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 27, Sec. 96. (SB 80) Effective June 27, 2019.)

13401. (a) Grants or contracts awarded by the State Department of Social Services pursuant to this chapter shall comply with all of the following:

(1) May be executed with entities, including, but not limited to, nonprofit entities that meet the requirements set forth in either Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code. An entity may partner with another entity to meet the requirements of this paragraph.

(2) Shall require reporting, monitoring, or audits of assistance provided, as determined by the department.

(3) Shall be used to deliver the following critical assistance to immigrants, as determined necessary by the department:

(A) Medical screening and treatment needs identified by that screening.

(B) (i) Temporary shelter that meets minimum habitability standards, including access to a bathroom, shower, and safe sleeping space. The entity may provide this assistance through temporary direct housing support, rental of physical space or hotel rooms, or by operating a shelter.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph, shelter operations include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

(I) Securing physical space and making any necessary modifications to that space as required by a fire marshal or other legal authority.

(II) Personnel to oversee the shelter, including security officers.

(III) Janitorial services.

(IV) Laundry services.

(V) Insurance.

(VI) Any other associated and necessary costs of operating a shelter.

(C) Food.

(D) Clothing and other essential supplies.

(E) Transportation.

(F) Communications, including telephone and internet access, and translation services.

(G) Outreach and case management to support the delivery of the services listed in this paragraph.

(4) An entity that is awarded a grant or contract to provide medical screening shall have at least three years of experience providing medical screenings or other equivalent health care related services.

(5) An entity that is awarded a grant or contract to provide assistance other than medical services shall have at least three years of experience providing the assistance for which the entity seeks funding or shall subcontract with another entity that has at least three years of experience providing those services.

(6) An entity that is awarded a grant or contract pursuant to paragraph (5) to provide medical screenings may subcontract with another entity that has at least three years of experience providing medical screenings or other equivalent health care related services.

(b) Not more than 40 percent of each grant or contract awarded to an entity shall be advanced to that entity.

(c) Funding pursuant to this chapter shall be coordinated with any other funds available to support immigrants with critical assistance, and shall supplement and not supplant those funds.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 27, Sec. 96. (SB 80) Effective June 27, 2019.)

13402. The State Department of Social Services shall provide an update to the Legislature in the course of the annual budget process regarding any entity receiving funds pursuant to this chapter. The update shall reflect the following information:

(a) The name of the entity or entities that will be awarded a grant or contract.

(b) The timeline for implementation of the services.

(c) The approximate number of persons that will be served per month by the grant or contract funds.

(d) The type of assistance that will be provided to immigrants.

(e) Identification of any additional barriers and challenges to assist immigrants.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 27, Sec. 96. (SB 80) Effective June 27, 2019.)

13403. The Legislature finds and declares that this chapter is a state law that provides assistance and services for undocumented persons within the meaning of Section 1621(d) of Title 8 of the United States Code.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 27, Sec. 96. (SB 80) Effective June 27, 2019.)

13404. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, funding awarded pursuant to this chapter shall be exempt from the personal services contracting requirements of Article 4 (commencing with Section 19130) of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, funding awarded pursuant to this chapter shall be exempt from the Public Contract Code and the State Contracting Manual, and shall not be subject to the approval of the Department of General Services.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 27, Sec. 96. (SB 80) Effective June 27, 2019.)

13405. Notwithstanding any other law, any personally identifiable information, including name, birth date, and destination address, as well as shelter location, shall be subject to the requirements of Section 10850 and shall be exempt from inspection under the California Public Records Act (Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1 of the Government Code).

(Amended by Stats. 2022, Ch. 28, Sec. 160. (SB 1380) Effective January 1, 2023.)

13406. The state shall be immune from any liability resulting from the implementation of this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 27, Sec. 96. (SB 80) Effective June 27, 2019.)

13407. Notwithstanding the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), the State Department of Social Services may implement, interpret, or make specific this chapter without taking any regulatory action.

(Added by Stats. 2019, Ch. 27, Sec. 96. (SB 80) Effective June 27, 2019.)

13408. The provisions of this chapter are severable. If any provision of this chapter or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

