FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER
ACTUAL AND PROJECTED OPERATIONS EXPENSES
EXPLANATION OF LARGE CHANGES IN PROJECTED EXPENSES AND OTHER REVENUE COMPARED TO PRIOR YEAR
CONTRACT YEAR 2023/2024
MAY 2024 BOARD REPORT

Increase (Decrease) from prior year

<u>Category</u> \$ <u>%</u>

**Salaries and benefits** 4,637,856 20.3

Increase due to the addition of new service coordinators, supervisors, and support to comply with new caseload ratio requirements. 2% annual increase given to all employees during Union negotiations.

Facilities (Rent, Maint, and Utilities) 454,317 27.9

Redding increase \$13,600/Chico increase \$41,800. Projected Redding increase of approximately \$40,000 when occupancy is available. New space to accommodate increased staffing levels for both Chico & Redding. Office sharing has increased with Remote Work Agreements. Office design changes for space utilization. Chico bathroom remodel to accommodate more employees.

Contracts/Software 188,817 40.9

New software to accommodate growth. Maintenance of new office equipment.

**Travel** 161,338 38.5

Increased number of Service Coordinators traveling. Increased number of employees traveling for training/conference.

Legal / Consulting / Audit 160,679 76.8

Strategic Plan consulting \$82,500. Prior Year SDP Funding of \$55,600 not yet paid.

*IT Equipment* 171,092 95.6

Planned replacement of iPads. Laptops to replace virtual connections. New equipment for new hires.

Interest Revenue / ICF SPA Admin / Other (394,173) 52.2

Rates continue to be favorable, investing excess cash in short-term Treasury Bills.