



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: Social Services

Meeting Date: March 12, 2024

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of First Amendment (Third Amendment to Agreement No. BOS-22-182) with Redwood Community Services, Inc., in the Amount of \$129,468, for a New Total of \$521,891, to Provide State-Mandated Family Urgent Response System Mobile Response Services to Current and Former Foster Youth Through Age 21, Effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve first Amendment (third Amendment to Agreement No. BOS-22-182) with Redwood Community Services, Inc., in the amount of \$129,468, for a new total of \$521,891, to provide state-mandated Family Urgent Response System mobile response services to current and former foster youth through age 21, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024; authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to sign any future amendments to the Agreement that do not increase the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

July 12, 2022, Board of Supervisors approval of Agreement No. BOS-22-182.

December 20, 2022, Department approval of first Amendment No. SS-22-084.

July 18, 2023, Department approval of second Amendment No. SS-23-057.

Summary of Request:

The Family Urgent Response System (FURS) is a statewide mandated program, originally enacted through Section 107 of Senate Bill 80 (Statute of 2019) and amended by Assembly Bill 79 (Statute of 2020), to support current and former foster youth through age 21 during periods of instability. The program contains three components: 1) state hotline; 2) local mobile response services; and 3) local follow up services for up to 72 hours following a mobile response. FURS is intended to prevent placement disruptions, the need for 911 calls or law enforcement involvement, psychiatric hospitalizations and placements into congregate care, and assist youth and their caregivers in a trauma-informed, family friendly manner to de-escalate and stabilize situations and link the youth and family to ongoing services and resources. FURS services are required to be provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and mobile response services must be provided at any location within Mendocino County within 1 to 3 hours of receiving a call from the state hotline, or same day within 24 hours if a non-urgent response is requested by the caller.

On July 12, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved BOS Agreement No. 22-182 with Redwood Community Services, Inc. (RCS) for FURS mobile response services to current and former foster youth through age 21 in

Mendocino County. On December 20, 2022, the Department of Social Services (SS) Family and Children's Services (FCS) executed a first Amendment to Agreement No. BOS-22-182, updating the Exhibit A, Definition of Services. In Spring 2023 SS FCS began preparing for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 renewal Agreement for FURS services, and determined that Agreement No. BOS-22-182 was significantly under-utilized. As a result, on July 18, 2023, SS FCS executed a second Amendment, extending the term an additional year through June 30, 2024, without increasing the amount. The unused funds from Agreement No. BOS-22-182 were expected to cover the additional year.

More recently, RCS discovered several months of billing errors under Agreement No. BOS-22-182. These errors have been corrected, invoiced and paid, causing insufficient funding for the last four months of the additional year of services. The proposed third Amendment adds \$129,468 to cover FURS services from March 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. FURS services are state-mandated and fully funded by the State General Fund. Mendocino County's State General Fund allocations for FURS services was \$445,376 for FY 2022/23, and \$447,580 for FY 2023/24. Budgeted costs from RCS for FURS services are well under the state allocations, at \$392,423 for FY 2022/23, and \$392,423 for FY 2023/24. As a result, the additional funds from the proposed third Amendment will come from the State General Funds allocations. Once the proposed Amendment is executed it will be effective for the full term of the Agreement, from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: A Safe and Healthy County

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/foster-care/furs>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: State General Fund

current f/y cost: \$392,423

budget clarification: Budgeted \$392,423 for FY 22/23 and \$392,423 for FY 23/24; State General Fund Allocation \$445,376 for FY 22/23 and \$447,580 for FY 23/24

annual recurring cost: None at this time as Governor's January Budget Plan proposed to fully eliminate this program effective 7/1/24.

budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe): Yes

revenue agreement: No

AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL: Yes

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: March 12, 2024

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: Agreement

Number: 22-182-A1

