



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: Social Services

Meeting Date: June 25, 2024

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Agreement with Eversole Mortuary in the Amount of \$70,000, to Provide for the Handling and Disposition of Last Remains of Decedents of Mendocino County Who Have No Relatives or Other Person Legally Empowered to Authorize Cremation and Disposition, Effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Agreement with Eversole Mortuary in the amount of \$70,000, to provide for the handling and disposition of last remains of decedents of Mendocino County who have no relatives or other person legally empowered to authorize cremation and disposition, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Department of Social Services Director or designee to sign any future amendments to the Agreement that does not increase the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign the same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Ongoing Agreement, last action (Fiscal Year 23-24 Agreement): May 9, 2023, Item 3an), Agreement No. BOS-23-073.

Summary of Request:

Mendocino County Department of Social Services (MCDSS) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP 015-22) for indigent cremations in February 2022. Eversole Mortuary was selected to contract with MCDSS as a result of the RFP, to provide Indigent Cremation Services for the identified regions of "North County" and "Inland" within Mendocino County. Utilization review of these services from the period of July 2023 through December 2023 shows that Mendocino County processed claims for 38 County Cremations through Mendocino County Public Authority and General Assistance Services. In review of cremation service utilization by region, the Inland region which includes the most populous City of Ukiah, accounts for the largest percentage of cremations provided countywide.

Since Indigent Cremation Services are mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) for those decedents or families of decedents who meet specific criteria, and since the services provided by Eversole Mortuary continue to meet the need, MCDSS has chosen to contract with Eversole Mortuary for Fiscal Year 2024-25 through the proposed Agreement.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: A Safe and Healthy County

Supervisorial District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: GR 5190

current f/y cost: \$70,000

budget clarification: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

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: June 25, 2024

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: Agreement

Number: 24-103

