

Legislation Text

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### **To: Board of Supervisors**

From: Health and Human Services Agency Choose an item.

Meeting Date: October 1, 2019

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

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Time Allocated for Item: N/A

### Agenda Title:

Approval of Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc., in the Amount of \$384,613 on Behalf of the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care to Provide Rental Assistance, Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services, and Operating Support for Emergency Housing Interventions in Ukiah, Funded Through the California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program Grant, Effective October 1, 2019 Through September 30, 2021

### **Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc., in the amount of \$384,613 on behalf of the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care to provide rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services, and operating support for emergency housing interventions in Ukiah, funded through the California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program grant, Effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee to sign any future amendments to the agreement that do not increase the annual maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

### **Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

N/A

## Summary of Request:

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, as defined by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, is designed to: promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness, provide funding to quickly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness while minimizing trauma, promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs, and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

In support of the CoC Program, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued funding for the California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program to provide direct assistance to local CoC's to address California's homeless crisis. On November 13, 2018, the Board of Supervisors authorized Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to apply for a CESH allocation up to \$1,854,896, which anticipated two rounds of funding from the HCD, on behalf of the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care (MCHSCoC).

MCHSCoC plans to execute five subcontracts utilizing CESH funds based on responses to a Request for Projects (RFP) that it issued before the CESH application was finalized. Redwood Community Services (RCS) is one of the subcontractors and will use CESH funds through the contract being considered today, to provide services to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. Under this new contract, RCS will hire and Supervise Housing Stabilization Support Staff for the rapid re-housing program. The program will provide rental assistance, and housing relocation and stabilization services to people experiencing homelessness including financial assistance for rent, security deposits, application fees, utilities, and other activities to acquire sustainable housing. RCS will also hire and supervise Shelter Support Services Staff to provide operating support for emergency housing interventions.

Four additional CESH-funded agreements with the following subcontractors are forthcoming: Community Development Commission in the amount of \$123,520 to provide housing stabilization and prevention services; Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center in the amount of \$148,285 to provide Critical Time Intervention; Ford Street Project in the amount of \$583,871 to provide housing stabilization plans; and the City of Fort Bragg in the amount of \$11,724 to assist non-local homeless adults, youth and families return to their communities of origin.

## Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supervisorial District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

# Fiscal Details:

source of funding: CESH Allocation current f/y cost: \$384,613 annual recurring cost: N/A **budgeted in current f/y:** Yes **if no, please describe: revenue agreement:** No

budget clarification: Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office **CEO Review:** Yes **CEO Comments:** 

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I Date: October 4, 2019

<u>Note to Department</u> Number of Original Agreements Returned to Dept: 3 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor? Yes

Final Status: **Approved** Executed Item Number: **Agreement** Number: 19-230

