



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: May 19, 2020

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$121,080 to Provide Housing Navigation Services to CalWORKs Housing Support Customers in Mendocino County, Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve retroactive Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc. in the amount of \$121,080 to provide Housing Navigation services to CalWORKs Housing Support customers in Mendocino County, Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee to sign any future amendments 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 California Department of Social Services (CDSS), CalWORKs Housing Support Program assists homeless CalWORKs families in quickly obtaining permanent housing, and provides wrap-around supports to families to foster housing retention. This program has been administered in Mendocino County since 2015 with Housing Navigation services provided by internal staff with competing priorities. These competing priorities have led to limited supports available for individual case management and program improvements. Additionally, due to a large volume of program applicants, the County CalWORKS Program Specialist currently manages only homeless households that score high on the vulnerability index. CalWORKS refers low scoring homeless households to RCS's Building Bridges Homeless Resource Center for shelter services, including Housing Navigation services. RCS provided these services to referred households anticipating the County would fund services through various housing support sources, including CDSS.

In order to streamline the County's process and increase access to specialized services needed for Housing Navigation, the County submitted to CDSS an Amendment to the existing CalWORKs Housing Support Program annual plan. This amendment adds Housing Navigation services in order to increase access to rental properties for eligible households. On December 12, 2019, the County received confirmation from CDSS, accepting the addition of Housing Navigation services. As a result, there is additional funding available for both high and low scoring families for the Housing Support Program.

Mendocino County's Housing Support Program plans to contract with RCS for Housing Navigation services for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, and funding for these services is dependent upon utilization of current funds. Furthermore, Mendocino County accepted the increase in funding for Housing Navigation services with the understanding that funds would be utilized in FY 2019-20. As a result, the proposed contract will reimburse RCS for Housing Navigation services already provided to lower scoring families at the Building Bridges Center from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, necessitating a retroactive start date.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternate handling

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: CalWORKs Housing Support
Program Administration Allocation

current f/y cost: \$121,080

annual recurring cost: \$121,080

budget clarification:

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: No

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: May 20, 2020

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements

Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to
Auditor? No

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item: **Agreement** Number: 20-050

