



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

Meeting Date: August 18, 2020

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 15 Minutes

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Redwood Community Services in the Amount of \$140,422 to Provide Expanded Subsidized Employment for CalWORKs Participants, Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
(Sponsor: Health and Human Services Agency)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve retroactive Agreement with Redwood Community Services in the amount of \$140,422 to provide Expanded Subsidized Employment for CalWORKs participants, effective July 1, 2020 through June 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:

July 11, 2017, Item 4(x), BOS Agreement No. 17-059;

April 24, 2018, Item 4(j), BOS Agreement No. 18-036;

July 9, 2019, Item 4(k), BOS Agreement No. 19-176;

July 14, 2020, Item 4(l), the Board of Supervisors deferred action on the proposed 2020-21 contract and asked for clarification regarding contracting with Redwood Community Services versus Workforce Alliance of the North Bay.

Summary of Request:

The proposed Agreement with Redwood Community Services provides for a comprehensive and cohesive training program to develop or enhance employment skills of CalWORKs participants during the 2020-21 fiscal year. Services will include subsidized employment for participants while they develop the skills and work history needed to obtain self-sufficiency. In addition to offering training with basic soft skills, participants will learn the specifics of the position they are hired for and develop the reference needed to move forward. Services are available at any identified Redwood Community Services site, opening greater opportunity for CalWORKs participants to be placed in positions consistent with their career goals.

The Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) planned this contract for Board review and approval in June 2020. In May 2020, however, HHS had to cancel the contract because the State proposed budget cuts that removed funding for the program entirely. When the State restored funding for the program in its final budget

agreement in June 2020, HHSA reinstated the contract.

Additionally, when HHSA presented the 2020-21 Agreement for Board approval on July 14, 2020, the Board of Supervisors deferred action and asked for clarification regarding contracting with Redwood Community Services rather than with Workforce Alliance of the North Bay. HHSA awarded contracts for these services based on responses received from RFP SS-19-002-RFP (Expanded Subsidized Employment), issued in February 2019. Ultimately, HHSA awarded three contracts, but only two agencies, Redwood Community Services and Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, renewed their contracts for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Workforce Alliance of the North Bay did not submit a proposal in response to the RFP.

Pending the outcome of discussion today, HHSA requests that the Board of Supervisors approve the contract retroactively.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: 5010 - Family Stabilization Program **budgeted in current f/y:** Yes
augmented by CalWORKs Single Allocation

current f/y cost: \$140,422

annual recurring cost: \$140,422

budget clarification:

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: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: AUGUST 21, 2020

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 20-131

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements
Returned to Dept: 1 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?
Yes

