



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Health and Human Services Agency

**Meeting Date:** May 4, 2021

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Retroactive Agreement with Project Sanctuary in the Amount of \$456,868 to Provide Non-Congregate Shelter (i.e. Motel Vouchers) and Housing Navigation Services Needed to Prevent, Prepare For, and Respond to Coronavirus Among Individuals and Families Who Are Fleeing Domestic Violence In Mendocino County for the Period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve retroactive Agreement with Project Sanctuary in the amount of \$456,868 to provide non-congregate shelter (i.e. motel vouchers) and Housing Navigation Services needed to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among individuals and families who are fleeing domestic violence in Mendocino County for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Assistant 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:**

None

**Summary of Request:**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress on March 27, 2020, included funds for homeless services through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) to support Continuum of Care (CoC) in addressing COVID-19 among the homeless. On June 1, 2020, the Department of Housing and Community Development released a Notice of Funding Availability for the ESG-CV. The ESG-CV provides funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance, and to support additional homeless assistance and homeless prevention activities to mitigate the impacts created by COVID-19. ESG-CV funds for non-entitlement CoC jurisdictions, such as Mendocino County, are distributed to State Governments, which then release funds directly to the CoC. Funds were awarded to Mendocino County in two rounds; the first round in the amount of \$705,100 in October 2020; the second round in the amount of \$4,758,723 in March 2021.

After the first round of funds were granted, the County program entered into a first set of short-term contracts for services utilizing these funds, enabling contractors to make purchases and increase staffing required to

address COVID-19 for the period of September 1 - December 31, 2020. After finalizing the short-term contracts, the County program immediately released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for emergency shelter services starting January 1, 2021. The RFP closed December 17, 2020. The RFP evaluation process took a lot of time, since proposals were few and inadequate, with no qualified vendors to provide inland shelter. The County could not be without inland shelter, so the program was forced to start sole source contracts for these services. After sole source contracts were in place, the County program reviewed a revised RFP proposal with a new budget to start January 1, 2021 specific to inland shelter services. Negotiations for the inland shelter budget lasted a few months, delaying the drafting of this final contract for services with Project Sanctuary.

Using CARES Act funds, Project Sanctuary will provide non-congregate shelter and housing navigation services for persons fleeing domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic, for the period of January 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022. These services will help to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness in Mendocino County.

Due to the emergency status of the COVID-19 pandemic, CARES Act funding for shelter services was not anticipated nor guaranteed, grant award letters from the State were considerably delayed, and the expenditure start date set by the State proceeds the date the funds were awarded, leading to this Agreement being processed retroactively.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** [HTTPS://WWW.HCD.CA.GOV/GRANTS-FUNDING/ACTIVE-FUNDING/ESG.SHTML#FUNDING](https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/esg.shtml#funding)

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** Emergency CARES Act Funding

**current f/y cost:** \$456,868

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budget clarification:** Services for this contract are directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the emergency status of the pandemic, funds for these services were not anticipated prior to budget creation. Services will be paid for using CARES Act Funding.

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: May 5, 2021

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Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: **Agreement** Number: 21-083

**Note to Department** Number of Original Agreements  
Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to  
Auditor? No

