



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 Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc, in the Amount of \$60,000 to Provide Housing Navigation Services to CalWORKs Housing Support and Family Stabilization Customers in Mendocino County, Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc, in the amount of \$60,000 to Provide Housing Navigation Services to CalWORKs Housing Support and Family Stabilization customers in Mendocino County, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Assistant 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:

Most recent action: May 19, 2020, Item No. 4(s), Approval of BOS Agreement No. 20-050.

Summary of Request:

Mendocino County has administered the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) since 2015. Under this program, housing navigation services are provided by internal County staff with competing priorities, limiting supports available for individual case management and program improvements. During Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20, HSP received 63 referrals for caseload management; and during FY 2020-21, 35 referrals were received as of 3/1/21. Over the span of these two years, the program has assisted 60 families with interim shelter and 34 families with permanent housing rental subsidies. The collaborative efforts of County staff and community partners has resulted in 48 CalWORKs families obtaining permanent housing.

In order to improve the program, and at the suggestion of the CDSS Housing and Homelessness Bureau (which provides oversight to the CalWORKs Housing Support Program), Mendocino County submitted an amendment to the annual program plan on 11/15/2019. The amendment includes contracting for specialty services including housing navigation.

Redwood Community Services, Inc. (RCS) will provide these Housing Navigation Services to include shelter services, housing navigation services, and related resources to Mendocino County residents through the

Building Bridges Homeless Resource Center. RCS is poised to effectively provide housing navigation services for Mendocino County CalWORKs participants through landlord recruitment, tenant education and advocacy, and application assistance. The CalWORKs Job Services Family Stabilization program also includes components of housing, and will benefit from this partnership with RCS.

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 and
CalWORKs Family Stabilization Program Administration
Allocations

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

current f/y cost: \$60,000

if no, please describe:

annual recurring cost: \$60,000

revenue agreement: No

budget clarification:

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: May 5, 2021

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: **Agreement** **Number:** 21-081

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

