



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 in the Amount of \$140,422 to Provide Expanded Subsidized Employment for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Participants, Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Agreement with Redwood Community Services in the amount of \$140,422 to provide Expanded Subsidized Employment for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) participants, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Assistant Director/ Social Services Director 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:

Ongoing Agreement since 2017, most recent action August 18, 2020, Item 5 (i), BOS Agreement No. 20-131.

Summary of Request:

The proposed Agreement with Redwood Community Services provides for a comprehensive and cohesive training program to develop or enhance skill of CalWORKs participants during the 2021-22 fiscal year. Services will include subsidized employment for eligible participants while they develop the skills, experience, and work history necessary to transition into unsubsidized employment. 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 in the workforce. Services are available at any identified Redwood Community Services (RCS) site, opening greater opportunity of CalWORKs participants to be placed in positions consistent with their career goals.

Impacted by the pandemic, CalWORKs Job Services saw a decrease in referrals for Expanded Subsidized Employment (ESE) between March 2020 and February 2021. Referrals have increased due to the COVID-19 response activities implemented by the County, including the availability of vaccinations, to ease participant health concerns. In FY 19-20, 18 participants were referred to RCS. In FY 20-21, there has been a decrease to 10 referrals as of April 1, 2021. ESE participants through the FY 19-20 contract averaged 38 hours per week with an average wage of \$13.50 per hour. Due to the impact of the pandemic, FY 20-21 participants have only averaged 20 hours per week, however the average hourly rate has increased to \$17.50 per hour.

RCS has been awarded the contract for these services as a result of Request for Proposal # SS-19-002-RFP (Expanded Subsidized Employment) issued in February 2019. The proposed Agreement for FY 21-22 is the final contract to be renewed from the Request for Proposal.

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 - Expanded Subsidized Employment Program augmented by CalWORKs Single Allocation

current f/y cost: \$140,422

annual recurring cost: \$140,422

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: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: May 5, 2021

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

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: **Agreement** Number: 21-082

