



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Retroactive Renewal Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County in the Amount of \$0, Confirming Mendocino County Family and Children's Services' Continued Commitment to Collaborate with the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County for the Issuance of Family Unification Program Housing Vouchers, Effective March 1, 2021 to March 1, 2024

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve retroactive renewal Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County in the Amount of \$0, confirming Mendocino County Family and Children's Services' continued commitment to collaborate with the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County for the issuance of Family Unification Program housing vouchers, effective March 1, 2021 to March 1, 2024; 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:

None.

Summary of Request:

Beginning March 1, 2019, the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County (CDC) was awarded \$156,156 for up to 22 Family Unification Program (FUP) housing vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). FUP is a program under which Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) are provided to families for whom a lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in the imminent placement of the family's child(ren) in out-of-home care, or the delay in discharge of the child(ren) to the family from out-of-home care. In addition, FUP vouchers may be used for young adults ages 18 to 24 who have left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, and are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The FUP also requires time-limited case management services after a family or young adult is housed with a FUP voucher to help ensure housing stability.

CDC is the Public Housing Authority (PHA) responsible for administering the FUP in partnership with the County's Public Child Welfare Agency, Family and Children's Services (FCS), who is responsible for referring

FUP families and young adults to the PHA for determination of eligibility for rental assistance. The original award was based on a HUD-required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CDC, FCS and the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care submitted by CDC with the application for funding in 2018 that established and confirmed FCS' commitment to collaborate with the CDC for the FUP. The funding from HUD is a permanent allocation to CDC as long as HUD continues to fund the FUP and FCS continues to collaborate with CDC. Based on Mendocino County's Memorandum of Understanding procedures, the MOU submitted by CDC to HUD was time-limited and expired March 1, 2021. Therefore, this renewal MOU is for the County's and CDC's records to confirm the continued collaboration between the agencies for the FUP.

Since March 1, 2019, 18 families have been approved for a FUP voucher and 7 families have obtained housing using a FUP voucher. Unfortunately, 11 families are still searching for housing.

Due to FCS workload priorities, including the considerable time and resources necessary for several significant statewide programs, some newly required, this MOU was not renewed prior to the expiration of the previous MOU; FCS therefore requests the Board retroactively approve the MOU for County and CDC records.

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: N/A

current f/y cost: \$0

annual recurring cost: \$0

budget clarification:

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

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 27, 2021

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 21-093

Note to Department Number of Original Agreements

Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?

No

