



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 Thirteenth Amendment to Agreement No. PH-19-080, PA No. 20-126, with Cucina Verona in the Amount of \$250,000 for a New Total of \$2,880,500 to Provide Meals to Homebound Seniors in the Fort Bragg Area Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic through the Great Plates Delivered Program, Effective May 12, 2020 through a New End Date of July 9, 2021 (Original End Date June 30, 2021)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve retroactive thirteenth Amendment to Agreement No. PH-19-080, PA No. 20-126, with Cucina Verona in the amount of \$250,000 for a new total of \$2,880,500 to provide meals to homebound seniors in the Fort Bragg area due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Great Plates Delivered Program, effective May 12, 2020 through a new end date of July 9, 2021 (original end date June 30, 2021); and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

June 10, 2020, Item 4(ai), BOS 20-075 (\$200,000)

July 14, 2020, Item 4(s), BOS 20-075-A1 (\$305,000)

August 18, 2020, Item 4(aa), BOS 20-075-A2 (\$180,000)

September 22, 2020, Item 4(p), BOS 20-075-A3 (\$185,000)

October 20, 2020, Item 4(k), BOS 20-075-A4 (\$182,000)

April 6, 2021, Item 4(q), BOS 20-075-A5 (\$230,000)

Summary of Request:

On April 24, 2020, Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) became aware of available state funding for the "Great Plates Delivered" program, a meal delivery service for California's older adults. Mendocino County HHSA immediately pursued this funding opportunity, and coordinated with state agencies, in addition to local restaurants, to launch the "Great Plates Delivered" program for the benefit of Mendocino County. The Great Plates Delivered program utilizes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Feeding Program Framework, which has a standard federal reimbursement of 75% of costs. Initially, California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), in partnership with the California Department of Aging (CDA), contributed an additional 18.75% reimbursement, which resulted in an estimated County cost share of 6.25% of costs. In January 2021, by executive order from President Biden, the FEMA reimbursement amount was increased to 100% of eligible costs, effectively eliminating the county cost share; this order was retroactive to March 2020.

Great Plates Delivered has two purposes: 1) To help seniors (65+) and other adults (60-64) at high risk from COVID-19, (having documented exposure to COVID-19 or underlying health condition) to stay home and stay healthy by delivering three nutritious meals a day; and 2) To provide essential economic stimulus to local businesses struggling to stay afloat during the COVID-19 crisis.

HHSA originally coordinated with five restaurants to prepare and deliver up to three meals a day to local homebound seniors. After receiving positive response from the community, HHSA has coordinated with five additional restaurants to provide meals within Mendocino County. Over the past year, Cucina Verona provided services to program participants in the Fort Bragg area.

HHSA requests execution of a thirteenth amendment to the Great Plates Delivered contract with Cucina Verona. The Board of Supervisors approved amendments to the initial \$49,500 contract beginning on June 10, 2020, either through direct approval at a Board meeting or by delegating authority to the County's Purchasing Agent to execute amendments within specific dollar amounts and end dates. The proposed thirteenth amendment is anticipated to be the last as the state announced recently that the program will end on July 9, 2021. The amendment will cover costs for 118 participants at an anticipated weekly average invoice amount of \$54,516, when using the program's established meal reimbursement amount of \$66 per person, per day. While the contract was active, Cucina Verona served 188 participants and delivered 117,847 meals.

The County received notification of the end of the Great Plates Delivered Program in June 2021, and therefore requests retroactive approval of the proposed amendment.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supervisory District: District 4

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: <HTTPS://COVID19.CA.GOV/RESTAURANTS-DELIVER-HOME-MEALS-FOR-SENIORS/>

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: IG

budgeted in current f/y: No

current f/y cost: Estimated \$2,880,500 through July 9, 2021

if no, please describe: The State issued funding in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

annual recurring cost: N/A

revenue agreement: No

budget clarification: FEMA will reimburse 100% of the County's eligible costs for the Great Plates Delivered Program.

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

Final Status: Approved

Date: July 22, 2021

Executed Item Type: Agreement Number: 20-075-A6

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

