



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 21-1157, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Social Services

**Meeting Date:** October 19, 2021

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

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

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Retroactive Agreement with North Coast Opportunities, Inc. in the Amount of \$297,000 to Provide Fiscal and Administrative Support for Project Roomkey Served Households Experiencing Homelessness During the COVID-19 Pandemic through Efficient Distribution of Funds for Housing Barrier Removal in an Effort to Exit Participants to Safe and Stable Housing, Effective October 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve retroactive Agreement with North Coast Opportunities, Inc. in the amount of \$297,000 to provide fiscal and administrative support for Project Roomkey served households experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic through efficient distribution of funds for housing barrier removal in an effort to exit participants to safe and stable housing, effective October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; authorize the Social Services Director or designee to sign any amendments that do not increase the annual amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

N/A

**Summary of Request:**

Like all communities across the nation, the COVID-19 pandemic has completely disrupted the community of Mendocino County, especially for individuals in vulnerable living situations. The County of Mendocino currently provides support to at-risk individuals experiencing homelessness during the pandemic through temporary housing in motels through the State funded Project Roomkey. On July 26, 2021, California Department of Social Services released allocations to Counties operating Project Roomkey programs. The County of Mendocino was granted \$789,175 specifically to support Rehousing Strategies for Project Roomkey participants.

In order to support the transition of Project Roomkey clients to stable ongoing housing, North Coast Opportunities, Inc. (NCO) will serve as a community-based fiscal agent, providing assistance through the efficient distribution of funds for housing related needs using the Roomkey Exit Fund. This includes a variety of goals intended to remove barriers to housing such as, credit repair or legal services, landlord engagement and incentives, moving-in costs, housing stabilization costs, and other needs that directly impact access to

housing.

Mendocino County became aware of the Rehousing Strategies for Project Roomkey allocation in late July, and immediately began negotiating with NCO for services to start October 1, 2021. Drafting of the agreement was smooth and quick, but the agreement became retroactive before it could be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling.

**How does this Item Support the General Plan?** This project supports Goal 2.3 of the Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness in Mendocino County.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** 4/5ths

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:**

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/housing-programs/project-roomkey>

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** CDSS Project Roomkey Allocation

**current f/y cost:** \$297,000

**annual recurring cost:** None

**budget clarification:** Funds for this agreement will come from the CDSS allocation issued to the County on 29, 2021.

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

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**CEO Liaison:** Darcie Antle, Assistant CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: October 20, 2021

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

**budgeted in current f/y:** No

**if no, please describe:** Allocation letter was received by CDSS on July 29, 2021, after budget documents had been submitted.

**revenue agreement:** No

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**Final Status:** **Approved**

Executed Item Type: **Agreement** Number: 21-186

