



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Social Services

**Meeting Date:** June 21, 2022

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

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

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Agreement (Second Amendment to Agreement No. SS-21-026, PA No. 21-187) with Eversole Mortuary in the Amount of \$25,000 for a New Total of \$95,000 to Provide the Handling and Disposition of Last Remains of Decedents of Mendocino County Who Have No Relatives or Other Person Legally Empowered to Authorize Cremation and Disposition, Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and Approval of Appropriation Transfer of Funds Shifting \$31,570 Within Fund 1100, Org. Code GR, Account String 86-3112, and Increasing Funds in Fund 1100, Org Code GR, Account String 86-2186

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve agreement (second Amendment to Agreement No. SS-21-026, PA No. 21-187) with Eversole Mortuary in the amount of \$25,000 for a new total of \$95,000 to provide the handling and disposition of last remains of decedents of Mendocino County who have no relatives or other person legally empowered to authorize cremation and disposition, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; approve Appropriation Transfer of Funds shifting \$31,570 within Fund 1100, Org Code GR, Account String 86-3112, and increasing funds in Fund 1100, Org Code GR, Account String 86-2186; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

April 5, 2022, Item 43(at), BOS Agreement No. 22-083 Approval of First Amendment to Agreement No. SS-21-026 with Eversole Mortuary in the amount of \$20,000 for a total of \$70,000.

**Summary of Request:**

Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) issued a Request for Proposal (SS-19-007 RFP) for indigent cremations. Eversole Mortuary was awarded the contract in September 2019 to provide these services for all of Mendocino County, and in July 2021 a contract renewal was completed for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The coverage area for Eversole Mortuary for these services is significant, requiring extensive travel to provide services to the entire county. The original fund amount for this contract was established based on this anticipated coverage area and historical utilization.

Since early 2020, Mendocino County has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which is being experienced locally, nationally, and globally. The pandemic has led to an increase in utilization of indigent cremation and burial services. The need for these services has exceeded the originally allocated contract amount and additional funds are necessary to cover these expenses through the end of the 2021-2022

Fiscal Year. For the period of July 2021 through March 2022, the County has processed claims for 47 County Cremations through Mendocino County Public Authority and General Assistance Services. In 2020-2021, a total of 59 County Cremation claims were processed during the entire Fiscal Year.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling

**Does This Item Support the General Plan?** Yes

**Strategic Plan Priority Designation:** An Effective County Government

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** GR 5190

**current f/y cost:** \$95,000

**Annual recurring cost:** \$50,000

**budget clarification:** Transfer of funds from 1100-GR-863112 to 1100-GR-862186.

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

**if no, please describe:** The additional \$25,000 is offset in increased SSI recoupments within this budget.

**revenue agreement:** No

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

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**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk II

Date: July 13, 2022

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement Number: 22-180

