



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Social Services

Meeting Date: May 9, 2023

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Agreement with Eversole Mortuary in the Amount of \$60,000 to Provide for 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve Agreement with Eversole Mortuary in the amount of \$60,000 to provide for 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, 2023 through June 30, 2024; authorize the Department of Social Services Director or designee to sign any future amendments to the Agreement that do not increase the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Ongoing Agreement. Most recent action on June 21, 2022, Item 3(ap), BOS Agreement No. 22-159.

Summary of Request:

Mendocino County is required by the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) to provide indigent cremation services for decedents or families of decedents who meet specific criteria. Mendocino County Department of Social Services (MCDSS) issued a Request for Proposal (RFP 015-22) for indigent cremation services in February 2022. As a result of the RFP, Eversole Mortuary was selected to contract with MCDSS to provide indigent cremation services for the identified regions of "North County" and "Inland" within Mendocino County.

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. From the period of July 2022 through January 2023, Mendocino County has processed claims for 30 County Cremations through Mendocino County Public Authority and General Assistance Services. In review of cremation service utilization by region, the Inland region, which includes the most populous City of Ukiah, accounts for the largest percentage of cremations provided countywide. The indigent cremation services provided by Eversole Mortuary continue to meet WIC

requirements, and MCDSS has decided to contract with Eversole Mortuary for an additional year through the proposed Agreement. The budget for the proposed Agreement takes into consideration the previous years' utilization of services to ensure adequate funds are allocated to cover anticipated expenses.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Does This Item Support the General Plan? Yes

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: A Safe and Healthy County

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: GR 5190

current f/y cost: \$60,000

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: Yes

if no, please describe: N/A

revenue agreement: No

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: May 9, 2023

Final Status: Approved

Executed Item Type: Agreement **Number:** 23-073

