

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PROCESS AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH STARVISTA TO PROVIDE HOMELESS PREVENTION AND HOUSING RELATED SERVICES UNDER THE BRINGING FAMILIES HOME PROGRAM, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$515,904 FOR THE TERM OF JANUARY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program was established by Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2016), and updated by Senate Bill (SB) 80 (Chapter 27, Statutes 2019), to reduce the number of families in the child welfare system experiencing or at risk of homelessness, increase family reunification, and prevent foster care placement through the provision of housing first services to families experiencing homelessness when Children and Family Services (CFS) is involved; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Agency's (HSA) CFS branch applied for and received BFH grant funding to provide families with financial assistance and housing-related wrap-around supportive services such as rental assistance, housing navigation, case management, security deposits, utility payments, moving costs, hotel and motel vouchers, legal services, and credit repair; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Memorandum B-1 (May 9, 2022) Section IV. Waivers of Competitive Requirements, paragraph B. Non-Emergency –

Specific Exemptions item 18, the competitive procurement requirements may be waived for Child Welfare Services or Behavioral Health and Recovery Services with any qualified provider, including long-term locked facilities without specialized treatment programs; housing and related support services; and individual private mental-health services; and

WHEREAS, HSA requests this Board waive the RFP requirement for the agreement with StarVista, because they have the expertise necessary to provide families who are at risk of, or are, experiencing homelessness with access to critical housing related and homeless prevention services under the BFH program; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been presented with a form of such agreement, has examined and approved it as to both form and content, and desires to enter same.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to waive the County's requirement for Request for Proposals and execute said Agreement for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of the Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Human Services Agency or designee is authorized to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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