



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Department of Housing



Date: December 1, 2015
Board Meeting Date: December 15, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors (Acting as the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority)

From: Ken Cole, Executive Director, Housing Authority

Subject: Agreement with Mental Health Association of San Mateo County

RECOMMENDATION:

Acting as the Governing Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo, adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to execute an agreement between the Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo and the Mental Health Association of San Mateo County to provide supportive services under the Permanent Supportive Housing program, with an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo (HACSM) is the recipient of a new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The PSH program provides rental assistance as well as supportive services to chronically homeless individuals with disabilities, based on the premise that housing and services need to be linked to ensure stable housing for this hard to serve population. While HACSM provides rental subsidies and administers housing assistance payments, various other County departments and service providers provide the necessary supportive services, allowing program participants to maintain stable housing, obtain economic and social independence.

DISCUSSION:

HACSM administers approximately \$4 million per year in Federal Continuum of Care funding for PSH for homeless individuals and families with disabilities. In October 2014, HACSM submitted an application through the County's Continuum of Care for a new PSH project. HACSM requested funding to assist 34 homeless households. On January 26, 2015, HACSM was notified by HUD that it was one of 25 agencies nationwide whose application was selected for funding. HACSM was awarded

\$978,009. Of the \$978,009 awarded by HUD, HACSM plans to use \$120,000 for case management services. Partnering with HACSM since the late 1990s, Mental Health Association of San Mateo County (MHA) has been providing supportive services successfully for many of the HACSM-PSH clients. MHA has been working closely with the San Mateo County Homeless Outreach Teams in identifying the target population and coordinating services to ensure our clients receive the necessary support to remain housed. The proposed budget allows MHA to provide case management services for up to 34 program participants who will be served under the new grant.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Approval of this resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community by enabling HACSM to provide housing subsidy to low and very low income households.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S)

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Number of households to be assisted with case management services	34	34

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no net county cost associated with this action. HACSM is funded 100% by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.