



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Department of Housing



**Date:** March 10, 2017  
**Board Meeting Date:** March 28, 2017  
**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:** Amendment to Agreement with the 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 amendment to the 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, extending the term of the agreement through December 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Housing Authority of the County of San Mateo (HACSM) is the recipient of a 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 in order to ensure stable housing for this hard to serve population. While HACSM provides rental subsidy and administers housing assistance payments, various County departments and service providers provide the necessary supportive services, allowing program participants to maintain stable housing, and obtain economic and social independence.

**DISCUSSION:**

HACSM administers approximately \$5 million per year in federal Continuum of Care funding for the PSH program for homeless individuals and families with disabilities. In October 2014, HACSM made an application through San Mateo County's Continuum of Care for a new PSH project. In January 2015, HACSM was notified by HUD that it was

one of the 25 agencies nationwide whose application was selected for funding and was awarded \$978,009 for one year.

Of the \$978,009 awarded by HUD, HACSM allocated \$120,000 for case management services. HACSM partnered with the Mental Health Association of the County of San Mateo (MHA) which has been providing supportive services successfully for many of the HACSM-PSH clients.

In October 2016, HACSM applied for another round of funding through San Mateo County's Continuum of Care. In December 2016, HACSM was notified by HUD that it was selected for funding and awarded \$1,204,240 for two years.

Since 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 amendment allows MHA to continue to provide case management services for program participants who will be served under the new grant. HACSM allocated \$130,000 for these services with MHA. The original Agreement allowed MHA to serve up to 34 participants; with the amended agreement, MHA can serve up to 60 PSH participants.

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.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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