



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



**Date:** November 27, 2012  
**Board Meeting Date:** December 11, 2012  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Duane Bay, Director

**Subject:** Agreement with Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Housing or the Director's designee to execute an agreement with CORA for the term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$131,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

CORA began serving residents of San Mateo County in 1977, providing one of the nation's first 24-Hour crisis lines. CORA's mission is to end domestic violence/abuse in San Mateo County through intervention and prevention. CORA is the only comprehensive service provider to victims of domestic violence in the County. Services include emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal services, 24-hour crisis hotline, individual and family therapy, support groups, case management, and community outreach and education.

These services contribute to self-sufficiency, which is important as 38% of domestic violence victims become homeless in their lifetime. CORA Provides emergency shelter for those affected by domestic violence as soon as possible, buffers against the effects of on-going trauma. CORA staff use a trauma-informed model of care which essentially means clients play an active role in developing their case plans throughout their engagement with CORA.

**DISCUSSION:**

This rehabilitation is needed in order to open CORA's newest shelter to clients as soon as possible. The rehabilitation noted in this application is for safety, ADA, energy efficiency upgrades and for addressing other issues raised through the inspection report for this house. This new shelter is critically needed because there simply isn't enough space in CORA's existing shelter to meet demand -- and CORA is the only domestic violence services agency in the county that provides the full spectrum of services for

victims/survivors, including emergency shelter for those fleeing domestic violence and with no other place to go.

The Resolution and agreement have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The current Board action includes authorizing the Director of the Department of Housing or the Director's designee to execute contract amendments modifying the County' maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modifying the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The insurance has been reviewed and meets the County's requirement. The Agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

Approval of this action contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community in that the new safe house will provide much needed shelter for 12-18 victims of domestic violence per year.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2011-12 Actual (Countywide)</b>	<b>FY 2012-13 Projected (Countywide)</b>
Number of persons benefitting directly from county-administered loans and grants	23,550	22,000

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no Net County Cost. The funds of \$131,000 provided for this Agreement will be from the County's FY 2012-13 CDBG Program and are included in the Department of Housing's budget.