



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: October 20, 2016
Board Meeting Date: November 15, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Acceptance of funds from California State Department of Social Services and Agreement with Abode Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing:

- A) The acceptance of funding from California Department of Social Services Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Housing Support Program in an amount up to \$924,299 for Fiscal Year 2016-17; and
- B) The Human Services Agency Director to accept any additional augmentations to the CalWORKs Housing Support Program through FY 2017-18, in an amount up to \$2,000,000; and
- C) The Human Services Agency Director to execute an agreement with Abode Services for the term of November 15, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$924,299 and any amendments through FY 2017-18 to use augmented Housing Support Program funding towards rapid re-housing services to CalWORKs families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to remain housed in San Mateo County; and
- D) An Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$924,299 to the Human Services Agency Budget to accept the unanticipated funding from California Department of Social Services CalWORKs Housing Support Program.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) awards annual amounts of Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Housing Support Program (HSP) funds to counties that apply and demonstrate the ability to administer the nationally recognized rapid re-housing program model for CalWORKs families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

The Human Services Agency (HSA) is the lead agency for the San Mateo County Continuum of Care and oversees the CalWORKs program. HSA applied for CalWORKs HSP funding to support rapid re-housing (RRH) services, fostering housing stability for homeless families in the CalWORKs program. HSA is committed to ensuring that the HSP program and RRH services are fully aligned with the Continuum of Care and the San Mateo Community's new Strategic Plan to End Homelessness by 2020.

HSA has received an award of HSP funds from CDSS to provide financial assistance and wrap-around support services to help families quickly obtain permanent housing. CDSS has allocated \$924,299 for 6 months of program services and administration for FY 2016-17. Counties may re-apply for the funding in the new FY. HSA has already budgeted for, and anticipates re-applying for the full 12 months of funding for FY 2017-18 and anticipates an award of up to \$2,000,000.

On May 9, 2016, HSA conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) in compliance with HSP requirements to identify contractors capable of developing RRH services for single adults and families. Through this process, Abode Services was selected as the vendor that best matched the service needs of the County and that could provide a seamless and coordinated implementation of HSP requirements and RRH services countywide.

DISCUSSION:

HSA will utilize HSP funding to provide RRH assistance to families in San Mateo County who are at risk of homelessness to remain housed or to provide transitional housing and sheltering for families who are homeless.

The Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) increases the appropriation in the HSA Budget to include the unanticipated funding from the CDSS HSP program. The increase in appropriations will cover costs of RRH services from November 15, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

HSA is requesting that your Board authorize its Director or designee to accept any additional HSP funds allocated by CDSS for FY 2016-17 through FY 2017-18 up to \$2,000,000 and to execute an agreement with Abode Services in the amount of \$924,299 for the term of November 15, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and any amendments to allocate additional HSP funds that may be provided by CDSS for RRH services. This will allow HSA to provide services by January 2017 and utilize the 6 months of funding granted by CDSS and to streamline funds as they are received to provide critical services to CalWORKs families.

The resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The agreement contributes to Shared vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by provide rapid re-housing services to homeless individuals and families or those at risk of homelessness to foster stable housing in San Mateo County with a goal to end homelessness by 2020. It is anticipated that 36 households will be enrolled into RRH services under the HSP and that 80% of those enrolled will exit the program into permanent housing.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	*FY 2016-17 Target
Number of Households referred and enrolled in RRH Services.	36
Percent of household served who exit to permanent housing	80%

*Target is based on 6 months of services based on CDSS HSP funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2016-17 amount of the Housing Support Program (HSP) allocation is \$924,299. These funds are not included in the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget. An Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) will cover expenses incurred in association with the allocation and are 100% claimable. HSP funding for FY 2017-18 will be dependent upon the total allocation for that fiscal year. The Agreement with Abode Services in the amount of \$924,299 is for the same term as the HSP allocation and is 100% funded. There is no Net County Cost.