



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Human Services Agency



**Date:** May 7, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** June 4, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Beverly Beasley Johnson, JD, Director, Human Services Agency

**Subject:** Second Amendment with Project WeHOPE

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Project WeHOPE to extend the Warming/Inclement Weather Shelter service period for FY 2012-13 to June 30, 2013, increasing the amount by \$66,581 to \$185,673.

**BACKGROUND:**

On June 3, 2011, the County Manager's Office approved an Agreement with Project WeHOPE to operate the Warming/Inclement Weather Shelter, Agreement Number 75100-12-C018. On September 11, 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the agreement to add the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, agreement number 072166. This second amendment will allow Project WeHOPE to extend the Warming/Inclement Weather Shelter service period for FY 2012-13 to June 30, 2013.

Since March 2009, WeHOPE (a local faith based organization) has partnered with the Human Services Agency Center on Homelessness to help the homeless, un-sheltered and at-risk population by utilizing the Lord's Gym Community Center as the site for a Warming/Inclement Weather Shelter (a maximum of 40 beds capacity facility). The shelter operates in coordination with the County's Emergency Inclement Weather Shelter activation during periods of intemperate weather, initially serving an average of 12-20 homeless individuals per day and then increasing the number up to 40 homeless individuals a day when the shelter transitioned to remaining open seven days a week. The Project WeHOPE staff work with the individuals, and connect them to eligible services such as Ravenswood Health Clinic, InnVision Shelter Network Programs, Methadone Clinic and El Concilio Core Services Agency. Through the Inclement Weather Program, the shelter would have closed operations on April 15, 2013, and no emergency shelter would have been available in East Palo Alto.

**DISCUSSION:**

As the only Warming Shelter in East Palo Alto, WeHOPE provides a vital service that would otherwise not be available to individuals who are homeless in this area of the county. In addition to basic housing, the Warming Shelter offers food and crisis intervention as well as referrals to other social services organizations. Numerous others will also receive counseling services to help manage their homeless situation and overall lives.

WeHOPE has been through a renovation recently and has completed Phase I of their remodeling increasing their bed capacity from 30 beds to 40 beds (Phase II will include a shower facility, kitchen and computer lab/dining hall). The additional \$66,581 funding will enable WeHOPE to continue operations of the shelter through June 30, 2013, serving up to 40 homeless adult individuals per night without interruption of services to the homeless adult population.

Contractor has assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits. County Counsel has reviewed the agreement and Resolution as to form and the Contractor meets the insurance certification requirements.

Approval of this second amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing shelter services for 40 individuals per night, of which 60% will be eligible for additional assistance.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
Average number of individuals receiving emergency shelter per night.	NA	40
Percent of eligible clients connection to eligible services (Transitional Housing, Permanent Housing, Drug Treatment Programs, Health Clinics, SSI/SSDI)	NA	60%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement remains the same, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. This Second Amendment adds \$66,581, for a total obligation of \$185,673, which is 100% Net County Cost. Funds for this Second Amendment will be included in the FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget.