



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: July 28, 2016
Board Meeting Date: September 6, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Amendment to the Agreement with Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse, increasing the amount by \$30,000 to an amount not to exceed \$234,943.

BACKGROUND:

On May 19, 2015 the Board of Supervisors waived the Request for Proposals process and approved an agreement with Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) by Resolution 073794 to provide emergency shelters for victims of domestic violence and their children for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$180,000. Resolution 073794 also authorized the Director of Human Services Agency to execute contract amendments up to \$25,000 in aggregate.

All Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds granted by the Department of Housing for shelter services are issued to LifeMoves, a shelter service provider, for reporting, invoicing, and monitoring purposes. The amount of CDBG funding designated to CORA and other shelter providers is provided by the general fund, according to the LifeMoves agreement.

DISCUSSION:

CORA's emergency shelters are part of the agency's overall effort to progressively engage clients at risk of homelessness. CORA's safe houses (emergency shelters) provide victims of domestic violence and their children with a confidential and safe living environment for up to six months. CORA is the only domestic violence organization in San Mateo County that provides a continuum of domestic violence services.

CORA works collaboratively with HSA in providing services to victims of domestic violence. CORA's services include emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling education programs, legal assistance, community outreach services, and a crisis hotline. These services are free and confidential for victims of domestic violence in San Mateo County and are integral components of HSA's mission to promote self-sufficiency. This amendment is necessary for providing funding of safe houses (emergency shelters) for victims of domestic violence and their children. This amendment increases the amount of the agreement by \$30,000 for a new obligation of \$234,943.

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

This amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing victims of domestic violence and their children with a confidential and safe living environment. It is expected that CORA safe houses will serve 114 unduplicated clients and that 90% will exit with safety plans so they know how to keep themselves and their families safe and 45% of clients served will exit to permanent housing.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Projected
Percent of clients served that will exit with safety plans so they know how to keep themselves and their families safe.	N/A*	90%
Percent of clients served that will exit to permanent housing.	N/A*	45%

*This is a new performance measure for FY 2016-17.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement remains July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. This amendment adds \$30,000 in General Funds/Net County Cost for a new total obligation of \$234,943. \$180,000 is funded by the Marriage License Trust Fund (MLTF) and \$54,943 is general funds as a net county cost. Budgetary appropriation for this amended obligation is included in the FY 2016-17 Approved Recommended Budget.