



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 20-503

Board Meeting Date: 7/7/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Ken Cole, Director, Human Services Agency
Subject: Agreement with LifeMoves for Motel Voucher Service and Shelter Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with LifeMoves to provide motel voucher services and shelter services, for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023 and for a total obligation amount not to exceed \$1,956,000.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014, the County of San Mateo developed a unified reentry plan to enhance the continuum of care between in-custody and post-custody services and programs among moderate to high-risk individuals by enhancing case management, leveraging validated risk and needs assessment tools, and adopting evidence-based practices. The overarching collaborative goals are to lower the recidivism rate and provide treatment and resources to address underlying criminogenic behavior.

The Human Services Agency (HSA) issued a Request for Proposals in January 2020 to identify a provider for motel vouchers and shelter beds with case management services. LifeMoves was selected because of its experience, qualifications and program approach that best meets the needs of the County. Motel voucher services and shelter beds with case-management are key to individuals returning to the community post release. Emergency housing gives these individuals an opportunity to reintegrate without recidivism. Instead, they can focus on employment and making substantial changes regarding substance abuse issues, mental health issues, or addressing other barriers to successful reentry.

DISCUSSION:

HSA requests the County enter into this agreement with LifeMoves to provide motel vouchers and shelter beds with case management to clients who were formerly incarcerated as they are working towards self-sufficiency. Having access to emergency housing allows individuals to become engaged in employment training and seek employment opportunities rather than engage in criminogenic behavior. Emergency housing is a stepping stone towards stability in housing, as it is required that individuals in Motel Voucher Program are required to engage with CORE service agencies for

housing assessments. The following number of individuals have been served over the last four years.

Fiscal Year	Individuals served in the Motel Voucher Program	Individuals served in the Shelter Program
16-17	335	76
17-18	349	82
18-19	289	109
19-20	216	120

MVP and Shelter beds prevents eligible individuals released from institutions going straight to homelessness and this program continues to fill a void in addressing homeless needs for our justice involved populations.

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

The resolution contains the County’s standard provisions allowing amendment of the County’s fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 in aggregate.

This program is expecting to serve approximately 300 unduplicated individuals each fiscal year. It is anticipated that 70% of the individuals engaged in shelter services will be referred to long term housing programs. Additionally, it is anticipated that 100% of the individuals issued a referral will receive a motel voucher the same day

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2020-21 Anticipated	FY 2021-22 Anticipated	FY 2022-23 Anticipated
Percent of individuals who are engaged in shelter referred to long term housing programs.	70%	70%	70%
Percent of individuals issued motel voucher the same day of referral.	100%	100%	100%

FISCAL IMPACT:

Of the total obligation amount of \$1,656,000, \$978,000 is funded with AB109 Realignment funding and \$678,000 is funded with Net County Cost. Appropriation was included in the FY20-21 Recommended Budget and will be included in the FY21-23 Recommended Budgets.