



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**File #:** 22-434

Board Meeting Date: 6/14/2022

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Ken Cole, Director, Human Services Agency

**Subject:** **Measure K:** Amendment to the Agreement with Abode Services for Rapid Re-Housing and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Abode Services increasing the funding by \$1,258,325.69 for a new total obligation amount not to exceed \$5,329,239.77 with the term remaining July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, for Rapid Re-Housing homeless services and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program services.

**BACKGROUND:**

After obtaining Board approval on June 30, 2020, by Resolution No. R077527, the County entered into an agreement with Abode Services (Abode) for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, for a total obligation amount not to exceed \$4,070,914.08 for the purposes of providing Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) services.

Abode provides RRH services for families and adults experiencing homelessness who have significant barriers to returning to housing, such as long periods of homelessness, history of evictions, physical and mental health challenges, and other challenges. Participants receive intensive short- to medium-term rental subsidies, comprehensive housing identification services, and case management services. In addition, participants receive support to help them maintain housing by continuing case management services and providing rent subsidies that gradually reduce over time as the clients build resources to take on the full cost of rent.

Abode also provides HDAP services to adults who are experiencing homelessness and may be eligible for disability programs but are not yet enrolled in the applicable disability programs. HDAP is a specialized service that includes the RRH components described above along with intensive assistance in applying for disability benefits programs, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

In September 2021, the California Department of Social Services announced HDAP funding for FY 2021-22 with an expenditure deadline of June 30, 2024. In December 2021, the Human Services

Agency (HSA) accepted \$1,829,232 in non-competitive awards for HDAP expenditures between July 2021 and June 2024.

**DISCUSSION:**

HSA requests to amend the agreement with Abode to increase funding by \$1,258,325.69 for a new total obligation amount not to exceed \$5,329,239.77 with the term remaining July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023 to cover ongoing HDAP services in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 through the contract term end date. The additional funding will allow Abode Services to house and serve 20 additional households. This amendment amount also includes a 3% Cost of Living Increase (COLA) adjustment.

It is anticipated for FY 2022-23 that 75% of households will move into housing within 90 days of program enrollment, and 85% of those housed will maintain housing at 12 months after move-in.

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

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

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2020-21 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2021-22 Target</b>	<b>FY 2022-23 Target</b>
Percentage of households that move into housing within 90 days of program enrollment	74%	75%	75%
Percentage of households housed who maintain housing at 12 months after move-in	83%	85%	85%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Enter The term of this agreement remains from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. The total obligation amount is being increased by \$1,258,325.69 for a new total obligation amount not to exceed \$5,329,239.77. Of the amended amount, it is anticipated that \$38,837.69 will be funded by Sales and Use Tax through **Measure K**, and \$1,219,488 is funded by State Housing and Disability Advocacy Program funding. Budgetary appropriation for this obligation was included in the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget and will be included in the FY 2022-23 Recommended Budget. There is no Net County Cost associated with this amendment.