



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 23-498

Board Meeting Date: 6/13/2023

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 for Rapid Re-Housing and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program services to add \$2,243,172 in funds for a revised total obligation amount not to exceed \$7,572,411.77 and to extend the term through June 30, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

On June 30, 2020 by Resolution No. 077527, 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.

On June 14, 2022 by Resolution No. R078940, this Board amended the agreement to add \$1,258,325.69 in funds for a new total obligation amount not to exceed \$5,329,239.77 with the term remaining July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Under this agreement, Abode provides Rapid Re-Housing (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 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 reduce over time as the clients build resources to take on the full cost of rent.

Abode also provides Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (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).

Rapid re-housing is a key component of the homeless crisis response system because it provides intensive services such as case management, time-limited rental subsidies, and housing location assistance to individuals and families with significant barriers to returning to housing.

HSA requests to amend the agreement with Abode to increase funding by \$2,243,172 for a new total obligation amount not to exceed \$7,572,411.77 and to extend the term through June 30, 2024.

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

The amendment to the agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2021-2022 Actual	FY 2022-2023 Target	FY 2023-2024 Target
Percentage of households that move into housing within 90 days of program enrollment	71%	75%	75%
Percentage of households housed who maintain housing at 12 months after move-in	75%	85%	85%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this amended agreement is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024. The amendment adds \$2,243,172.00 in Measure K sales and use tax revenue, Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP), and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) grant monies for a new total amount not to exceed \$7,572,411.77. Budgetary appropriation for this agreement was included in the FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget and will be included in the FY 2023-2024 Recommended Budget. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.