



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 24-452

Board Meeting Date: 6/11/2024

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Claire Cunningham, 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 a third amendment to the agreement with Abode Services for Rapid Re-Housing and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program services to add \$53,337 in funds for a revised maximum fiscal obligation of \$7,625,748.77.

BACKGROUND:

On June 30, 2020, by Resolution No. R077527, the County entered into an agreement with Abode Services (Abode) for the purposes of providing Rapid Re-housing (RRH) and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) services, with a maximum fiscal obligation of \$4,070,914.08 for the term of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023 (the "Agreement").

On June 14, 2022, by Resolution No. R078940, the Board amended the Agreement to increase funding by \$1,258,325.69 for a revised maximum fiscal obligation of \$5,329,239.77, with the term remaining July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023.

On June 13, 2023, by Resolution No. R079746, the Board amended the Agreement to increase funding by \$2,243,172 for a revised maximum fiscal obligation of \$7,572,411.77, with the term of the agreement extended one year through June 30, 2024.

DISCUSSION:

Under this Agreement, as amended, 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 under the Agreement 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).

RRH 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 to add \$53,337 in funds for a new maximum fiscal obligation of \$7,625,748.77 to provide a cost-of-living adjustment.

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

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2022-23 Actual	FY 2023-24 Target
Percentage of households that move into housing within 90 days of program enrollment	75%	75%
Percentage of households housed who maintain housing at 12 months after move-in	85%	85%

FISCAL IMPACT:

This term of the agreement is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024. The amount of the agreement is now increased by \$53,337 for a revised maximum fiscal obligation of \$7,625,748.77. Funding for this amendment is provided through Measure K sales and use tax revenue. Budgetary appropriation for this agreement was included in the FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget.