



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 16-322

Board Meeting Date: 6/27/2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency
Subject: **Measure K:** Agreement with Samaritan House - Safe Harbor Shelter

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Samaritan House-Safe Harbor to provide homeless shelter services to homeless individuals in San Mateo for the term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$1,800,980.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County has set a goal to reach a functional zero level of homelessness by 2020. The County has already begun implementing components of a strategic plan toward this goal. San Mateo County's homeless system includes homeless shelters, both emergency and transitional, as key short-term interventions designed to act as a safe place for homeless individuals or families to stay while working on a plan to return to housing. Homeless shelters provide an entry point into stabilization services and move individuals and families into permanent housing as quickly as possible.

In February 2017, the San Mateo County Human Services Agency (HSA) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for homeless shelter services including both emergency shelter and transitional housing programs. Samaritan House was chosen as one of the providers because of its experience, qualifications and approach to services through its shelter operations.

Samaritan House has been serving San Mateo County's homeless population for over 29 years. Since 2000, Samaritan House has operated Safe Harbor, a 90-bed shelter with emergency and transitional programming for homeless adult individuals in South San Francisco.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement with Samaritan House for the operation of Safe Harbor will provide emergency and transitional shelter, including a healthy, safe shelter facility and housing-focused case management services for all clients. Clients served include adults who are experiencing homelessness and who may face a variety of barriers to maintain housing including little to no income, evictions, criminal

convictions, alcohol or other substance use issues, mental and physical health challenges.

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

This agreement contributes to the Share Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by creating a livable and sustainable community, linking housing and community services to vulnerable San Mateo County residents in a comprehensive and responsive program.

Of the 60 transitional beds available for shelter through these services, it is anticipated that 63% of the individuals in those beds will exit into permanent housing and the average length of stay will be 120 days for FY2017-18.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2016-17 Projected	FY 2017-18 Projected
Percentage of all individuals in the Transitional shelter program who exit, exit to a permanent housing situation	63%	68%
Average length of stay for participants in the Transitional shelter program	120 days	120 days

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, a period of three years. This agreement obligation is \$1,800,980. This agreement is 100% Net County Cost. Of the total amount, \$561,365 is funded by **Measure K**. Budgetary appropriation for this obligation is included in the FY 2017-18 through FY 2019-20 Recommended Budgets.