



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 18-545

Board Meeting Date: 6/26/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Nicole Pollack, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Acceptance of funds from California Department of Social Services and Amendment to the Agreement with Abode Services for Rapid Re-Housing

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing:

- A) The acceptance of funding from the California Department of Social Services for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Housing Support Program funds in the amount of \$2,499,238; and
- B) An amendment to the agreement with Abode Services to adjust the total obligation to match the funding allocations received from the California Department of Social Services for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Housing Support Program to \$4,523,453 and extending the term of the agreement by one year from November 15, 2016 to June 30, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

The Human Services Agency (HSA) is the lead agency for the San Mateo County Continuum of Care and oversees the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. HSA applied for and received CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) funding in Fiscal Years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 to support Rapid Re-housing (RRH) services, specifically for CalWORKs families. HSA is committed to ensuring that the HSP program and RRH services are fully aligned with the Continuum of Care Reform and the County of San Mateo's Strategic Plan to End Homelessness by 2020.

On May 9, 2016, HSA conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) and selected Abode Services as the vendor that best matched the service needs of the County and the HSP. On January 29th, 2017 HSA entered into an agreement with Abode Services for the administration of the CalWORKs HSP. Subsequent amendments increased the agreement by \$1,809,695 for a total obligation of \$2,733,994.

DISCUSSION:

CDSS has allocated an additional unanticipated \$1,399,322 for the remainder of FY 2017-18. This additional funding is a result of a re-distribution of funds to help Counties achieve their FY 2017-18 RRH targets and include Family Stabilization funding from CDSS. A portion of this funding (\$709,779) was initially included in the prior amendment by HSA to meet expected client support costs for FY 2017-18. In addition, HSA has received notice of funding for FY 2018-19 HSP in the amount of \$1,099,916. The resulting CDSS funding for the program is as follows: \$924,299 for FY 2016-17, \$2,499,238 for FY 2017-18, and \$1,099,916 for FY 2018-19 for a total of \$4,523,453. The amendment realigns the agreement total to match the CDSS allocations.

The approval of these funds will allow HSA to provide critical services to CalWORKs families.

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

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing RRH services to homeless individuals and families or those at risk of homelessness to foster stable housing in San Mateo County with a goal to end homelessness by 2020. It is estimated that 70% of households that are referred to Abode Services once this amendment is executed, will be housed within 45 days. The actual for FY 2016-17 is 50% of households. Additionally, 80% of households served in this amended agreement will exit into permanent housing. There are no actuals for FY 2016-17 as this measure is new for FY 2017-18.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

| Measure | FY 17-18 Estimates | FY 18-19 Targets |
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| Percentage of households served who exit to permanent housing | 80% | 80% |
| Percentage of referrals that are housed within 45 days from new contract amendment | 70% | 70% |

FISCAL IMPACT:

This amendment realigns the total agreement obligation to match the total CDSS allocation in the amount of \$4,523,453. This amendment is 100% state and federally funded by the annual CalWORKs HSP and Family Stabilization allocations. There is no Net County Cost. Appropriation was included in the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget and the FY 2018-19 Recommended Budget.