



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**File #:** 19-586

Board Meeting Date: 6/25/2019

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Nicole Pollack, Director, Human Services Agency

**Subject:** **Measure K:** Amendment to the Agreement with Abode Services for Rapid Re-housing Services

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Abode Services for Rapid Re-housing services, increasing the amount by \$1,256,883 in **Measure K** funds for a revised total obligation of \$4,915,842 and extending the term by one year through June 30, 2020.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The County of San Mateo maintains a strong commitment to prevent and end homelessness for county residents with the goal of reaching a functional zero level of homelessness by 2020.

Since July 2016, the Human Services Agency (HSA) has focused on system changes and the implementation of the strategies outlined in the County's strategic plan around homelessness. The strategic plan has created a unified system, invested in best practices, and reoriented the homeless system towards housing crisis response. The plan has also shifted programming to a systemic approach targeted at helping people maintain their housing, returning unsheltered homeless people to housing as quickly as possible, and prioritizing existing system capacity for those who face the highest barriers and longest history of homelessness. Rapid Re-housing (RRH) is a type of homeless service that assists people experiencing homelessness with returning to permanent housing as quickly as possible. It includes housing location assistance, case management and time-limited financial assistance (also known as subsidies). RRH was the first in a series of Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure services to implement all components of a housing crisis resolution system as identified in the County's strategic plan to end homelessness.

On November 15, 2016, by Resolution 074892, this Board approved an agreement with Abode Services funded by Measure K for the term of November 15, 2016 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$1,500,000. On March 27, 2018, by Resolution 075804, this Board authorized the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute an amendment to the agreement with Abode Services increasing the amount of the agreement by \$1,620,275 in Measure K funds and \$538,684 in Housing

and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) funds for a revised total contract amount of \$3,658,959.

**DISCUSSION:**

Abode Services is also operating the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) new RRH program called Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP). This program allowed counties to apply for HDAP funds to create a new program to serve people who are experiencing homelessness and who also have a disability and are applying for disability benefits. HSA applied for HDAP funds in 2018 and received a one-time allocation of \$538,684 for use through June 30, 2020. These HDAP funds have been used to expand the Abode Services RRH program to create services that meet the needs of this population.

This amendment allows the Abode Services RRH program to be administered for another year. This amendment adds \$1,256,883 to the General RRH program for FY 2019-20 and allows the HDAP RRH program to continue to spend the \$538,684 CDSS funds through FY 2019-20.

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

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

Approval of this amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Prosperous Community as Abode Services can help end homelessness by providing RRH services for San Mateo County’s homeless families and individuals. It is anticipated that as a result of Rapid Re-housing Program services 50 households will be served in FY 2019-20 with an average number of 40 days from program enrollment to housed.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 16-17 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 17-18 Actuals</b>	<b>FY 18-19 Actuals (Mid-Year)</b>	<b>FY 19-20 Target</b>
Number of households served.	30	29	43	50
Average number of days from program enrollment to housed.	40	44	30	40

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of this agreement is amended to extend one year to November 15, 2016 to June 30, 2020. The amount of the agreement is increased by \$1,256,883 in **Measure K** funds for a revised total obligation of \$4,915,842.