



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 20-480

Board Meeting Date: 6/30/2020

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 Samaritan House for Safe Harbor Shelter

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Samaritan House for homeless shelter services, increasing the total obligation amount by \$1,495,237 for a new total obligation of \$3,483,467 and extending the term two years to July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

San Mateo County maintains a homeless crisis response system that aims to prevent homelessness whenever possible and to assist people experiencing homelessness with returning to permanent housing as quickly as possible. Homeless shelters are one key component to a comprehensive homeless crisis response system.

In 2017, the San Mateo County Human Services Agency (HSA) issued a Request for Proposals to seek homeless shelter services. Samaritan House was selected as one of the contractors for shelter services. Samaritan House's Safe Harbor Shelter provides shelter services for homeless individuals including housing-focused case management services to all shelter residents.

On June 27, 2017, this Board entered into an agreement, by Resolution No. 075291, with Samaritan House for the term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 and a total obligation of \$1,800,980.

Effective September 30, 2018, Samaritan House stopped receiving a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Continuum of Care grant for the Safe Harbor shelter. On January 29, 2019 this Board amended this agreement by Resolution No. 076408, with Samaritan House for the term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 adding \$187,250 for a total obligation of \$1,988,230 due to the loss of this grant.

DISCUSSION:

Given the continuing need to provide shelter services to adults experiencing homelessness, this

amendment extends the term of this Agreement by two years and adds funding for FY2020-2021 and FY 2021-2022 to ensure the continuation of these shelter services.

In FY2018-2019, Safe Harbor Shelter served 346 people.

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

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the amendment and resolution as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2020-21 Projected	FY 2021-22 Projected
Percent of clients who exit to permanent housing	25%	20%
Average length of stay for individuals in the program	30 days	45 days

FISCAL IMPACT:

This amendment increases funding by \$1,495,237 for a new total obligation not to exceed \$3,483,467. The term is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. Of the total amended amount, \$1,099,101 is Net County Cost and \$396,136 is funded by **Measure K** sales and use tax. Budgetary appropriation for this obligation is included in the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget and will be included in subsequent budgets affected by the agreement.