



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 20-524

Board Meeting Date: 7/7/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Ken Cole, Director, Human Services Agency
Subject: Agreement with Abode Services for CalWORKS Housing Support Program Rapid Rehousing Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Abode Services for CalWORKs Housing Support Program Rapid Rehousing Services for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 and for a total obligation amount not to exceed \$7,801,791.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) awards annual amounts of Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Housing Support Program (HSP) funds to counties that apply and demonstrate the ability to administer the nationally recognized rapid re-housing program model for CalWORKs families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Rapid re-housing (RRH) is one key component of the homeless crisis response system. RRH programs provide intensive services to individuals and families with significant barriers to returning to housing. RRH is a type of homeless service that provides enrolled clients with intensive housing location assistance, time-limited rental subsidies, and case management.

In June 2019, the Human Services Agency (HSA) released a Request for Proposals for Homeless Services, including continuing RRH Services for the period from July 2020 through June 2023. Abode Services was selected to continue to provide these services because of its experience, qualifications and program approach that best meets the needs of the County.

DISCUSSION:

HSA is requesting to subcontract with Abode Services to provide Housing Support Program RRH Services. The purpose of this Agreement is to provide RRH services under the CalWORKs HSP to address the housing crisis of CalWORKs families at imminent risk of or experiencing homelessness. RRH services will include providing housing location services, temporary financial assistance, temporary case management and services to return people experiencing homelessness to

permanent housing.

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

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

It is anticipated for FY 2020-21, that 70% of households who are referred to Abode Services, once this agreement is executed, will be housed in 45 days. Additionally, 75% of households served in this agreement will exit into permanent housing.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2020-21 Anticipated
Average number of days from referral to program enrollment	15 days
Percentage of households served who exit to permanent housing	80%

FISCAL IMPACT:

This agreement is estimated to be 100% federally funded by the annual CalWORKs Housing Support Program allocation. There is no Net County Cost. Appropriation was included in the FY 2020-21 Recommended Budget.