



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 20-740

Board Meeting Date: 9/29/2020

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 WeHOPE dba Project WeHOPE for Homeless Shelter Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with WeHOPE dba Project WeHOPE for homeless shelter services to increase the amount of the agreement by \$91,800 for a new total amount not to exceed \$3,152,670.

BACKGROUND:

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

WeHOPE, located in East Palo Alto, is a 55-bed shelter that provides emergency and transitional shelter program services for homeless adult individuals.

On June 27, 2017, by Resolution No. 075299, this Board entered into an agreement with WeHOPE for a term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,732,060.

On June 30, 2020, by Resolution No. 077559, this Board authorized an amendment to the agreement with WeHOPE for homeless shelter services to increase the amount of the agreement by \$1,328,870 for a new total amount not to exceed \$3,060,930 and to extend the term two years through June 30, 2022.

DISCUSSION:

The County has identified that there continues to be a need for increased shelter capacity. Project WeHOPE has been operating 10-18 additional shelter beds since April 2020 and the space temporarily being utilized for these additional shelter beds is now available for longer than originally planned. This second amendment would add funding to support shelter operations and extend these

services for 10-18 additional shelter beds from an original sunset date of August 30, 2020 through as late as February 28, 2021. The exact number of beds at any given time will be determined by WeHOPE based on applicable health guidelines, such as social distancing requirements.

The resolution contains 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 all individuals in the program who exit, will do so into a permanent housing situation.	20%	20%
Average length of stay for individuals in the program.	60 days	60 days

FISCAL IMPACT:

This amendment to the agreement increases funding by \$91,800 for a new total obligation not to exceed \$3,152,670. The term is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. This agreement is 100% funded by the Homeless Emergency Aid Program. Budgetary appropriation for this obligation was included in the FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget and will be included in the FY 2020-21 Recommended Budget.