

# **County of San Mateo**

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY** 

File #: 22-148 Board Meeting Date: 2/22/2022

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Ken Cole, Human Services Agency Director

**Subject:** Measure K: Amendment to the Agreement with WeHOPE

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with WeHOPE to increase funding by \$94,893 for a new total obligation amount not to exceed \$421,195 and the term remains April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 to continue providing homeless outreach and housing-focused case management services to San Mateo County residents experiencing homelessness.

### **BACKGROUND**:

On May 20, 2020, the Human Services Agency (HSA) entered into an agreement with WeHOPE for the term of April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, for a total obligation amount of \$100,000 to provide homeless outreach and housing-focused case management services to residents experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the cities of East Palo Alto, Redwood City, Menlo Park and unincorporated areas of the southern regions of the County. These services help stabilize the unsheltered by transitioning them into a shelter, removing barriers to housing, and securing/finding permanent housing.

On June 29, 2021, after obtaining Board approval by Resolution No. 078277, the parties executed an amendment to the agreement to extend the term by one year for a new term of April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022 and increase the total obligation amount by \$226,302 for a new total obligation amount not to exceed \$326,302, to provide additional capacity for more homeless outreach services and housing focused case management and to expand these outreach services to include COVID-19 vaccine education and support services.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

HSA requests to amend the agreement to increase the total obligation amount by \$94,893 to provide additional capacity for additional homeless outreach services and housing focused case management in the cities of East Palo Alto, Redwood City, Menlo Park and unincorporated areas of the southern regions of the County. WeHOPE will continue to provide outreach services to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and work to establish a pathway to services and housing

options. In addition, WEHOPE will provide housing-focused case management services to additional individuals, including creating and implementing a client-centered housing plan with each client to assist with returning to housing as quickly as possible, by working collaboratively with the client to explore and pursue potential housing options, such as shared housing, reconnecting with family members, market housing, senior housing, affordable housing, and other housing options.

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).

It is anticipated under this amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-22 that 15 unduplicated clients will be served through case management and 10 clients will move into shelter or other temporary destinations.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2020-21 Anticipated
Number of unduplicated clients served through case management	15
Number of unduplicated clients who move into shelter or other temporary destinations	10

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This amendment increases the term by one year for a new term of April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022 and adds funding in the amount of \$94,893 for a new total obligation amount not to exceed \$421,195. This amendment is 100% funded by Homeless & Safety Net **Measure K** Claimable Funding. Budgetary appropriation is included in the FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget. There is no Net County Cost associated with this Amendment.