



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Social Services  
**Department No.:** 044  
**For Agenda Of:** 8/27/19  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director  
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Contact Info: Christina Groppetti, Economic Assistance and Employment  
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**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way for Home for Good  
Santa Barbara County AmeriCorps Partnership for Veterans and People  
Experiencing Homelessness Program

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way (local vendor) to provide outreach, placement, and housing support services to assist Department of Social Services clients that were newly housed or are experiencing homelessness through its Home for Good Santa Barbara County AmeriCorps Partnership for Veterans and People Experiencing Homelessness Program for a total contract amount not to exceed \$29,700 for the period of September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020; and
- b) Determine that the activity is not a "Project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5), since the activity is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order to approve and authorize the Agreement between the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Northern Santa Barbara County United Way (United Way) to provide outreach, placement, and housing support services to assist DSS clients that were newly housed or are experiencing homelessness through its Home for Good Santa Barbara County AmeriCorps Partnership

for Veterans and People Experiencing Homelessness Program (AmeriCorps Program) for a total contract amount for to exceed \$29,700 for the period from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

**Background:**

AmeriCorps Program is a program of the United Way and is administered by CaliforniaVolunteers and sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Through the AmeriCorps Program, AmeriCorps members serve with the United Way and throughout various agencies that assist veterans and people experiencing homelessness obtain housing, employment, provide assistance to the formerly homeless and connect them to other mainstream services to increase self-sufficiency. The focus areas of the AmeriCorps Program are street outreach, housing placement, housing support, and volunteer recruitment.

A number of county departments such as Probation, Sheriff, and Public Health have or are currently participating and utilizing AmeriCorps Program’s services. In May, DSS submitted a letter of interest to participate in the AmeriCorps Program to assist with the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program that offers housing support services and family stabilization efforts to prevent or remedy homelessness for DSS participants. With the limited staffing resources primarily focused on case management, utilizing the AmeriCorps program would increase DSS’ efficacy with existing efforts. Three AmeriCorps Members will serve DSS to collaborate with DSS’ CalWORKs Family Advocacy Services (FAS) and Housing Support Program (HSP) Case Management team to assist with connecting program participants to resource referral agencies, client navigation support, and general client support to HSP case managers at the Santa Barbara County CalWORKs offices.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 29,700.00		\$ 29,700.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 29,700.00	\$ -	\$ 29,700.00

**Key Contract Risks:**

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that United Way is a medium risk vendor. United Way is insured for General and Professional Liability.

**Special Instructions:**

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:  
 DSS Contracts Unit  
 C/O Tricia Beebe  
 2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 Santa Maria, CA 93455

**Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – United Way – AmeriCorps Program
2. Attachment 2 – Agency Orientation Checklist

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