



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
For Agenda Of: 06/17/14
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Daniel Nielson , Director (805) 346-7101
Director(s)
Contact Info: Amy Krueger, Division Chief, Social Services, 346-7248

SUBJECT: Approval of Agreement with Family Care Network, Inc. for Transitional Housing Program-Plus Services

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:

1. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Family Care Network, Inc, a local vendor, for the purpose of Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) services for emancipated foster or probation youth, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$248,400 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 (the "Agreement")(Attachment 1); and
2. Determine that the execution of the Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the execution of the Agreement is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

THP-Plus is a State program created in 2001 to provide affordable housing and supportive services to former foster youth ages 18 to 24 to prevent homelessness and to increase the chances of successful transition to adulthood. California Senate Bill 1576, passed in June 2006, modified the funding requirements for the State's THP-Plus program by eliminating a County share requirement and

expanded the program to any county with an approved THP-Plus plan. Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services (DSS) has had an approved plan since 2007.

Emancipated foster/probation youth face overwhelming challenges on their road to independence. Without assistance during this difficult transition, former foster youth do not fare well, and experience rates of homelessness, unemployment and incarceration far above their peers. Our county’s youth are in need of housing and supportive, concrete services, delivered in a real-life environment, in order to adequately prepare them for self sufficiency and adulthood.

The THP-Plus program is certified by Santa Barbara County DSS and provides former foster youth with safe, affordable housing and access to comprehensive supportive services in Santa Barbara and the north county region.

Santa Barbara County utilizes Scattered-Site Permanent Model:

Scattered-site Permanent Model - Participants live in housing located in multiple locations in Santa Barbara County that are owned or leased by the THP-Plus provider. In order to maximize available resources housing should primarily be located in the North County area (Santa Maria, Lompoc) although current participants housed in the South County area will need to be accommodated. THP-Plus supportive services and rental subsidies are provided for a 24-month period. The participant may continue to live in the rental unit at the conclusion of their program participation.

Background:

On April 3, 2014, DSS released a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting interest from non profit service providers having experience working with this population and experience offering aftercare services. Service providers are expected to work with DSS to fully maximize the available State allocation by providing services to the maximum number of THP-Plus participants possible in Santa Barbara County.

Following a comprehensive evaluation, a contract was awarded to Family Care Network, Inc. to provide services in Santa Barbara County. Key considerations were demonstrated capacity to provide the services, strong experience, and reasonable, allowable, and necessary costs. Family Care Network Inc. has been a transitional housing provider for transitional age youth since 1999, and has served youth aging out of foster care for 26 years. Their program fully incorporates best practices and wraparound services philosophy; embraces and promotes community integration and participation; provides individualized, one-on-one services which give clients “voice, choice & preference”; and incorporates a "positive peer culture" environment and approach to maximize client participation. Family Care Network, Inc. will create partnerships, linkages and community supports necessary to successfully meet client needs and achieve program outcomes. Furthermore, the agency has the infrastructure needed to effectively manage all aspects and requirements of this program. Family Care Network, Inc. has been Santa Barbara’s THP-Plus Program service provider since 2007.

Performance Measure:

Contractor will meet the following program goals:

<i>Goal:</i>	<i>Measure 1:</i>	<i>Measure 2:</i>
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<p>1. The THP-Plus program will assist emancipated foster youth to secure stable housing.</p>	<p>Annually, 75% of the THP-Plus enrolled tenants will successfully maintain their THP-Plus placement.</p>	<p>Annually, 75% of the participants exiting the THP-Plus Program will secure and maintain housing for at least one year.</p>
<p>2. The THP-Plus program will increase the employability of emancipated foster youth.</p>	<p>Of the THP-Plus residents not employed at time of entry, 75% will obtain employment or enter into a vocational training program or internship within six months of entering the program.</p>	<p>75% of THP-Plus residents will increase their income within one year of entering the transitional housing program.</p>
<p>3. The THP-Plus program will encourage emancipated youth to further their educational goals.</p>	<p>Annually, 75% of participants will be enrolled within an accredited college or 4-year educational institution or trade or technical school.</p>	<p>90% of participants in or exiting the program will obtain their high school diploma or equivalent.</p>
<p>4. The THP-Plus program will assist emancipated youth in connecting to health care services and other community based resources.</p>	<p>100% of THP-Plus participants will be enrolled in Medi-Cal or other private / public health insurance program.</p>	<p>100% will obtain information about community services such as food banks, food stamps, legal services, financial aid programs, and individual development accounts.</p>
<p>5. Daily Living: The THP-Plus program will assist emancipated youth in learning life skills necessary for self-sufficiency.</p>	<p><u>Measure 1: Budgeting</u> 90% of THP-Plus participants will develop a realistic budget for living expenses and live with-in the established budget.</p> <p><u>Measure 2: Shop/Healthy Meals</u> 90% of THP-Plus participants will be able to grocery shop for healthy meals on an established budget, utilizing additional resources as needed.</p> <p><u>Measure 3 – Transportation</u> 100% of THP-Plus participants will have transportation (i.e.: skateboard, bicycles, vehicle) and/or be able to effectively utilize public transportation.</p>	

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed. FCNI is insured for General and Professional Liability. DSS has had a positive and productive relationship with FCNI. FCNI has been operating the CWS Transitional Housing program-Plus for Emancipated Foster or Probation Youth Program the last seven (7) years. DSS is confident of FCNI’s abilities to continue providing services through June 2015.

FCNI has been performing satisfactorily.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>FY 2014/15 Annual Cost:</u>	<u>Total Contract Cost:</u>
General Fund			
State-Realignment		\$ 248,400.00	\$ 248,400.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 248,400.00	\$ 248,400.00

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this Contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$248,400. Appropriations and Funding for Fiscal Year 2014/15 are included in the Department of Social Services Recommended budget under the Social Programs Division. Funding for this Contract will be 100% from the 2011 State Realignment funds. The Budget Act of 2011 realigned the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) funding for Protective Services from the state to local governments and redirects specified tax revenue to fund those programs. The Agreement contains a non-appropriation clause that allows the County to adjust the “not-to-exceed” amount in the event funds are not appropriated.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

None

FTEs:

None

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) duplicate original Agreement and one (1) copy of the Minute Order to:

Department of Social Services
 Attn: Contracts Coordinator
 2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway
 Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor

Authored by:

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