



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: 5/8/18
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
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SUBJECT: **First Amendment to the Agreement with Northern Santa Barbara County
United Way, Inc. for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids
Housing Support Program**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the First Amendment to the Agreement with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. (a local vendor), to provide direct/additional California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Housing Support Program services for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, in a total amount not to exceed \$120,000; and
- b) Determine that the approval and execution of the above Agreement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the execution of the Agreements are 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:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the First Amendment to the Agreement with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. (United Way) to provide California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Housing Support Program (HSP) services. The Department of Social Services (DSS) recommends that the Board approve the First Amendment with United Way.

Background:

The Landlord Liaison Partnership (LLP) program is a collaboration among landlords, property managers, social service agencies and homeless people with barriers to accessing permanent housing. The goal of the LLP program is to offer homeless veterans, families and others who were previously denied by landlords help with accessing permanent housing. The LLP program works with clients that are ready to be successfully housed. The LLP program is uniquely situated to complement the CalWORKs HSP in DSS' efforts to house or re-house homeless CalWORKs participants. HSP is a CalWORKs program that provides funds to participate in the LLP program.

In the last two years, the LLP program has grown to include four staff members and has received funding from a variety of local sources, including through DSS to rapidly re-house families connected with the CalWORKs program. These investments have helped the LLP program grow as an organization, now offering case management services as well as housing placement services and the LLP program now has a much greater presence in the Santa Maria area.

For families in the CalWORKs program, housing issues can severely interfere with progress toward self-sufficiency. Housing instability and homelessness are some of the most challenging problems facing CalWORKs families, especially in the County where housing costs are high. The CalWORKs HSP funding has allowed CalWORKs families in the County to overcome this obstacle, so that parents can engage in employment and children can be safe and secure.

On December 1, 2017, United Way assumed the fiscal agent responsibilities of the LLP from Transition House. Transition House and United Way worked together to provide for a seamless transition ensuring the LLP successfully made its new home under the fiscal umbrella of United Way.

Performance Measure:

Performance Measures for Fiscal Year 2018/2019)

- Contractor will provide homeless assistance and homeless prevention services to 100% of CalWORKs referrals and place 25 CalWORKs families into permanent housing through the CalWORKs HSP.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY18-19 Annualized One- Time Cost</u>	<u>FY18-19 Annualized Ongoing Costs</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 120,000.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00

Narrative:

Funding for this Agreement is 100 percent federally funded. No County General Funds will be used. Appropriations for \$120,000 is included in DSS’ FY 2018-19 Recommended Budget.

Key Contract Risks:

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed. DSS determined that United Way is a medium risk vendor.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one duplicate original First Amendment, and a copy of the minute order to:
DSS Contracts Unit

C/O Tricia Beebe, Contracts Coordinator
2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor
Santa Maria, CA 93455

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – First Amendment - Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. – LLP – CalWORKs HSP

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