



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: Social Services
Department No.: 044
Agenda Date: June 24, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
Contact Info: Marianne Reagan, Adult and Children Services Operations Manager,
SUBJECT: Agreement with Family Care Network, Inc. for Transitional Housing Program-Plus Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

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 Agreement with Family Care Network, Inc. (a local vendor) to provide the Transitional Housing Program-Plus program for emancipated foster or probation youth, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$825,000 (\$275,000 annually) for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028; 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 to authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Family Care Network, Inc. (FCNI) to provide Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) services for approximately seven emancipated foster or probation youth (THP-Plus participant) annually, for a total contract amount up to \$825,000 (\$275,000 annually) for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. THP-Plus is a state program created in 2001 to provide affordable housing and supportive services to transitional age youth age at least 18 of age to up to their 25th birthday to prevent homelessness and to increase the chances of successful transition to adulthood.

Background:

THP-Plus participants exiting foster care face overwhelming challenges on their road to independence. Without assistance during this difficult transition, they 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.

Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services (DSS) has a State approved Transitional Housing Placement Program plan, which includes the THP-Plus program. The THP-Plus program provides eligible participants with safe, affordable housing and access to comprehensive supportive services in Santa Barbara County. The THP-Plus program is certified by DSS and provides THP-Plus participants with safe, affordable housing and access to comprehensive supportive services in Santa Barbara County.

Santa Barbara County utilizes the Scattered-Site Permanent Model:

Scattered-site Permanent Model - THP-Plus participants live in housing located in multiple locations in Santa Barbara County that are owned or leased by FCNI. In order to maximize available resources housing is primarily located in North County . THP-Plus supportive services and rental subsidies are provided for up to a 36-month period.

On January 27, 2025, DSS released a Request for Proposal soliciting interest from non-profit service providers with experience working with this population and experience offering aftercare services. Service providers are expected to work with DSS to fully maximize the available funding by providing services to the maximum number of THP-Plus participants possible in Santa Barbara County.

Following a comprehensive evaluation, it was recommended FCNI be awarded the contract to provide services in Santa Barbara County. Key considerations were: demonstrated capacity to provide the services, strong experience, and reasonable, allowable, and necessary costs. FCNI has been a transitional housing provider for transition age youth since 1999, and has served high-risk youth, youth in foster care, and youth aging out of foster care for 35 years. Its program fully incorporates best practices and wraparound services philosophy; embraces and promotes community integration and participation; provides individualized, one-on-one services which gives the THP-Plus participant a "voice, choice & preference"; and incorporates a "positive peer culture" environment and approach to maximize client participation. FCNI has created partnerships, linkages and community supports necessary to successfully meet client needs and achieve program outcomes. Furthermore, FCNI has the infrastructure needed to effectively manage all aspects and requirements of this program. FCNI has been Santa Barbara's THP-Plus program service provider since 2007.

Performance Measure:

FCNI shall meet the following program goals:

Goal 1: The THP-Plus program will assist THP-Plus participants to secure stable housing.

Measure 1: Annually, 75% of the THP-Plus participants will successfully maintain their THP-Plus placement.

Measure 2: Annually, 75% of the THP-Plus participants exiting the THP-Plus program will secure and maintain housing for at least one year.

Goal 2: The THP-Plus program will increase the employability of THP-Plus participants.

Measure 1: Of the THP-Plus participants 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 THP-Plus program.

Measure 2: 75% of THP-Plus participants will increase their income within one year of entering the THP-Plus program.

Goal 3: The THP-Plus program will encourage THP-Plus participants to further their educational goals.

Measure 1: Annually, 75% of THP-Plus participants will be enrolled within an accredited college or 4-year educational institution or trade or technical school.

Measure 2: 90% of THP-Plus participants in or exiting the THP-Plus program will obtain their high school diploma or equivalent.

Goal 4: The THP-Plus program will assist THP-Plus participants in connecting to health care services and other community based resources.

Measure 1: 100% of THP-Plus participants will be enrolled in Medi-Cal or other private/public health insurance program.

Measure 2: 100% of THP-Plus participants will obtain information about community services such as food banks, food stamps, legal services, financial aid programs, and individual development accounts.

Goal 5: Daily Living: The THP-Plus program will assist THP-Plus participants in learning life skills necessary for self-sufficiency.

Budgeting

Measure 1: 90% of THP-Plus participants will develop a realistic budget for living expenses and live within the established budget.

Shop/Healthy Meals

Measure 1: 90% of THP-Plus participants will be able to grocery shop for healthy meals on an established budget, utilizing additional resources as needed.

Transportation

Measure 1: 100% of THP-Plus participants will have transportation (i.e., skateboard, bicycles, vehicle) and/or be able to effectively utilize public transportation.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Fiscal Analysis:

Approval and execution of this Agreement will result in total direct contract expenditures not to exceed \$825,000 for the full term of the Agreement, ending June 30, 2028. For FY 2025-26,

contract expenditures will be \$275,000. Appropriations and funding for FY 2025-26 are included in DSS’s recommended budget under the Social Programs Division. Funding for this contract will be 91% 2011 State Realignment funds and 9% State grant funding. The Budget Act of 2011 realigned the California Department of Social Services 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 DSS to adjust the not to exceed amount in the event funds are not appropriated.

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	Total
General Fund				
State – 2011 Realignment	250,000	250,000	250,000	750,000
Federal				
Fees				
State Grant	25,000	25,000	25,000	75,000
Total	275,000	275,000	275,000	825,000

Staffing Impacts:

None.

Position Request Summary

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Contracts Unit
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 Santa Maria, CA 93455
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Attachments:

Attachment A – Agreement – FCNI – THP-Plus Program FY 25-28

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