



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: 11/14/2017
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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Contact Info: Maria Gardner, Economic Assistance & Employment Services
Branch Deputy Director (805) 346-8289
SUBJECT: Agreement for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Housing
Support Program Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc.

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 an Agreement with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. (a local vendor), to provide direct/additional California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Housing Support Program (HSP) services for the period of December 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, in a total amount not to exceed \$70,000; 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 as this Agreement with Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. (United Way) will exceed \$100,000 in aggregate County-wide. The County of Santa Barbara Department of Social Services (DSS) recommends that the Board approve the Agreement with United Way to provide CalWORKs HSP services. This agreement replaces Agreement BC# 18-057 due to a change in the fiscal agent for the Landlord Liaison Partnership (LLP) from Transition House to United Way.

Background:

Since 2015, Transition House has been involved in the development and operations of the LLP. The LLP is a collaboration among landlords, property managers, social service agencies and homeless people with barriers to accessing permanent housing. The goal of LLP is to offer homeless veterans, families and others who were previously denied by landlords help with accessing permanent housing. LLP only works with clients that are ready to be successfully housed. As a member of the steering committee that saw the need for the LLP and worked to create it, Transition House housed the original LLP staff member and was the interim fiscal agent for the LLP program. The LLP is uniquely situated to compliment the CalWORKs HSP in our 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 has grown to include four staff members and has received funding from a variety of local sources, including through the County of Santa Barbara DSS to rapidly re-house families connected with the CalWORKs program. These investments have helped the LLP grow as an organization, now offering case management services as well as housing placement services and the LLP now has a much greater presence in the Santa Maria area.

Transition House has reached an agreement with United Way to turn over the fiscal agent responsibilities of the LLP. Transition House and United Way have been working together to provide for a seamless transition while the LLP makes its new home under the fiscal umbrella of United Way. Transition House will continue their collaboration with the LLP and ensure there are no gaps in service delivery during the change in fiscal agent. The effective date for DSS to terminate its LLP Agreement with Transition House is November 30, 2017 and the effective start date for the Agreement with United Way for LLP services is December 1, 2017.

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.

CalWORKs has contracted with Transition House for LLP services since December 1, 2016 and based on its initial success, the contract was renewed for the current fiscal year. In the first contact term (December 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017), LLP accomplishments included:

1. 24 families, representing 78 persons, were placed in permanent housing, though the projection was to place 20 families during this time period.
2. There were zero evictions during this time period.

3. The LLP monthly case management with the clients, which included instruction and accountability in money management, enabled the clients to establish saving accounts and pay off or pay down current debts.
4. All families who exceeded the six month rental subsidy support were able to sustain their current rent due to the success of the monthly contacts with the case management team.

CalWORKs expects similar continued success with the LLP for the current contract period and between Transition House (for the period of 7/1/17 – 11/30/2017) and United Way (for the period of 12/1/2017 – 6/30/2018), homeless assistance and homeless prevention services will be provided to 100% of the CalWORKs referrals and 25 CalWORKs families will be placed into permanent housing. All other aspects of the previous agreement will also remain in effect ensuring the continued success of the program.

Performance Measure:

Performance Measures for December 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 (FY 2017/2018)

- Contractor will provide homeless assistance and homeless prevention services to 100% of CalWORKs referrals and place 15 CalWORKs families into permanent housing through the CalWORKs HSP.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized Ongoing Costs</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 70,000.00		
Federal			\$ -
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$70,000. Appropriations and Funding for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 are included in the DSS recommended budget under the Social Programs division. There is no General Fund Contribution.

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 send one duplicate original Second Amendment, and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Contracts Unit
C/O Ismelda Vazquez, Contracts Coordinator
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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement Northern Santa Barbara County United Way, Inc. – LLP – CalWORKs HSP

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