



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/23/2020

File #: 20-727

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Social Services

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Professional Services Agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency Regarding the Provision of Supportive Services to Emancipated and Former Foster Youth Residing in Humboldt County as Part of the Transitional Housing Program - Plus

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency regarding the provision of supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth residing in Humboldt County as part of the Transitional Housing Program - Plus in the amount of \$204,616.44 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021;
2. Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Child Welfare Services Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one fully executed original copy of the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for further processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund

DISCUSSION:

Redwood Community Action Agency currently utilizes several, Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) housing models, including, without limitation, single-site transitional, scattered-site transitional, scattered-site permanent and host home models, to provide supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth, between 18 to 24 years of age, that are designed to reduce homelessness by providing support in finding and maintaining safe and affordable housing. Each individual participating in the THP-Plus program, receives \$1,415, which includes a rental subsidy of \$575, per month to cover expenses associated with food, furnishings, utilities, telephone usage, rent and other necessities.

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services (DHHS - Social Services) has previously contracted with Redwood Community Action Agency regarding the provision of supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth residing in Humboldt County on numerous occasions. On each occasion, Redwood Community Action Agency has demonstrated expertise in providing a full range of supportive services, including, without limitation: case management; crisis intervention; behavioral and physical health care; employment training; educational advocacy; mentoring; relationship building; permanency, self-sufficiency, parenting and tenant rights education; and aftercare services. The attached professional services agreement will allow eligible youth residing in Humboldt County to receive supportive services from Redwood Community Action Agency as part of the THP-Plus program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Accordingly, DHHS - Social Services recommends that the Board approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency regarding the provision of supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth residing in Humboldt County as part of the THP-Plus program for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. It is also recommended that the Board authorize the DHHS - Child Welfare Services Director, or a designee thereof, to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency, after review and approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in the provision of needed supportive services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency has a maximum amount payable of 204,616.44 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. It is anticipated that the term of the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency will be extended, through the execution of written amendments thereto, to cover the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for a total cost of approximately \$613,849.32. However, in the event local, state or federal funding is reduced or eliminated, the County of Humboldt may reduce the total maximum amount payable or terminate the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency in its entirety.

Expenditure appropriations related to the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency have been included in the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 budget, and will be included in the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 budgets, if the term of the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency is extended, for DHHS - Social Services budget units 1110-518 and 1160-508. Funding for the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency is available through state realignment revenues received by DHHS - Social Services. As a result, approval of the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency will not impact the Humboldt County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

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The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations, creating opportunities for improved safety and health and providing community-appropriate levels of services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency regarding the provision of supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth residing in Humboldt County as part of the THP-Plus program. However, this alternative is not recommended since it will limit DHHS - Social Services' ability to provide needed supportive services to emancipated and former foster youth residing in Humboldt County.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Professional Services Agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency Regarding the Provision of Supportive Services to Emancipated and Former Foster Youth Residing in Humboldt County as Part of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: D-14; C-31; C-29; C-12

Meeting of: 08/27/09; 06/22/10; 06/24/14; 12/12/17

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