



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 7/20/2021

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File #: 21-937

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**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 an amount not to exceed \$237,408 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022;
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 1 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 (1160)

**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 care 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 - Child Welfare Services (DHHS - Child Welfare 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022. It should be noted that the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency comes to the Board after the start date thereof due to inadvertent delays that occurred during the contract development process.

Accordingly, DHHS - Child Welfare 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Staff also recommends 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 \$237,408 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. 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 approved fiscal year 2021-2022 budget for DHHS - Social Services budget unit 1110-518. Funding for the attached professional services agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency is available through state realignment revenues received by DHHS - Child Welfare 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:

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

appropriate levels of services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to approve 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. However, this alternative is not recommended since it will limit DHHS - Child Welfare 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 2021-2022

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: D-14; C-31; C-11; C-29; C-12

Meeting of: 10/6/09; 6/22/10; 5/22/12; 6/24/14; 12/12/17

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