



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Social Services

SUBJECT:

Agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency to Provide Housing and Support Services to Eligible Families

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair to sign and execute three (3) originals of the Agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency-Parents and Children in Transition Program (Attachment 1) to provide housing and support services to eligible families referred from Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Social Services for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$450,117; and direct the Clerk of the Board to return two (2) executed originals of the Agreement to DHHS-Contracts Unit for distribution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund 1160

DISCUSSION:

On January 19, 2016 (item C-13), the Board approved the execution of the Agreement between DHHS and Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) to provide housing and intensive support services to high risk DHHS engaged families through the Parents and Children in Transition (PACT) Program. On December 13, 2016 (item C-20), the Board approved the Amendment to the Agreement between DHHS and RCAA to extend the PACT program through March 31, 2017. On June 6, 2017 (items C-14 and C-15) the Board ratified Director Beck's signature on the Agreement to renew the PACT program for the period of June 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and the Second Amendment to extend the PACT program for the period of January 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, respectively.

The PACT program provides housing and intensive support services to families in need of close supervision that are engaged with DHHS programs. RCAA provides housing and support services for up to thirteen (13) DHHS - Social Services referred families at a time, enabling them to become stabilized and transition into permanent housing. To date, forty-five (45) families have been served by the Program and twenty-four (24) families have obtained permanent housing.

For fiscal years 2016-2018, the Agreement was restructured to bring the Program more in line with the Housing First policies adopted by the Board on March 8, 2016 (item C-6). Under that Agreement, RCAA provides services to include but are not limited to:

- Housing referred families for up to 90 days with a one-time extension of up to 60 days upon DHHS approval;

- Collaborating with the family and DHHS to develop detailed plans for securing housing, improving life skills while housed with RCAA, and outlining aftercare needs to retain independence;
- Assisting families with money management via a sliding scale;
- Intensive aftercare services for up to 180 days to ensure family independence and stability;
- Referring and connecting PACT families to health care, benefit programs, and other work and educational opportunities; and
- Providing detailed reports to DHHS outlining familial progress each month.

Therefore, DHHS-Social Services hereby recommends the Board approves and executes the Agreement with RCAA to provide housing and support to eligible DHHS - Social Services referred families for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The PACT Agreement in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand, One Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$450,117) will reside in Fund 1160, Budget Unit 511 - Social Services. Funding for this Agreement is a combination of federal, state, and local dollars. There is sufficient appropriation in the proposed fiscal year 2018-19 county budget. There is no negative impact on the County General Fund.

The services provided under this Agreement supports the Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations and creating opportunities for improved safety and health.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve and execute this Agreement; however, DHHS-Social Services does not recommend this alternative because currently sheltered families would be at extremely high risk of regaining homeless status and experiencing an increased risk of family instability, and families to be served under this Agreement are either homeless or at high risk of homelessness and require intensive services to gain and retain stability.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency - Parents and Children in Transition Program for Fiscal Year 2018-19

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-13, C-6, C-20, C-14, C-15
Meeting of: 1/19/16, 03/08/16, 12/13/16, 06/06/17