



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Social Services

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

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

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 (RCAA) to administer the Parents and Children in Transition (PACT) Program for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$450,551; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to route the fully executed agreement to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Contract Unit for further processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund 1160

DISCUSSION:

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 13 DHHS - Social Services referred families at a time, enabling them to become stabilized and transition into permanent housing. In the three years since the program's inception, 45 families have been served by the program and 24 families have obtained permanent housing.

For fiscal years 2016-18, 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 that include all of the following:

- 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.

The renewal of the PACT program for fiscal year 2019-20 will enable RCAA to continue serving some of the most vulnerable families of Humboldt County.

The attached agreement with RCAA is coming to your Board after the start date thereof due to inadvertent delays in the contract development process.

Therefore, DHHS-Social Services hereby recommends the Board approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute, the agreement with RCAA to provide housing and support to eligible DHHS - Social Services referred families for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The PACT Agreement in the amount of \$450,551.00 resides in fund 1160, budget unit 508 - Child Welfare Services and budget unit 505 - California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs). The Child Welfare Services, budget unit 508, component of this agreement is funded by 2011 Realignment. 2011 Realignment funds are comprised of set portions of state sales tax and vehicle license fees. The CalWORKs, budget unit 505, component of this agreement is funded primarily through Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and state General Fund. CalWORKs funding requires a Maintenance of Effort (MOE) by the County. The MOE requirement consists of approximately 0.06% of the total CalWORKs funding portion of this agreement. There is sufficient appropriation in the proposed fiscal year 2019-20 county budget. There is no negative impact on the county General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your 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:

1. Agreement with Redwood Community Action Agency - Parents and Children in Transition

Program for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-13; C-6; C-20; C-14; C-15; C-14

Meeting of: 01/19/16; 03/08/16; 12/13/16; 06/06/17; 06/12/18

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