



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HUMAN SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: August 27, 2019

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) Agreements

ACTIONS REQUESTED

1. Award Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 100208 to Volunteers of America (VOA) and Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing Inc. (AMIH) to provide assistance to CalWORKs recipients in finding and maintaining permanent housing.
2. Approve a resulting contract for services from RFP No. 100208 to (VOA) for the period of September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$215,001 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence and subsequent amendments up to \$21,500, consistent with subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.
3. Approve a resulting contract for services from RFP No. 100208 to AMIH for the period of September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, in the amount of \$190,000 and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence and subsequent amendments up to \$19,000, consistent with subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

In July 2019, CDSS allocated to Placer County Human Services the HSP contract base amount of \$578,759. A Request for Proposals was released in 2019 and Volunteers of America (VOA) and AMIH were both approved to provide Housing Support Program services. Placer County has been administering the Housing Support Program since 2015 and has contracted these services to area providers with expertise in providing homeless assistance and housing navigation. VOA is a private, non-profit community-based organization with experience assisting individuals and families experiencing homelessness. As such, this experience is a good fit with the Housing Support Program goals and objectives to rapidly rehouse homeless families using a Housing First model.

VOA will work with designated CalWORKs HSP recipients to coordinate, secure, and maintain lease agreements with property owners for the purpose of providing houses or apartments to homeless CalWORKs Housing Support Program families. Families initially enter into an agreement for six months of housing assistance. Following standard practices employed by similar Continuum of Care housing programs, VOA will pay the families rent, deposit and utilities for the first month, require families to pay 30 percent of their gross income toward rent and utilities for months two and three, with the family then paying 50 percent of the rent. Rental assistance pays the difference up to the fair market value of the housing unit.

AMIH will continue to work with designated CalWORKs HSP recipients to coordinate, secure, and maintain lease agreements with property owners for the purpose of providing houses or apartments to homeless CalWORKs Housing Support Program families. Families initially enter into an agreement for six months of housing assistance. Following standard practices employed by similar Continuum of Care housing programs, AMIH will pay the families rent, deposit and utilities for the first month, require families to pay 30 percent of their gross income toward rent and utilities for months two and three, with the family then paying 50 percent of the rent. Rental assistance pays the difference up to the fair market value of the housing unit.

Since December 2015, over 100 homeless families have been housed through the HSP program throughout Placer County, including over 185 children, and currently, there are 18 families housed through the program. More than 45 different landlords have rented to these families through the program.

FISCAL IMPACT

The revenue and expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2019-20 Budget. The expenditures are fully funded through the State allocation. No County General Fund contribution is required.

The agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board.