



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
SYSTEMS OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: April 27, 2021

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Award of Contract for Transitional Placement-Plus (THP-Plus) to Whole Person Learning

ACTIONS REQUESTED

Approve the award of a contract resulting from Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 20135 for a Transitional Housing Placement-Plus (THP-Plus) Program for housing assistance and intensive services for emancipated foster youth in an amount not to exceed \$1,810,512 to Whole Person Learning, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence and to sign subsequent amendments up to \$100,000, consistent with each agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

The California Department of Social Services requires counties, including Placer County, to provide services to emancipating foster youth, ages 18 to 24 years. The THP-Plus program provides up to 24 months of service to more than 20 youth each year, residing in Placer County who graduate to adulthood without permanent living situations. These youth receive not only housing assistance, but a full range of life skills counseling, financial management, employment skills training, and related counseling services. THP-Plus services have been successful at increasing job retention, post-secondary educational success, and have demonstrated success in eliminating public service dependence. The current contract was awarded as a result of an RFP that was solicited in 2008 and will expire. RFP No. 20135 was developed to establish a new contract for THP-Plus services for the next three years. Notification of the RFP were emailed to four hundred and forty-nine (449) agencies and posted on Procurement's website. A total of nine (9) agencies accessed and downloaded the RFP. Formal responses were received from the following agencies:

- Environmental Alternatives (EA Family Services), Quincy, CA
- Unity Care Group, San Jose, CA
- Whole Person Learning, Auburn, CA
- Uplift Family Services, Roseville, CA

EVALUATION

An evaluation panel was established to review the responses and rate them on the criteria published in the RFP. The panel consisted of two (2) representatives from Placer County Health and Human Services, one from Placer County Probation, one from the Office of Education, and one from a partner agency.

After a thorough review of all proposals, the panel ranked Whole Person Learning as the top agency based on the RFP criteria and available funding. The panel has recommended award of a contract to Whole Person Learning for a three-year period.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for these required services is 100% State funds and is included in the Department's 2021-2022 Budget and Future Budgets.

The agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

