



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** March 22, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Bringing Families Home Contract Amendments

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve an amendment to the contract with Volunteers of America (VOA), to provide assistance to child welfare recipients in finding and maintaining permanent housing, to increase funding by \$175,000, for a new total amount not to exceed \$350,000, and to extend the term for a revised period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments up to \$35,000, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.
2. Approve an amendment to the contract with Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing, Inc. (AMIH), to provide assistance to child welfare recipients in finding and maintaining permanent housing, to increase funding by \$175,000 for a new total amount not to exceed \$350,000, and to extend the term for a revised period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign any subsequent amendments up to \$35,000 consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Through Bringing Families Home (BFH), the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will allow child welfare families meeting certain criteria, homeless or at-risk of homelessness, to receive rental support before becoming unsheltered. Placer County's BFH provides support to homeless child welfare families through the Rapid Rehousing model, enabling them to quickly obtain permanent housing and achieve self-sufficiency. Since February of 2020, almost 50 families have been referred to BFH, and over 20 of those families have been housed through BFH in Placer County. There are currently 10 families, including 15 children, housed through the program.

In March 2020, California Department of Social Services (CDSS) allocated a planning allocation amount of \$425,000 for FY 2020-21 to Placer County Human Services. On February 11, 2022, Placer County Human Services was notified that the total allocation for FY 2021-22 would be \$850,000, which included an additional \$425,000.

VOA and AMIH will continue to coordinate, secure, and maintain lease agreements with property owners for the purpose of providing houses or apartments to homeless child welfare Brining Families Home recipients referred to each respective agency to secure housing in a Rapid Re-housing model program. These agencies assist the recipient families in obtaining and retaining housing appropriate to the needs of the family. Families initially enter into an agreement for twelve months of housing assistance. Each program follows standard practices employed by similar Continuum of Care housing programs. Rental assistance pays the difference up to the fair market value of the housing unit.

Approval of this allocation agreement and subsequent amendments allows Human Services and Children's System of Care to provide housing support to more homeless families and to help keep them housed as they learn strategies for timely payment of rent, maintaining good rental history, and accessing needed services.

FISCAL IMPACT

These agreements are funded with Federal and State dollars and no County General Fund contribution is required. The revenue and expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget and will also be included in the Department's FY 2022-23 Budget. No County General Fund contribution is required.

ATTACHMENTS

None

The amendments are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.