



**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:** CalWORKs Housing Support Program Contract Amendments

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Approve an amendment to the contract with Volunteers of America (VOA), to provide assistance to CalWORKs recipients in finding and maintaining permanent housing, increasing funding by \$229,200 for a new total amount not to exceed \$611,200 and extending 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 \$61,120, 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 CalWORKs recipients in finding and maintaining permanent housing, increasing funding by \$181,200 for a new total amount not to exceed \$483,200 and extending 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 \$48,320 consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.
3. Approve an amendment to the contract with Stand Up Placer, Inc. (SUP), to provide assistance to CalWORKs recipients in finding and maintaining permanent housing, increasing funding by \$34,350 for a new total amount not to exceed \$85,000 and extending 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 \$8,500, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

Through the Housing Support Program (HSP), the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will allow CalWORKs families meeting certain criteria, homeless or at-risk of homelessness, to receive rental support before becoming unsheltered. Placer County's HSP provides support to homeless CalWORKs families through the Rapid Rehousing model, enabling them to quickly obtain permanent housing and achieve self-sufficiency. Since

December 2015, over 235 homeless families have been housed through the HSP in Placer County. There are currently 10 families, including 18 children, housed through the program.

In July 2020, California Department of Social Services (CDSS) allocated a planning allocation amount of \$865,245 for FY 2021-22 to Placer County Human Services. On December 13, 2021, Placer County Human Services was notified that the total allocation for FY 2021-22 would be \$1,599,627, which included an additional \$734,382.

VOA, AMIH and SUP will continue to coordinate, secure, and maintain lease agreements with property owners for the purpose of providing houses or apartments to homeless CalWORKs Housing Support Program 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 six 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 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**

The revenue and expenditures for these agreements are included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget and will be included in the Department's FY 2022-23 Budget. The expenditures are fully funded through a State allocation and no County General Funds are required.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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