

includes all evidence in support of the action. A hearing is then conducted by a hearing officer and both the household and the Housing Authority may present their positions. Thereafter, the hearing officer has 10 business days in which to conclude findings and issue a written decision, which may uphold the Housing Authority's discontinuance/ denial or reverse it.

HUD Regulations provide for Housing Authorities to have flexibility in how they operate these informal hearings and reviews. Presently, the Department of Health and Human Services provides this hearing officer; however, in order to ensure an independent arbiter for these reviews, the Housing Authority wishes to employ an impartial third party to conduct the hearings and reviews. Ms Cooke Jackson is an attorney experienced in these hearings and knowledgeable of the laws and regulations governing HUD housing voucher programs. She has acted as Hearings Officer for the Roseville, Yolo, and Sacramento Housing Authorities, and has presided over more than 250 hearings. Her expertise will allow the Placer County Housing Authority to provide voucher holding households with a fair, unbiased, and well-versed hearings review officer and protect the integrity of the Housing Authority's decisions.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total cost of this contract is \$8,000 and it is funded through HUD Administrative funds. A Budget Amendment to increase appropriations by \$8,000 in the FY 2022-23 budget for CC14024-Housing Authority, with offsetting revenue, is included for consideration and approval. There is no impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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