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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Alice Hughey for Randy Snowden - Director  
Health & Human Services  
**REPORT BY:** Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720  
**SUBJECT:** Agreement with Progress Foundation (Transitional Housing Program-Plus)

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Progress Foundation, Inc., for a maximum of \$134,110 for the term December 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 to implement the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) for emancipated foster youth in Napa County.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Approval of this agreement will enable Progress Foundation to implement the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) in Napa County. Through this program, safe, affordable housing and comprehensive supportive services will be provided to emancipated foster youth, at no cost to Napa County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	This agreement will be 100% funded by a California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) allocation and/or funding available through a partnership of local funders (Gasser Foundation, Napa Valley Vintners, and Community Foundation of Napa Valley) that was previously set aside by Progress Foundation for THP-Plus. Napa County has no fiscal liability.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of this contract will allow Progress Foundation to receive payment for the provision of safe and affordable housing and comprehensive support

	services to emancipated foster youth, at no cost to Napa County.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreement terminates June 30, 2007.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, Progress Foundation will have to reconsider the number of youth who can be housed, the level of supportive services to be provided, and the sustainability of the project. The State's current position is that projects that are established this year will have priority when additional State funding is made available next fiscal year.
	If this agreement is not approved, the level of services available to emancipated foster youth will be reduced, which could lead to longer-term societal costs resulting from emancipated youth having no access to housing, employment and other services needed to function in the community.
Additional Information:	These state funds are only available through counties. Progress Foundation cannot apply for these state funds. Napa County will thus make advance payments to Progress Foundation for THP-Plus services, and then Napa County will claim these expenditures to the State for reimbursement. Progress Foundation will reimburse the County for all costs that the State does not reimburse. Therefore, there is no fiscal liability for Napa County.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

In June 2002, the California Department of Social Services released a report indicating that 65 percent of the youth who emancipated from foster care during Fiscal Year 2000-2001 were in need of safe, affordable housing. Napa County currently has a community-wide initiative to improve services for "emancipating foster youth," those youth aged 16-24 who age out of the foster care system to adulthood. This initiative is part of a three-year plan and involves Health and Human Services, Probation, the County Office of Education, Progress Foundation, Aldea, On-The-Verge and a number of local private funders, including the Gasser Foundation, the Napa Valley Vintners, and the Community Foundation.

The first phase of this initiative was to create a youth-friendly center that would become a hub of services for this population. The VOICES center, located at 1830 Soscol Avenue in Napa, opened in November 2005 and continues to provide services to the community. The second phase of the initiative focuses on housing for emancipated foster youth. On April 11, 2006, the Board approved a pilot project to implement a Transitional Housing Placement-Plus (THP-Plus) Housing Program which would enable the community to bring housing resources for emancipated youth to Napa.

Progress Foundation has stepped forward to act as the local contractor to implement the THP-Plus program for emancipated foster youth (youth aged 18-21) in Napa County. This contract requires the contractor to be compliant with Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 16522 through 16522.6. If approved by the Board, the California Department of Social Services will be advised that Napa County Health and Human Services Agency is ready to

implement this program in Napa County.

Progress Foundation specializes in providing safe, affordable housing and has worked closely with the Napa County Independent Living Skills Program and other community-based organizations in the development of the program. Progress Foundation has vast experience providing safe, affordable housing to high-risk individuals. Through the THP-Plus program, Progress Foundation will be able to provide safe, affordable subsidized housing and comprehensive supportive services related to health, employment, education and independent living skills for up to 12 former foster youth from Napa County at one time, using a staggered entry process. Progress Foundation operates in Napa, Sonoma and San Francisco Counties, has an annual budget of more than \$12 million, and has contracted for services with Napa County for more than 25 years.

Although the Agency has an executed Business Associate Agreement on file with this provider for other County agreements, the new agreement is not subject to HIPAA. This position is taken because there is no use of or disclosure of protected health information by or to the vendor under this agreement.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita