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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Agreement with Progress Foundation (Transitional Housing Program-Plus)

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 \$276,552 for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, with a provision for automatic annual renewal, for the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) for emancipated foster youth in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested action will enable Progress Foundation to continue to provide housing for youth who emancipate from the Foster Care system through the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) program. Through this program, safe, affordable housing and comprehensive supportive services will be provided to emancipated foster youth.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to have this specific agreement. Approval 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. The agreement is fully funded by the Transitional Housing

	Program-Plus (THP-Plus) allocation from the State. In accordance with the terms of the agreement, any program costs incurred over or above the allocation will be funded by Progress Foundation.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The agreement contains an automatic annual renewal provision, which allows the County the option to continue these services into the next fiscal year. Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 have been included in the Agency's requested budget. Appropriations for future fiscal years will be budgeted accordingly, based on the availability of State funding.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, the County will be unable to provide transitional housing and support services to emancipated youth, which could lead to longer-term societal costs resulting from emancipated youth having no access to housing, employment and other services needed to function successfully in the community.
Additional Information:	THP-Plus State funds are only available through counties. Progress Foundation cannot apply for these State funds. Napa County will make payments to Progress Foundation for THP-Plus services and Napa County then will claim these expenditures to the State for reimbursement.

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 the initiative to serve emancipating youth was to create a youth-friendly center which 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 the *emancipated* foster youth (youth aged 18-21), a subset of the larger *emancipating* youth population (youth aged 16-24). On April 11, 2006, the Board approved a pilot project to implement a program that would enable the community to bring housing resources for emancipated youth to Napa. Progress Foundation (Progress) stepped forward to act as the local contractor for the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) program for emancipated foster youth in Napa County. Progress implemented the THP-Plus program in December 2006.

The agreement with Progress addresses the second phase of the initiative (housing for emancipated youth aged 18-21). The Fiscal Year 2006-2007 THP-Plus agreement between the County and Progress Foundation, authorized by the Board on November 21, 2006, requires Progress to be compliant with Welfare and Institutions

Code Sections 16522 through 16522.6. The amount of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 agreement (covering seven months of Fiscal Year 2006-2007) was \$134,110. The new agreement for \$276,552 covers Fiscal Year 2007-2008, with a provision for automatic renewal. Under the previous, seven-month agreement, HHS paid Progress one-seventh of the total amount each month. Under the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 agreement, HHS will pay Progress based on monthly invoices submitted detailing the number of beds used ("bed days"). It is anticipated that Progress will utilize more bed days in Fiscal 2007-2008 than in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 since the program is now fully operational.

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 has vast experience providing safe, affordable housing to high-risk individuals. Through the THP-Plus program, Progress will be able to continue 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. 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