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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6381 with Community Action of Napa Valley, Inc. (COIT)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6381 with Community Action of Napa Valley, Inc., increasing the amount by \$5,000 for a new maximum of \$15,000 and revising the Scope of Work to include performance measures in the contractor's agreement to provide rental subsidies to clients served by the Community Outreach and Integration Team (COIT).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community Action of Napa Valley administers the rental subsidy program for homeless mentally ill individuals and families being served by HHSA's Community Outreach and Integration Team (COIT). These subsidies provide homeless mentally ill individuals and their families with assistance in paying security deposits and monthly rent. Approval of the requested amendment will revise the Scope of Work to include performance measures, and increase the dollar amount to allow the contractor to provide additional rental subsidies on behalf of County clients served by the COIT program.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Mental Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested amendment will allow the Community Outreach and Integration Team (COIT) to expand housing services for chronically homeless, mentally ill clients in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 with additional funding available

from the Mental Health Services Act. The COIT program's use of this rental subsidy contract service is essential in enabling these clients to establish and maintain housing. In addition, the COIT program helps this population to receive the services necessary to prevent the need for emergency services, hospitalizations, and/or incarceration.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2006, the agreement contains an automatic renewal clause, which allows the County the option to continue these services into the next fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.

Consequences if not approved: If this amendment is not approved, the COIT program will not be able to provide housing subsidies for new clients nor provide continuing subsidies for all existing clients. Without subsidies, many clients will not be able to maintain housing in the community, which would likely result in continued homelessness for this population.

Additional Information:

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

The AB 2034-funded Community Outreach and Integration Team (COIT) program provides community outreach and mental health services to chronically homeless, mentally ill residents of Napa County. The COIT program has enabled several chronically homeless individuals and families to obtain housing through intensive case management, rental subsidies and program collaboration. A crucial component of the success of the COIT program is the availability of rental subsidies for program participants to transition from homelessness into housing. These short-term subsidies allow mentally ill and dually-diagnosed individuals, who have very little income of their own, to obtain housing. Plans are put in place prior to the approval of rental subsidies to work toward self-sufficiency and to taper off rent subsidies. As COIT clients obtain housing, they are able to become less dependent on crisis, jail, and emergency room services.

Approval of the requested amendment will revise the Scope of Work to include performance measures and contract monitoring provisions, and increase the maximum amount to expand housing services for this population with additional funding received from the Mental Health Services Act. Pursuant to the Department of Mental Health's Letter 05-06, the State specifically allows each County to restore AB 2034 programs to their prior funding level with MHSA System Improvement dollars. Napa's AB 2034 Program for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 suffered a 4% reduction from the prior year's funding level. The COIT program is thus using this MHSA funding to provide additional housing subsidies and other wraparound type services to enrolled clients.

The Agency has an executed Business Associate agreement on file for this provider.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita