TO:                Board of Supervisors
FROM:              Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
                    Housing and Homeless Services
REPORT BY:         Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4112
SUBJECT:           Amendment No. 5 to Agreement with Abode Services, Inc. (Homeless Services)

RECOMMENDATION
Director of Housing and Homeless Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to
sign Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. 170870B with Abode Services, Inc. with no change to the contract
maximum and revising the Scope of Work to include services related to the COVID-19 response including the
addition of crisis pay for employees providing direct client services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The amendment to the Agreement with Abode Services, Inc. (Abode) is to include services related to the COVID-19
response and the requirement to provide supportive services to the homeless population to contain the spread of
the virus.

Abode Services, Inc. is not a local vendor. Abode was selected through a formal Request for Proposals.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT
Is there a Fiscal Impact?        Yes
Is it currently budgeted?       Yes
Where is it budgeted?           Housing and Homeless Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?  Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?    Yes
Future fiscal impact: This amendment extends through June 30, 2020.
Consequences if not approved: This contract is necessary to support the COVID-19 response.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit

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 October of 2015, the City and County of Napa formally began a process of transforming the way systems respond to and address homelessness throughout the county. These efforts began with the City and the County of Napa jointly hiring consultants from the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) with the charge to examine and make recommendations for the improvement of both the “back door” systems that support housing and homeless services, as well as the “front door” operations of the shelter system in Napa County.

In March 2016, CSH and NAEH jointly issued a report on the state of the housing and homeless services delivery system in Napa County. The report found that Napa’s current ad hoc homeless response system, which requires vulnerable individuals to navigate a complex and restrictive continuum, is not effective in ending homelessness for the growing population of vulnerable individuals.

The NAEH/CSH recommended, among other things, issuing a Request For Proposals (RFP) to select a Shelter Operator and a non-profit to manage the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool and provide supportive housing services. In September 2016 staff released an RFP and selected Abode Services to bring those critical services online in Napa County.

The contract with Abode for operations of the South Napa Shelter, Winter Shelter, Daytime Drop-In Center at South Napa Shelter, Outreach and Housing Navigation Services, and the Flexible Subsidy Housing Pool is funded from local, State and Federal sources.

Today’s action amends the agreement to include services related to the County’s COVID-19 response. This includes providing staff support to the isolation and quarantine motel, extending operations of the Winter Shelter to a 24 hour facility and through June 30, 2020, and increases services at the South Napa Shelter. Abode Services also has a provision for Crisis Pay as a recruitment and retention tool to ensure the continuation of services to clients in congregate living facilities and in the field. The homeless population has been identified as one of the highest risk groups to contract and transmit COVID-19. There are other services that have not been fully utilized during the term of this agreement, so there is no need to change the contract maximum.

This amendment extends only to June 30, 2020. Any ongoing service related to COVID-19 beginning July 1, 2020 will be a new contract brought to the Board of Supervisors later this month.

Abode is not a local vendor.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Helene Franchi