



A Tradition of Stewardship
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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health & Human Services Administration

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SUBJECT: Agreement with Abode, Inc. (Housing Support Program and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program)

RECOMMENDATION

Interim Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign two agreements with Abode Services, Inc. to provide:

1. Rapid Re-Housing services under the CalWORKs Housing Support Program for the term July 10, 2018 through June 30, 2022 for a maximum of \$217,768 for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and each automatic renewal thereof; and
2. Housing and Disability Advocacy services under the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program for a maximum of \$186,488 for the term July 10, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of today's requested action is to approve two new agreements with Abode Services, Inc. (Abode) to provide Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) services under the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) to address the housing needs of CalWORKs families at imminent risk of, or experiencing homelessness. RRH services will involve providing housing location services, landlord engagement services, and temporary financial services.

Abode will also provide housing and disability advocacy services under the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy (HDAP) Program to address housing and income needs of individuals or families experiencing chronic homelessness and are disabled. HDAP services will involve street outreach, case management, and housing assistance.

The County has another agreement with Adobe for Homeless Shelter Operations, Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool management and to provide supportive housing services. The Board approved an amendment to that agreement

on June 19, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Agency Self Sufficiency Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Both the CalWORKS Housing Support Program (HSP) and the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program (HDAP) are funds intended to provide housing for the homeless populations. These funding streams make the activities associated with these contracts mandatory. However, contracting with Abode Services to provide them is discretionary. Abode Services entered into contract with Napa County Health and Human Services Agency to address the redesign of homeless services in Napa County.
	These contracts are necessary to allow Abode Services to administer these programs.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The contract continues until June 30, 2022 for CalWORKs Housing Support Program and until June 30, 2020 for Housing and Disability Advocacy Program. State allocations will be included in future requested budgets.
Consequences if not approved:	If it is not approved, Napa County will have to administer HSP through the Self Sufficiency Services which could limit how homeless populations are served. HDAP services would not be provided, and the allocation would be unused. Some services could continue to be administered by the Self-Sufficiency division, but clients would not receive the entire array of housing services Abode is able to provide.
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

Housing Support Program:

The CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) is a Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program that is available for CalWORKs eligible families who are identified as homeless. Rapid re-housing provides short-term rental assistance and services. The goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay

housed. It is offered without preconditions (such as employment, income, absence of criminal record, or sobriety) and the resources and services provided are typically tailored to the needs of the person. The Core Components of Rapid Re-Housing Include: housing identification, rent and move-in assistance, and rapid re-housing case management and services. Rapid re-housing is a primary solution for ending homelessness. It has been demonstrated to be effective in getting people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing and keeping them there. By connecting people with a home, they are in a better position to address other challenges that may have led to their homelessness, such as obtaining employment or addressing substance abuse issues. The intervention has also been effective for people traditionally perceived to be more difficult to serve, including people with limited or no income and survivors of domestic violence. HSP was created by Senate Bill (SB) 855. HSP provides Housing Identification, Landlord Engagement and Case Management services to assist families in locating and maintaining housing stability. HSP also provides direct payments for rental and moving assistance.

Housing and Disability Advocacy Program:

Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 established the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program (HDAP), which is a county administered program that assists disabled individuals who are experiencing homelessness apply for disability benefit programs while also providing housing assistance.

Services offered through HDAP include outreach, case management, advocacy, and housing assistance.

For over 27 years, Abode Services, Inc. (Abode) has been one of the leading providers of homeless re-housing services in the Bay Area, has worked to end homelessness by assisting low-income, unhoused people to secure stable and supportive housing. Abode was selected through a formal Request for Proposals process.

Abode is not a local vendor.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri