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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: Agreement with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, Inc. (Transitional Housing)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, Inc., for a maximum of \$15,000 for the term September 19, 2006 through June 30, 2007 to provide transitional housing and supportive living services for clients of the Child Welfare Services program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this agreement will enable Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa to assist Child Welfare Services clients obtain stable housing.

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:	This service is discretionary in that there is no mandate for the provision of transitional housing services to emancipated youth and families enrolled in the Family Preservation program. However, the State does make available some funding for the provision of housing assistance and supportive living services for emancipated foster youth as they transition to independent lifestyles. Transitional housing is also partially funded by the State for the purpose of providing supportive services to enable families to reunify or
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	remain intact. Unspent funds from the State's allocations will revert to the State if the services under this agreement are not provided.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Although the agreement terminates June 30, 2007, the agreement contains an automatic renewal clause, which enables the County to continue these services into the next fiscal year. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If this agreement is not approved, HHSA will not be able to provide transitional housing and supportive living services through Catholic Charities for emancipated youth and clients enrolled in the Family Preservation program. HHSA is not capable of providing these services through its current resources.
Additional Information:	HHSA anticipates that 50% of the services provided in this agreement will be used by emancipated youth and 50% by families enrolled in the Family Preservation program. The Emancipated Youth Stipend is 100% State-funded and has no County share. The Family Preservation allocation has a 70% State share and a 30% County share.

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

Approval of the requested agreement will enable the contractor to provide temporary housing for families while assisting them in finding a permanent, affordable and appropriate residence which meets their needs. Supportive services to be provided include working with the family or individual to overcome difficulties and move toward independent living. By assisting families in finding available housing, these services will allow some families to be able to reunify and other families to remain intact.

The contractor will also provide transitional housing to young adults who are learning to live independently. The contractor will assist these young adults in developing and maintaining a budget, working through roommate/neighbor disputes and acquiring other independent living skills.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa is not a health care provider for purposes of HIPAA. This position is taken because there is no use or disclosure of protected health information by or to the vendor under this agreement. Therefore, a Business Associate Agreement is not required.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita