

Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

KUYLER CROCKER District One

PETE VANDER POEL District Two

AMY SHUKLIAN District Three

EDDIE VALERO District Four

DENNIS TOWNSEND District Five

AGENDA DATE: May 21, 2019

	Public Hearing Required Yes N/A Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk Yes N/A Published Notice Required Yes N/A Advertised Published Notice Yes N/A Meet & Confer Required Yes N/A Electronic file(s) has been sent Yes N/A Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached Yes N/A Personnel Resolution attached Yes N/A	
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	Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked v tab(s)/flag(s) Yes N/A	with
	CONTACT PERSON: Vienna Barnes PHONE: 624-8075	

SUBJECT: Accept additional allocation funds for the Housing Support Program and approve the amended agreement with Community Services and Employment Training, Inc.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Authorize the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's Human Services Branch Director to accept an additional Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Housing Support Program Allocation for homeless assistance in the amount of \$25,191.09 from the State of California; and
- 2. Approve the amendment to Agreement No. 28605 with Community Services and Employment Training, Inc. for administration of the Housing Support Program effective from the date of Board signature through June 30, 2019 to include the additional allocation for an amended agreement amount not to exceed \$407,279.09; and
- 3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the amended agreement.
- 4. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

SUMMARY:

On May 22, 2018, your Board approved Agreement No. 28605 with Community Services and Employment Training, Inc. (CSET) for the provision of housing assistance to CalWORKs families in the amount of \$382,088. On March 15, 2019,

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TulareWORKs was notified by the State of California of an additional allocation in the amount of \$25,191.09 for the Housing Support Program to be expended by June 30, 2019. In order to ensure expense of the additional funds by the deadline, your Board must approve acceptance of the additional funds as well as the amended agreement reflecting updated budget expenditures for those funds.

Tulare County's impoverished economy and its large number of CalWORKs recipients, demonstrate it to be a county in dire need of CalWORKs Housing Support funding. In 2017, the most recent data available, Tulare County was identified as having the highest rate of poverty among all 58 California counties with more than one in four people living below the poverty level. Our county consistently ranks within the top five among all California counties for the number of CalWORKs homeless assistance requests. In 2018, Tulare County averaged more than 311 individuals each month turning to the TulareWORKs program for homeless assistance.

The Housing Support Program supports CalWORKs homeless families - defined as lacking a fixed and regular nighttime residence or in receipt of a judgment for eviction as ordered by a court - that do not qualify for other homeless assistance under the CalWORKs program. Each family identified as eligible for the Housing Support Program is considered for support up to \$3,566 in services that include temporary or permanent housing assistance, housing deposits, utility assistance, and/or moving assistance.

Under the current agreement, CSET has received 198 program referrals and has assisted in housing 55 families through February 28, 2019. CSET expects to serve a minimum of 75 homeless CalWORKs families prior to June 30, 2019. With the additional funds, CSET anticipates providing additional supportive services for some enrolled families by assisting with things such as large appliance purchases for newly secured housing.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement were initially included in the HHSA 1142 budget, line 4032, professional services, for \$382,088. An AUD 308 reflecting receipt of the additional allocation and the amended agreement amount has been included. The funding for the amended agreement in the amount of \$407,279.09, is derived from a combination of State and Federal allocations for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. There are no additional county costs for this agreement.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing housing support for those

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who do not qualify for other homeless assistance through the CalWORKs program.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Timothy W. Lutz

Agency Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement AUD-308

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPT ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION FUNDS FOR THE HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM AND APPROVE THE) Agreement No. _____ AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES AND) EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, INC)

) Resolution No. _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR . THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD

, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

> ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY:

Deputy Clerk

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