



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: June 23, 2020

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

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Community Services and Employment Training, Inc.

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Community Service and Employment Training, Inc. for administration of the Housing Support Program effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$635,489.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the agreement.

SUMMARY:
Tulare County's impoverished economy and its large number of CalWORKs recipients, demonstrate that it is a County that continues to be in dire need of CalWORKs Housing Support funding. According to the most recent data available from 2017, 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 2019, Tulare County averaged 259 individuals each month turning to the TulareWORKs program for homeless assistance. It is also important to note that program regulations implemented in January of 2017 changed program eligibility criteria from a one-application-per-lifetime restriction to allowing eligible clients to apply once every twelve months.

The TulareWORKs Housing Support Program wishes to continue leveraging program expertise and services by contracting the program to Community Service

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and Employment Training, Inc. (CSET). Since 2010, CSET has been funded to provide case management and housing assistance under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; their partnership with the City of Visalia in delivering the Permanent Supportive Housing Program has demonstrated their ability to deliver a housing support program. Through the provision of this and other supportive housing and assistance programs, CSET has established partnerships and program infrastructure as well as access to affordable housing, which is vital to the success of the TulareWORKs Housing Support Program.

The Housing Support Program will support 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 will be considered for support up to a maximum of \$5,000 in services that include temporary or permanent housing assistance, housing deposits, utility assistance, and/or moving assistance.

Under the current agreement, CSET has assisted in housing 76 families through February 28, 2020. CSET has been able to fully serve these families using less than the anticipated budget for each, which will allow them to serve additional families through June 30, 2020. With the renewed agreement for the 2020/2021 fiscal year, CSET will serve up to 75 homeless CalWORKs families, with anticipated provision of rental subsidies for up to an additional 30 families carried over from the 2019/2020 agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the Health and Human Services Agency 142 budget, unit 4032, professional services, for \$635,489. The funding is derived from a combination of State and Federal allocations for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. There is no additional net cost to the County General Fund.

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 and stability for those who do not qualify for other homeless assistance through CalWORKs.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Anita Ortiz

Anita Ortiz

Director of Human Services

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY) Resolution No. _____
SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING,) Agreement No. _____
INC.)

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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