



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: June 30, 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 Services and Employment Training, Inc. for administration of the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program effective from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$159,426.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

In preliminary Census data for 2019, more than one in five Tulare County residents live at or below the poverty level. Tulare County's impoverished economy consistently impedes on the ability of residents to secure affordable, stable housing within the community. The issue is exacerbated for residents who are diagnosed with disabilities and often have additional barriers to housing as well as a significantly more limited income.

California Assembly Bill 1603 established the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program (HDAP), which assists disabled individuals who are experiencing homelessness, in applying for disability benefit programs while also providing housing assistance. The Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program (HDAP) will leverage program expertise and services by

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contracting the program to Community Services and Employment Training, Inc (CSET). Since 2010, CSET, Inc. has been funded through HHSA using State and Federal funds to provide case management and housing assistance under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Additionally, their current administration of the Tulare County Housing Support Program since November of 2015 has demonstrated their ability to deliver a housing support program. Through the provision of other supportive housing and assistance programs, CSET, Inc. has established, within Tulare County, partnerships and program infrastructure as well as access to affordable housing, which is vital to the success of the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program (HDAP).

On May 15, 2018, your Board approved Agreement No. 28594 with CSET for the Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Pilot Program, which provides assistance with housing costs and other supportive services for eligible Tulare County residents with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness. The Program has seen statewide success, and, as a result, the 2019 California Budget Act codified County HDAP funding with an ongoing annual allocation. Tulare County received \$473,036 in State funds through the Fiscal Year 2019-20 funding formula and has been notified that any remaining funds from the initial pilot allocation of \$473,036 may be used through June 30, 2021 in addition to the \$159,426 base allocation for Tulare County for the Fiscal Year 20/21.

Since the inception of the pilot program in 2018, the HDAP program has housed 26 clients and we anticipate that CSET will meet the established goal of housing 27 clients by the end of June 2020. With the 20/21 agreement, CSET would optimally serve 5 additional clients. In addition, the program will continue to house the clients served under the current agreement, as they have not yet received approval for disability benefit programs. Clients in the program will continue receiving assistance with housing costs, using HDAP funding, through the final stages of the disability application process as it can take several months to receive approval and begin receiving disability income. There is a waiting list of active referrals, which allows CSET the ability to immediately identify the next client for HDAP assistance as soon as an existing client transitions out of the program. The maximum amount of support per client served with the 20/21 agreement is \$7,500.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

This agreement amount, not to exceed \$159,426, will be funded with State Housing Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) revenues in the amount of \$159,426. A 100% in-kind match component is required to access the Housing Disability Advocacy Program revenues. One hundred percent of the in-kind match amount of \$159,426 will be provided by staff salaries for administration of the county- funded General Assistance program.

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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 who may have a diminished capacity to be self-sufficient as a result of a disability.

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) Resolution No. _____
AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY) Agreement No. _____
SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT TRAINING,)
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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