



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Board Report

File #: A 24-243, **Version:** 1

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- b. Authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three future amendments to this amended Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$84,630) of the amended contract amount, and do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed the maximum aggregate amount of \$930,938.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this agreement with Unity Care Group is to provide Transitional Housing Placement - PLUS (THP-Plus) Program services for former foster youth and provide housing services to youth in Monterey County. The goal of these programs is to reduce homelessness among transitional age youth in Monterey County. The THP-Plus Program provides subsidized housing and comprehensive supportive services to former foster and probation youth ages 18 to 25 for up to 36 months while they transition to independent living. The THP-Plus Program can serve 10 youth at a time. The housing assistance program provides housing navigator services and direct financial housing supports to young adults in Monterey County ages 18-25 who are either homeless or at-risk of homelessness, with priority given to former foster or probation youth. In fiscal year 22/23, the housing navigator program served 12 youth and direct financial housing supports were provided to 17 youth. The housing assistance program is dependent upon continued funding awarded by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreements as to form, as has the Auditor-Controller's Office as to financial provisions.

FINANCING:

Funding is provided by Realignment revenues and California Department of Housing and Community Development funds. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues in the Social Services Fund 001-5010-SOC001 are included in the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services and Administration Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by providing Housing and Supportive Services for high-needs former foster youth.

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachment: Agreement

Proposed agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report.