



Board Agenda Item 71

DATE: July 10, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Delfino E. Neira, Director, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute Amendment I to Agreement A-17-518 with the Housing Authority of the City of Fresno for an emergency housing facility, effective upon execution with no change in term to September 30, 2022 and increasing the maximum by \$1,040,257 to a total of \$3,304,025.

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department to relocate the Emergency Housing Program, currently at 4041 Plaza Drive, Fresno 93702 to a new location at 937 Klette Avenue, Fresno 93706. The Housing Authority of the City of Fresno (Housing Authority) will provide a 46-unit furnished apartment complex for the exclusive use of Department clients which is an increase of 14 units from the current location. If approved, the Amendment will be effective upon execution and funded with a combination of 2011 Realignment and CalWORKs Single Allocation, with no increase in Net County Cost. The item impacts District I and District 3.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Should the recommended action not be approved, the Emergency Housing services will remain at its current location, 4041 Plaza Drive, Fresno 93702 and an alternative facility that could better meet the needs of DSS families would not be acquired.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The maximum cost of the recommended Amendment (\$3,304,025) will be fully offset by using 2011 Realignment and CalWORKs Single Allocation funds. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues will be included in the FY 2018-19 Recommended Budget for the Department of Social Services, Org 5610 and will be included in subsequent budgets.

DISCUSSION:

On September 26, 2017, your Board approved an agreement with the Housing Authority to provide an emergency housing facility for families receiving Department services that are homeless or in need of stable housing. This agreement provided 32, two bedroom furnished units primarily for families involved with Child Welfare Services where housing is determined to be a barrier to reunification. In November 2017, the Housing Authority proposed DSS could move the program to a larger facility located at 937 Klette Avenue, Fresno 93706.

The proposed amendment will allow the Department to serve more families, increasing the total number of dwelling units from 32 to 46. The new location includes 1 to 5 bedroom units allowing the Department to accommodate a variety of family sizes.

The proposed new site is across from the street from the County's West Fresno Regional Center, home to a Regional Library and Department offices. It is also conveniently located near schools, shopping, public transportation, and other community services. It also includes office space for Department staff to provide additional direct services to families on site.

The Housing Authority has long term plans to make room for the Emergency Housing Program at a permanent location at the 1000 block of First Street in the next two years. Should this occur, the Department will bring an item back to your Board for consideration and approval.

The recommended Agreement will be effective upon execution through September 30, 2020, and includes the option to be extended for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods at the same terms and conditions unless either party gives a sixty (60) day advance written notice of non-renewal. The Department Director or designee is authorized to execute such written approval on behalf of the County based on the Contractor's satisfactory performance. The recommended Agreement also gives the Department Director or designee authority to terminate the Agreement without cause upon giving a thirty (30) day advance written notice.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI 57, September 26, 2017

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald Alexander