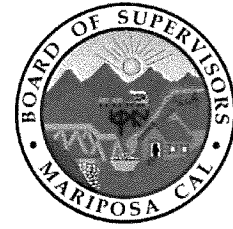




MARIPOSA COUNTY

Health and Human Services · (209) 966-2000



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-546

MEETING: September 17, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Agreement with Alliance for Connections Homeless Shelter and MHH Drop-In Center

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement with Alliance for Community Transformations to operate the Mariposa Heritage House (Substance Use Disorder Recovery and Drop in Center) and the Connections Homeless Shelter Program in an amount not to exceed \$896,500; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Mariposa County Health & Human Services Agency has been contracting with Mariposa Heritage House to provide Substance Use Disorder Recovery Services and Supports since 2014. Over time, HHSA has worked with Alliance to expand their services to become a Homeless Drop In Center, provide Housing Navigation and Supports for Whole Person Care participants and homeless community members, operate a HUD funded Continuum of Care Permanent Supportive Housing Program, and provide disaster case management following the Detwiler Fire of 2018. Through these collaborative projects, Alliance for Community Transformations has demonstrated their capacity to work with the homeless community.

In November of 2018, in response to growing health and welfare concerns, Mariposa County HHSA began operating a temporary Homeless Shelter. The goal was for the County to operate this shelter, while exploring more permanent solutions. HHSA has been working with our partners at Alliance to explore models that may work in the interim, while we are working towards a more permanent solution which will weave together a continuum of services and supports to serve homeless community members with multiple needs and barriers.

The current proposed Project, Connections, will provide 24/7 homeless shelter services and case management support and linkages to the homeless community in Mariposa County. It is estimated that once they reach full capacity, Connections will be able to serve approximately 30 homeless individuals. Connections staff will work closely with the community and with its partners to ensure individuals are

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appropriately linked to services, to employment opportunities and are linked back to communities where they may have ties or opportunities to find housing or family.

Because the Mariposa Heritage House and Connections are so inextricably linked, with shared resources and staffing in some cases, the contract for both Programs is currently being put together in one contract.

Financial: Multiple existing and new funding sources are being used through the Health and Human Services Agency to fund this Program. These include: Mental Health Services Act Funds, Substance Use Disorder Block Grant Funds, Homeless Emergency Assistance Program Funds, and AB 109 Funds through a partnership between Probation and HHSA. No General Fund is being sought at this time for this program and there is no impact on the General Fund. In fact, our hope is that by serving the homeless community and providing shelter, resources from our law enforcement partners will not be as needed for emergency response.

The Board approved a previous Agreement with Alliance to operate the Drop-In Center on June 12, 2018 by Resolution 2018-255.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors could make a decision not to approve this contract with Alliance. Should this happen, HHSA would need to either continue operations of these services to the community or would need to discontinue services to the homeless populations and to those in the recovery community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Multiple existing and new funding sources are being used through the Health and Human Services Agency to fund this Program. This program will be funded with Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Grant Funds; Mental Health Services Act (MHSA); and Department of Health Care Services Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) funds;9 and with \$145,000 transferred in from Probation line 432-0272-613.07-87. There will be no impact to the County General Fund. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Connections Homeless Shelter and Drop In Center 2020 (PDF)

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RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey