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TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Molly Rattigan - Deputy County Executive Officer Housing and Homeless Services
REPORT BY:	Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4112
SUBJECT:	Agreement for Abode Services for Homeless and Housing Services

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Housing and Homeless Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 210018B with Abode Services, increasing the contract maximum by $475,529 for a maximum of $4,007,342 to add additional sheltering and staff services related to COVID-19 prevention, and housing case management services for survivors of the 2020 wildfires.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Today's action approves an amendment to the agreement with Abode Services for the provision of homeless and housing services including operations of the South Napa Homeless Shelter, a winter shelter, street outreach, and housing support and case management services. This agreement is only for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and has been amended to add funding for additional sheltering of clients during the COVID-19 pandemic and for housing case management services for survivors of the 2020 wildfires.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Housing and Homeless Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This item is discretionary in that there is no mandate for how

	homeless services are provided in a community. However, in order to be eligible for State and Federal funding, the County must operate a housing-first homeless services model. This agreement uses the principles of this model and is built to create a homeless services system that focuses on permanent housing solutions. This amendment will provide additional sheltering services during the COVID-19 pandemic and provide housing case management support to clients impacted by the 2020 wildfires.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	None.
Consequences if not approved:	If this item is not approved, Napa County will need to identify another way to provide COVID-19 related sheltering services and case management for fire survivors or forego State and Federal funds to support these services.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit Livable Economy for All
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In October of 2015, the City and County of Napa formally began a process of transforming the way systems respond to and address homelessness throughout the county. These efforts began with the City and the County of Napa jointly hiring consultants from the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) with the charge to examine and make recommendations for the improvement of both the “back door” systems that support housing and homeless services, as well as the “front door” operations of the shelter system in Napa County.

In March 2016, CSH and NAEH jointly issued a report on the state of the housing and homeless services delivery system in Napa County. The report found that Napa’s current ad hoc homeless response system, which requires vulnerable individuals to navigate a complex and restrictive continuum, is not effective in ending homelessness for the growing population of vulnerable individuals.

The NAEH/CSH recommended, among other things, issuing a Request For Proposals (RFP) to select a Shelter Operator and a non-profit to manage the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool and provide supportive housing services. In September 2016 staff released an RFP and selected Abode Services to bring those critical services online in Napa County.

The contract with Abode for operations of the South Napa Shelter, Winter Shelter, Daytime Drop-In Center at South Napa Shelter, Outreach and Housing Navigation Services, and the Flexible Subsidy Housing Pool is funded from local, State and Federal sources.

Today's action amends the current agreement with Abode Services to add services related to COVID-19 prevention funding and to provide housing case management support to 2020 wildfire survivors. Specifically, Napa County has received additional funding to provide non-congregate sheltering for homeless clients at significant risk of COVID-19 and poor health outcomes and to operate the winter shelter 24/7 through April 15, 2021. The sheltering related funding totals approximately $425,000. The agreement also adds $50,000 in funds for case management services for survivors of the 2020 wildfires including assistance with applying for FEMA, processing FEMA paperwork, searching for new units, completing and filling out applications and linkage to other rental assistance programs.

Abode is not a local vendor.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi