



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Human Services Department

Subject: Accept California Department of Housing and Community Development Funding and Approve Related Amendment

Meeting Date: March 11, 2025

Formal Title: Approve amendment to agreement with Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc., increasing the amount by \$155,742, to expand transitional age youth housing services, and take related actions

Recommended Actions

1. Adopt resolution accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$155,742 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, as detailed in the attached AUD 60;
2. Approve first amendment to agreement 25W4087 with Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. in the amount of \$155,742 for a new total of \$598,568 for expansion of youth housing services; and
3. Authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the agreement.

Executive Summary

The Human Services Department (HSD) recommends the Board adopt a resolution accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$155,742 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and approve an amendment to the agreement (Contract No. 25W4087) with Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. for expanding transitional age youth housing services. The additional funds will be used to increase program capacity to serve a greater number of youths and to supplement participant costs related to attaining and retaining housing.

Discussion

On September 4, 2025, Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. (CAB) Contract No. 25W4087 was renewed by HSD for the provision of transitional age youth (TAY) housing services. Since 2021, HSD has contracted with CAB to provide TAY Housing Navigation and Housing Focused Case Management Services. The program provides supportive services to TAY who have foster care involvement and who qualify for a Family Unification Program (FUP) or a Foster Youth Independence (FYI) voucher. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24, CAB provided 34 TAY households with housing navigation and case management services including assistance applying for a FUP or FYI voucher.

Housing for Health was previously notified by HCD of additional funding available for youth housing services in the amount of \$155,742. In the second half of FY 2024-25, there are more youth who qualify for the FUP or FYI voucher than there are supportive services available to assist with applications. The funds will be used to expand supportive services to 10 additional youths and supplement participant costs related to attaining and retaining housing.

To increase supportive housing and stabilization services for youth, HSD seeks the

Board's approval to adopt a resolution accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$155,742 and to approve an amendment to the CAB agreement for a new total amount of \$598,568.

Financial Impact

Additional funding from HCD in the amount of \$155,742 is provided to augment the agreement. Acceptance of an AUD-60 will result in no Net County Cost, and there is no requirement for matching funds.

Contract No. 25W4087– Community Action Board

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Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Attainable Housing

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.