AGENDA
Wednesday, May 20, 2020
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
*This is a Remote Public Meeting*

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, ISSUED MARCH 17, 2020, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION AVAILABLE FOR THIS HEARING, BUT ACCESS TO THE HEARING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT WILL BE POSTED ON THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WEBPAGE AT HTTPS://WWW.SANTACRUZHUMANSERVICES.ORG/HOME/HUMANSERVICESCOMMISSION FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE REMOTE HEARING PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT MICKI COCA BUSS, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, AT 831-454-7505 OR MICKI.COCABUSS@SANTACRUZCOUNTY.US

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The meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. with the first item and proceeds through the items in consecutive order unless otherwise noted.

I. Roll Call (2 min)

II. Agenda Review (2 min)

III. Announcements (5 min)

IV. Public Comment (5 min)
   Members of the public may address the Commission on items not on the agenda for a maximum of five minutes each.

V. Correspondence/Information Only (3 min)

VI. Approval of Minutes (Action) (2 min)
   - January 15, 2020
   - March 18, 2020 (no minutes—meeting cancelled)

VII. Director’s Introduction/Report (40 min)

VIII. Commissioners’ Introductions (40 min)
   As a courtesy to those persons affected, please attend the meeting smoke and scent free. The County of Santa Cruz does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs, or activities. The United Way Conference Room (as well as alternate sites) is located in an accessible facility. If you wish to attend this meeting and you will require special assistance in order to participate, please contact Micki Coca Buss at (831) 454-7505 (TDD number 454-2123) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to make arrangements. Persons with disabilities may request a copy of the agenda in an alternative format.
IX. Report-out on Commission’s Homelessness Services Work Group (5 min)

X. Veterans Liaison Report (5 min)

XI. Next Meeting and Agenda Items (5 min)
    July 15, 2020 – To be determined considering the current Shelter in Place Order.

XII. Adjournment

A complete agenda packet will be available for review at the Human Services Department webpage
https://www.santacruzhumanservices.org/Home/HumanServicesCommission
DATE: January 15, 2020
TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: United Way Conference Room, 4450 Capitola Rd., Suite #106, Capitola, CA 95010

Commissioners Present: Sandra Skees (1st District); Heidi Boynton (1st District); Martina O’Sullivan (2nd District); Monica Martinez (3rd District); Stoney Brook (4th District); and Denise Hitzeman (5th District).

Commissioners Excused: Danny Keith (2nd District); Betsy Clark (3rd District); and Jennifer Anderson-Ochoa (5th District).

Commissioners Unexcused: Tony Gregorio (4th District)

Commission Seats Vacant: None

Staff Present: Emily Balli, Deputy HSD Director; Micki Coca Buss. Senior Analyst; Monica Hernandez, Office Assistant; and Jaimie Murry, Department of Child Support Services Director.

Guests: Anita Aguirre, Salud para la Gente

1. Approval of Minutes (Action): The Commission approved the November 20, 2019 meeting minutes. (Skees/Hitzman)
   AYES: Skees, Boynton, O’Sullivan, Martinez, Brook, Hitzeman
   NOES: None
   ABSTAIN: None
   ABSENT: Keith, Clark, Gregorio, and Anderson-Ochoa

2. Recommend Approval of 2020 Commission Workplan (Action): The Commission voted to approve the workplan. (Brook/Skees)
   AYES: Skees, Boynton, O’Sullivan, Martinez, Brook, Hitzeman.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Keith, Clark, Gregorio, and Anderson-Ochoa.

AYES: Skees, Boynton, O’Sullivan, Martinez, Brook, Hitzeman.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Keith, Clark, Gregorio, and Anderson-Ochoa.

4. Election of Officers (Action): The Commission elected Betsy Clark as Commission Chair (Boyton/Martinez)
AYES: Skees, Boynton, O’Sullivan, Martinez, Brook, Hitzeman.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Keith, Clark, Gregorio, and Anderson-Ochoa.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.
### MATERIALS AND CORRESPONDENCE IN PACKET

**From the Board of Supervisors Agenda**

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<td>Direct the Chairman to write letters to U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell supporting efforts by members of Congress to provide direct funding to local governments through future federal relief/stimulus packages related to COVID-19; and authorize the Chairman and the County Administrative Officer to write letters to federal and state legislative delegations and make application to agencies in support of stabilization funding and other relief for the County of Santa Cruz in any future COVID-19 response bills, as recommended by Supervisor McPherson</td>
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Accept COVID-19 grant funds in the amount of $388,535 from the State of California Bureau of Consumer Services and Housing; adopt resolution accepting $1,850,904 in unanticipated revenue into the Homeless Services Coordination Office Budget from the following sources: (1) $810,844 from County of Santa Cruz and CA-508 Continuum of Care COVID-19 grants from the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, and (2) $1,040,060 from HEAP Trust Fund #76650; and authorize the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector to make necessary budget reclassifications, as recommended by the County Administrative Officer.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE AGENDAS AND MINUTES

- IHSS Advisory Commission [http://www.santacruzhumanservices.org/AdultLongTermCare/InHomeSupportiveServices/AdvisoryCommission.aspx](http://www.santacruzhumanservices.org/AdultLongTermCare/InHomeSupportiveServices/AdvisoryCommission.aspx)
- Santa Cruz County Women’s Commission [http://www.sccwc.org/Home/Meetings.aspx](http://www.sccwc.org/Home/Meetings.aspx)
- Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission [http://www.sccseniors.org/Home/Meetings.aspx](http://www.sccseniors.org/Home/Meetings.aspx)
- Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities [http://scccod.net/](http://scccod.net/)
- Santa Cruz County Latino Affairs Commission [http://scclatinoaffairs.org](http://scclatinoaffairs.org)

OTHER MATERIALS
Authorize the County Administrative Officer (CAO) to negotiate and execute an amendment, with The Salvation Army, for operations of the emergency shelter at the Santa Cruz Armory, extending the term to June 30, 2020; authorize the CAO to negotiate and execute an agreement for provision of basic day services, and to negotiate and execute an extension to the cost sharing agreement with the City of Santa Cruz for emergency shelter and support services, as recommended by the County Administrative Officer.

Information

- **Department:** County Administrative Office
- **Category:** CAO - Board Letter
- **Sponsors:** County Administrative Officer Carlos J. Palacios
- **Functions:** General Government

### Links

**Reference** [DOC-2019-855](#): Adopt resolution accepting $1,664,514 in unanticipated revenue from Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) program; approve contract in the amount of $1,962,245 with The Salvation Army, a California Corporation, awarded HEAP and CESH funding by the Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County Continuum of Care; authorize payment in the amount of $15,821 to the City of Santa Cruz; accept and file report on shelter system improvements, and take related actions, as recommended by the County Administrative Officer.

**Reference** [DOC-2019-281](#): Approve amendment to contract with The Salvation Army, a California Corporation, in the amount of $401,323, for a new total not-to-exceed amount of $1,094,750, for provision of emergency sheltering at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall April 16, 2019 through June 30, 2019, and at 1220 River Street from April 17, 2019 through June 30, 2019, and take related actions, as recommended by the County Administrative Officer.

### Attachments

Board Memo

### Financial Impact

Total costs to extend Armory shelter operations and day services at the Laurel Street shelter are estimated to increase the contract cost by approximately $360,000, for a new not-to-exceed amount of $1,296,220 through June 30, 2020. Staff will return to the Board to take necessary fiscal action for financing these agreements.

### Board Letter

**Recommended Action(s):**

1) Authorize the County Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute an amendment of contract #20C4204 with The Salvation Army, extending the term to June 30, 2020, increasing the contract by an estimated $360,000 for a new total amount not to exceed $1,296,220, for operations of the emergency shelter at the Santa Cruz Armory, located at 301 Armory Road;

2) Authorize the County Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute an agreement for provision of basic day services throughout the County to support the needs of unsheltered
persons in response to the COVID-19 health emergency through June 30, 2020; and

3) Authorize the County Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute an expanded cost sharing agreement with the City of Santa Cruz for emergency shelter services and support.

Executive Summary
The County Homeless Services Coordination Office (HSCO) recommends the extension of the agreement with The Salvation Army (TSA) for continued provision of emergency shelter services at the Armory through June 30, 2020. Staff also recommends authorizing the County Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute an agreement for provision of basic day services to support the needs of unhoused persons in response to the COVID-19 health emergency through June 30, 2020. Additionally, staff recommends authorizing the County Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute an extension to the cost sharing agreement with the City of Santa Cruz for emergency shelter services and support.

Background
Emergency shelter services are part of programmatic efforts to address the homelessness crisis in Santa Cruz County. The Armory emergency shelter provides a capacity of 60 tents and 20 beds per night. The current TSA contract provides for operation of emergency shelter services at the Armory through mid-March 2020. To continue provision of shelter services beyond the term of this agreement, a contract amendment is required.

The 1721 Laurel Street facility provides for a capacity of 55 beds per night through June 30, 2020. Eligible shelter guests include single adults and families with children. Single women, families with children, and with a priority given to adults with mobility challenges. This is currently a night-time shelter program only, with no day services. Housing Matters and The Salvation Army Watsonville location are providing basic hygiene and restroom services for the people they serve, but these services are not anticipated to meet the need in both capacity and location. In response to the COVID-19 health emergency, it will be necessary to procure additional basic day services for supporting the needs of unhoused persons.

There is a historical cost sharing agreement for the County and the cities to share the cost of seasonal emergency shelter. The County and the City of Santa Cruz have entered a limited cost sharing and operational agreement relating to the Shelter Shuttle intake program currently in operation at the Government Center. With the move of the 1220 River Street Program to the Armory, the City of Santa Cruz has proposed a supplemental cost sharing agreement with the County to inform additional, unanticipated costs associated with the move.

Analysis
The Armory emergency shelter operation represents a significant portion of the emergency shelter bed capacity in the County and retention of these services through June 30, 2020 is a critical need particularly in light of the 1220 River Street program closure. Extension of the TSA agreement to operate the Armory shelter through June 30, 2020 is anticipated to increase the contract cost by approximately $360,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed $1,296,220.

As a result of the COVID-19 health emergency, provision of day services has emerged as a critical service to support meeting the needs of unhoused persons to access basic services such as access to restrooms and handwashing facilities. Staff recommends authorizing the County Administrative Officer to negotiate and execute day services agreements through June 30, 2020. Housing Matters and The Salvation Army Watsonville location are providing basic hygiene and restroom services as well as other supports, but these day services are not anticipated to meet the need in both capacity and location. Provision of these services will provide critically needed access to restrooms and handwashing facilities necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 and meet the needs of unhoused people during a time when many other typically accessible public facilities, such as libraries are anticipated to be closed for an undetermined period of time.
With the Covid-19 incident and Shelter in Place Order, a side agreement with the City of Santa Cruz pertaining to unanticipated costs associated with stabilizing and supporting our existing shelter system and providers is recommended.

**Body**

**Strategic Plan Element(s)**
Authorization to amend the TSA and City of Santa Cruz contracts supports the following County goals:

- **Attainable Housing: Homelessness** - expand services to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

- **Comprehensive Health & Safety: Health Equity** - promoting a safe and healthy community that nurtures body and mind across all ages and social conditions.

- **Comprehensive Health & Safety - Community Support** - Provide access to food and basic support through integrated health care and social services.

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**AYES:** John Leopold, Zach Friend, Ryan Coonerty, Greg Caput, Bruce McPherson

**Discussion**

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Links

[Link] DOC-2020-405: Accept and file report regarding potential areas of expansion for Downtown Streets Team cleanup activities, and direct the Human Services Department to return on or before October 20, 2020, with a plan to expand Downtown Streets Team cleanup activities, as recommended by the Director of Human Services

Attachments

Board Memo
Contract 20W4063 Downtown Streets Team
ADM29 20W4063 Downtown Streets Team
Resolution 47-2020 AUD60 Downtown Streets Team (eSign)
036c Resolution No. 47-2020 (eSigned)

Financial Impact

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) CalFresh Employment and Training Augmented Allocation, detailed in the attached resolution, will fund the services outlined in the attached contract. Approval of the agreement does not result in an additional General Fund contribution. CFET Emeline Cleanup Project No. 20W4063: HSD Index/GL Key: 392100-62381

Board Letter

Recommended Action(s):

1. Approve an agreement with Downtown Streets Team to provide CalFresh Employment and Training services, in the total amount of $51,568, and authorize the Director of the Human Services Department to execute the agreement; and

2. Adopt the attached resolution accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenue in the amount of $25,784 from the California Department of Social Services into the FY 2019-20 Human Services Department budget for the CalFresh Employment and Training services program, as detailed in the attached resolution.
3. Direct the Health Services Agency and Human Services Department to report back to the Board regarding the plan to expand the Downtown Streets Team program to Depot Park and other trash impacted spaces by May 12, 2020, including any procurement recommendations necessary to implement these CalFresh Employment and Training services.

Executive Summary
To further increase support for our community’s homeless population, the Human Services Department (HSD) recommends the Board approve a new agreement with Downtown Streets Team (DST) for CalFresh Employment and Training (CFET) services. This new agreement will allow additional CalFresh recipients experiencing or at risk of homelessness to receive job training and work experience support through expanded Cleanup Projects in the neighborhoods around the Emeline Avenue area of the county. HSD also recommends the Board accept unanticipated revenue from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to increase CFET program capacity.

Background
HSD is dedicated to ensuring effective services to individuals experiencing homelessness in Santa Cruz County, consistent with the County’s goal to expand services that reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. To this end, HSD administers contracts with local service providers for the provision of job training and work experience support for eligible persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. One of the employment and training programs administered by HSD is CFET, a federally funded program that provides voluntary job training, work experience services and work-related cost reimbursements to eligible CalFresh recipients. CFET requires a local 50% match to obtain the funds.

In November 2019, the Board approved renewal of a federal fiscal year contract with DST that included the CFET North County Cleanup Project, a collaboration that has been held since 2018 between DST, HSD, the Health Services Agency (HSA) and the Department of Public Works (DPW). For the CFET North County Cleanup Project, HSA provides the required match, and DPW provides additional funding. This project has allowed DST to provide work experience for homeless and formerly homeless individuals by working to clean up trash impacted public space areas along the north coast in the Davenport area, as well as in Felton. Of the 11 participants who ended services in the past year with a completed employment case plan, 100% became employed after their services ended. Of the 22 participants who remained active since renewing the October 2019 contract, 3 have already obtained permanent employment prior to ending CFET services. Additionally, since October of 2019, participants removed a total of 7,599 gallons of trash, 2,063 gallons of recyclables and 31 hypodermic needles from the north county areas included in this project.

HSD has applied for an amendment to its approved State CFET Plan and, as a result, seeks the Board’s approval of a new CFET funded contract to expand these employment services into the Emeline neighborhoods of Santa Cruz County.

Analysis
HSD seeks the Board’s approval to establish a new agreement, for a total of $51,568, with DST for CFET services through the current federal fiscal year, ending in September 30, 2020. DST, under this agreement, will provide a minimum of 8 individuals experiencing homelessness or who are formerly homeless, with training and employment experiences that will result in cleanup in the Emeline neighborhoods of Santa Cruz County. The cleaning effort will remove garbage, including any noted syringes, and thus is considered a part of Health Services Agency’s (HSA) Syringe Services Program (SSP). The program will report on the number of syringes collected and its overall performance will be measured by the percent of participants who become enrolled in CalFresh and who obtain employment within 6 weeks of the end of program participation.
The County's Health Services Agency and Human Services Department will work to develop a plan with the DST on ways to further expand its programming into Depot Park and other identified trash impacted spaces, per Board direction. HSD and HSA will return to the Board with a report on plans to expand to these areas by May 14, 2020.

To support this agreement, HSD recommends the Board’s adoption of a resolution accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenue in the amount of $25,784 into HSD’s FY 2019-20 budget. These funds will be utilized to fund half of the contract and HSA will provide the required match of fifty percent. HSA’s contribution of $25,784 is included in their approved FY 2019-20 budget.

**Body**

**Strategic Plan Element(s)**

1.C (Comprehensive Health & Safety: Local Justice) - The CFET Emeline Cleanup Project work as funded by HSA aligns with the County's goals for increasing public safety through proper syringe disposal.

5.D (Dynamic Economy: Educational Opportunity) - HSD contracts with DST for CFET services that provide work readiness, on-the-job training, work experience and job retention services to CalFresh recipients experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, who have little or no work experience.

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Agenda Item  
DOC-2020-271  

Approve agreement with the California Department of Social Services for resource family approval legal services, and authorize the Human Services Department Director to execute the agreement, as recommended by the Director of Human Services

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Sponsors: Human Services Director Randy Morris

Links

- Link DOC-2017-824 : Approve agreement with the California Department of Social Services for Resource Family Approval Legal Services and authorize the Interim Director of Human Services to sign, as recommended by the Interim Director of Human Services

Attachments

- Board Memo  
- State Agreement 19-5069 CDSS RFA Legal Services MOU

Board Letter

Recommended Action(s):
Approve agreement with the California Department of Social Services for resource family approval legal services and authorize the Human Services Department Director to execute the agreement.

Executive Summary
The purpose of this memo is to request authorization for the Human Services Department (HSD) to extend the agreement with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for legal consultation related to the Resource Family Approval (RFA) program.

Background
Assembly Bill 403 created the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) for child welfare services in California in 2015. As part of CCR, the Resource Family Approval (RFA) program was created to provide a family friendly and child-centered resource family approval process to replace multiple processes for licensing foster homes, approving relatives and non-relative extended family members as foster care providers, and approving adoptive families. The new process establishes a single set of standards for resource family approvals and aims to reduce the use of congregate care placement settings and to decrease the length of time for each child to obtain permanency. On August 27, 2017, the Board approved a two-year agreement between the County and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) outlining that CDSS will act as the legal representative on behalf of the County in the provision of legal consultations and legal representation on appeals of RFAs. The agreement is being extended with no substantive changes.
Analysis
The agreement between the County and the California Department of Social Services for Resource Family Approval Legal Services and authorize the Human Services Department (CDSS) outlines that CDSS will act as the legal representative on behalf of the County in the provision of legal consultations and legal representation on appeals of RFAs. The original agreement was shared with the Probation Department as their participation may be required for families they have referred to Family and Children’s Services (FSC) for RFA services. The agreement has also been reviewed and approved by County Counsel and Risk Management.

Body

**Strategic Plan Element(s)**
1.D (Comprehensive Health & Safety; Behavioral Health) - The MOU allows HSD to meet State requirements related to necessary supports for families caring for children in the foster care system who are experiencing legal issues.

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Agenda Item
DOC-2020-272

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Contract 20W4046 Amendment, Housing Matters
ADM29 20W4046 A01 Housing Matters
Contract 20W1776 Amendment, Community Action Board
ADM29 20W1776 A01 Community Action Board
Resolution 48-2020 AUD60 (eSign)
038e Resolution 48-2020 (eSigned)

Financial Impact

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) CalWORKs Single Allocation and the Bringing Families Home (BFH) Augmented Allocation will fund the services outlined in the attached contract amendments. Approval of the amendments do not result in any additional General Fund contribution. • Housing Matters No. 20W4046 - Index/GL Key: 392100-62885 • CalWORKs Emergency Payment Program No. 20W1776 - Index/GL Key: 392100-75291

Board Letter

Recommended Action(s):  
1. Approve an amendment to the Housing Matters contract to expand Bringing Families Home program services, extending the term of the contract to June 30, 2022 and increasing the total three-year amount by $1,294,053, for a new three-year total of $1,601,553, with new annual totals in the amount of $417,523 in fiscal year (FY) 2019-20, $591,924 in FY 2020-21, and $592,106 in FY 2021-22, and authorize the Human Services Director to execute the amendment;

2. Approve an amendment to the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County Inc. contract to enhance CalWORKs Emergency Payment Program services, increasing the total two-year amount by $50,000, for a new two-year total of $1,484,440, with new annual totals in the amount of
$767,220 in FY 2019-20, $717,220 in FY 2020-21, and authorize the Human Services Director to execute the amendment; and

3. Adopt the attached resolution accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenue in the amount of $110,023 into the FY 2019-20 Human Services Department budget, for provision of housing support services, as detailed in the attached resolution.

Executive Summary
To provide access to housing and other emergency assistance for those in crisis, the Human Services Department (HSD) recommends the Board approve contract amendments with Housing Matters (HM, formerly known as Homeless Services Center) and Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. (CAB). The HM contract amendment will allow additional families experiencing homelessness to receive Bringing Families Home (BFH) housing assistance as well as providing additional support to current participants. The CAB contract amendment will allow additional eligible California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program participants experiencing crisis to receive CalWORKs Emergency Payment Program (CEPP) assistance to cover timely purchase of work-related emergency needs such as car repairs, car insurance, emergency shelter, and other expenses. HSD also recommends the Board accept unanticipated revenue from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to increase BFH services.

Background
HSD is dedicated to ensuring effective services to families experiencing homelessness in Santa Cruz County, consistent with the County’s goal to provide stable housing for its residents. To this end, HSD administers housing services contracts to assist persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. One such program is BFH, funded by CDSS to provide housing supports to families with an open child welfare case who are experiencing homelessness. BFH works to reduce the number of families in the child welfare system experiencing homelessness, increase the number of families reunifying, and help prevent foster care placements.

In May 2017, HSD was awarded $545,000 through CDSS’s competitive State BFH pilot project. On August 18, 2017, the Board approved a two-year agreement with HM in the amount of $545,000 to provide case management, housing navigation and financial assistance for BFH participating families to attain and maintain housing. During 2019, the Board approved two separate amendments to the original multi-year contract, increasing the budget by a total additional amount of $307,500, and extending the term of services to end on June 30, 2020. Since the program’s start, HM has assisted 21 BFH participating families to attain housing. While Santa Cruz County’s initial pilot project was successful in meeting its goals, many more families are in dire need of this critical service. To help meet this need, based on its competitive application, CDSS awarded HSD an additional $1,294,053 to continue implementing the BFH program through June 30, 2022.

Additionally, HSD is dedicated to ensuring effective services to families working to become self-sufficient in Santa Cruz County, consistent with the County’s goal to expand access to basic supports through social services. To this end, HSD has administered an annual contract with CAB since 2001 to provide emergency, work-related expense payments for CalWORKs participants. These emergency payments make it possible for low-income parents to re-enter and remain in the workforce by covering basic emergency needs that otherwise would present a barrier to work. Between July 1 and December 31, 2019, CAB provided 150 unduplicated participants with CEPP services for basic emergency needs assistance.

In June 2019, the Board, through the County’s Continuing Agreements List process, approved renewal of a two-year agreement with CAB that included two program components. CEPP was included in this two-year agreement at an annual total of $432,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2019-20 and $432,000 in FY 2020-21. Additionally, the Home Safe program-which provides housing-related financial assistance to abused or neglected elderly or dependent adults served by HSD’s Adult
Protective Services was included in this two-year agreement at an annual total of $285,220 in FY 2019-20, and $285,220 in FY 2020-21. Combined, both components of this contract renewed for a total two-year amount of $1,434,440.

**Analysis**

As noted, HSD seeks the Board’s approval to amend the current HM multi-year contract for BFH services by extending the term to June 30, 2022 and increasing the amount by $1,294,053, for a new three-year total of $1,601,553 in housing support services for eligible participants. The increased funding will provide additional housing supports to 37 BFH eligible families in FY 2019-20, 45 eligible families in FY 2020-21 and 45 eligible families in FY 2021-22. This assistance will further reduce the number of families in the child welfare system experiencing homelessness, help increase the number of families reunifying, and help prevent foster care placements. The performance of the BFH contract will continue to be measured by the number of participants who attain permanent housing.

Due to increased need for CalWORKs emergency payment assistance, CAB will exceed planned expenditure goals for CEPP this fiscal year. HSD recommends the Board approve an increase of $50,000 in FY 2019-20 for CEPP. This one-year increase will allow CAB to provide additional, critical work-related emergency payment assistance this fiscal year for approved CalWORKs participants in crisis, at a new contract total of $767,220 in FY 2019-20. The $717,220 originally approved for FY 2020-21 will not be amended. Combined, this will bring the new total two-year amount to $1,484,440 across both contract suffixes. The contract will continue to be measured by the number of CalWORKs participants who receive emergency assistance, and by the percent of payments made available to approved participants within 2 working days of program referral.

HSD also recommends the Board adopt a resolution accepting unanticipated revenue of $110,023 into the HSD FY 2019-20 budget as detailed in the attached resolution. This funding is the result of the additional State BFH award of $1,294,053 across three fiscal years. The $1,184,030 remainder will be included in the FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 Human Services Department budget requests. These funds will be used to provide additional, housing and support services to families with an open child welfare case who are experiencing homelessness, as described above. Funds to amend the CEPP contract were included in the approved FY 2019-20 HSD budget and no resolution is needed to enhance CAB’s contract.

**Body**

**Strategic Plan Element(s)**

2.D (Attainable Housing: Homelessness) - HSD contracts with HM to assist eligible homeless, child welfare impacted families to attain and maintain permanent housing. Amending the contracted services increases HSD’s ability to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

1.B (Comprehensive Health & Safety: Community Support) - HSD contracts with CAB for CEPP services that provide approved CalWORKs families with timely purchase of emergency needs such as car repairs, car insurance, emergency shelter and other basic work-related supports.

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Resolution No. 48-2020 AUD60

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** John Leopold, First District Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Ryan Coonerty, Third District Supervisor

**AYES:** John Leopold, Zach Friend, Ryan Coonerty, Greg Caput, Bruce McPherson
Accept and file status report on the migration to the Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWs), as recommended by the Director of Human Services

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Sponsors: Human Services Director Randy Morris

Projects: Master Calendar

Links

Link [DOC-2019-333: Approve and authorize County of Santa Cruz participation in the California statewide automated welfare system consortium joint exercise of powers agreement and the related memorandum of understanding; approve agreement with DXC Technology Services LLC in the amount of $7,928,424 and with California State Association of Counties in the amount of $489,338 to operate the mandated public assistance systems and provide related support and reassignment of these agreements; direct Human Services Department to return by March 2020 with a status report on migration to the statewide automated welfare system, and take related actions, as recommended by the Director of Human Services](https://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?MeetingID=1796&MediaPosition=0.000&ID=7593&CssClass=&Print=Yes)

Attachments

Board Memo

Board Letter

Recommended Action(s):

1. Accept and file this report on the status of the system migration to the statewide automated welfare system, as recommended by the Director of the Human Services Department.

Executive Summary

The State of California, under federal direction, is migrating from three welfare eligibility data systems to one, the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS), to manage eligibility of major public benefit programs. Planning for the migration has already begun, and is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2023.

Background

As described to the Board on August 7, 2018, and on April 23, 2019 the State of California, under federal direction, is migrating three data systems: the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Information Network (CalWIN); California Automated Eligibility Consortium IV (C-IV); and Los Angeles Eligibility Automated Determination, Evaluation and Reporting System (LEADER), to a single statewide system, titled the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS).
The impetus of the migration was to significantly reduce the financial cost to the State of managing and maintaining three different systems currently used by counties and to standardize the eligibility, benefit determination, enrollment and case management functions of the State's major health and human services benefit programs. The migration to a single eligibility determination system was to occur by the beginning of 2023 for the State to continue to receive federal financial participation for the eligibility systems. To comply with federal and State direction to establish a single eligibility system, all 58 Counties in the State, formed the CalSAWS Joint Powers Authority (JPA) in June 2019.

Analysis
Since the establishment of the CalSAWS JPA, a new governance structure to oversee the migration has been established with all 58 counties within the State divided into 6 regions, based on caseload, to oversee and vote on the requirements for the statewide system and the change management of the migration. Santa Cruz County is in Region 1, along with other Bay Area counties: Sonoma, Napa, Marin, Solano, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Monterey and San Benito. Representatives from each region participate in monthly meetings to facilitate feedback and oversight of the ongoing technical work to build the CalSAWS system.

Preliminary plans for the CalSAWS migration included an aggressive timeline that would see all C-IV counties migrating to CalSAWS in September 2021, followed by waves of CalWIN counties, including the County of Santa Cruz, over a series of months, for a complete transition to CalSAWS by January 2023. Through the work of the JPA, and the feedback received on the technical requirements for the consolidated statewide CalSAWS system, it was determined that additional time was needed to ensure important requirements, related to benefit administration and data access for CalWIN counties, were integrated into CalSAWS prior to migration. To that end, the timeline for migration for CalWIN counties to the single SAWs system has been extended. Under the new timeline, the County of Santa Cruz will transition to CalSAWS in June of 2023, with a planned complete migration of all CalWIN counties by the Fall of 2023. The adjusted timeline is currently under federal review.

The delay in the timeline of CalSAWS migration will allow time for the integration of locally controlled benefit programs, such as General Assistance, and data access and reporting, which is used by HSD for daily operations and performance management, to be included in the CalSAWS system.

Information regarding the establishment of the JPA, the governance structure, and long-term goals of CalSAWS has been shared with Human Services Department staff. Additionally, staff have been participating in CalSAWS committees and workgroups to provide feedback on local business practices and technical needs in order to ensure key pieces of Santa Cruz County's processes are retained as part of the design of a streamlined but robust statewide system that brings the best of all county practices to all California residents.

Body

**Strategic Plan Element(s)**

1.B (Comprehensive Health & Safety: Community Support) - The WCDS system is an essential tool used to standardize eligibility determination and caseload management for major public benefits programs. The Human Services Department's success in migration to a single statewide system is critical for continued and efficient provision of basic supports to eligible County residents.

6.D (Operational Excellence: Continuous Improvement) - The migration from three data systems utilized by California counties to a single statewide system is to reduce State costs and advance standardization of the eligibility, benefit determination, enrollment and case management functions of the State’s major health and human services benefit programs.
Meeting History

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Direct the Chairman to write letters to U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell supporting efforts by members of Congress to provide direct funding to local governments through future federal relief/stimulus packages related to COVID-19; and authorize the Chairman and the County Administrative Officer to write letters to federal and state legislative delegations and make application to agencies in support of stabilization funding and other relief for the County of Santa Cruz in any future COVID-19 response bills, as recommended by Supervisor McPherson.

Information

**Department:** Board of Supervisors: Fifth District

**Category:** BOS Fifth District - Board Letter

**Sponsors:** Fifth District Supervisor Bruce McPherson

**Functions:** General Government

Attachments

- Board Memo
- COVID-19 Funding Letter to Speaker Pelosi

Financial Impact

To date, the County has spent at least $2 million in direct costs related to the COVID-19 response and stands to lose millions in tax revenue related to the loss of sales and transient occupancy taxes as a result of the pandemic. Recovering some of those losses through funding reimbursements or other supports by the federal government or other sources as they become available would reduce the negative financial impact to the County.

Board Letter

**Recommended Action(s):**

1) Direct the Chairman to author letters to U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell supporting efforts by members of Congress to provide direct funding to local governments through future federal relief/stimulus packages related to COVID-19; and

2) Authorize the Chairman and the County Administrative Officer to write letters to federal and state legislative delegations and make application to agencies in support of stabilization funding and other relief for the County of Santa Cruz in any future COVID-19 response bills.

Executive Summary

The County of Santa Cruz has led an unprecedented effort to protect residents against the COVID-19, or novel coronavirus, pandemic that has claimed the lives of more 17,000 people in the United States and more than 400 people in California as of April 9, 2020, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. 
tracker that outpaces official reporting. As of April 9, according to County records, there are 76 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Cruz County, with one County resident having died as a result of the disease.

Yet, federal stimulus and aid packages approved to date have not included direct support for local governments, especially those with populations less than 500,000. Santa Cruz County, with a total population estimated at nearly 275,000, requires direct relief to offset more than $2 million of costs associated to date with its response to the COVID-19 outbreak, as well as severe tax revenue losses anticipated through the end of the FY 2020-2021.

Background
Since early March 2020, County personnel led by the Health Services Agency and the County Administrative Office have spearheaded a strategic response to battling community spread of the COVID-19 virus through the issuance of a shelter-in-place order on March 16 (extended now until at least May 3); social distancing guidelines; and a vast array of services, including the establishment of additional sheltering, meals and hygiene services for people experiencing homelessness; the creation of alternative care sites; the supply of personal protective equipment to healthcare providers; and the operation of an emergency command center; among other services.

The County’s management of the public health response, attributed mostly to staff time dedicated to providing both direct and indirect services for the well-being of our residents, has cost at least $2 million and will greatly exceed that number as we work collaboratively with our cities, health providers, nonprofits and other partners to reduce the spread of the virus and ultimately save lives.

In addition to the direct expenses borne by the County to date, the County stands to lose historic amounts of sales tax, transient occupancy tax, and other revenue as a result of the shelter-in-place order and social-distancing requirements that have led many businesses to close, many people to lose employment, and our vital tourism sector to cease operations. The loss of revenue to the County will undoubtedly require use of our reserves and cost-cutting measures to reduce the negative impact on current and future budgets. The extent of the impact into the future is unknown due to the uncertainty of the time needed to stabilize the community’s risk for infection and the resulting toll on the local, state and national economy.

Analysis
On April 2, 2020, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (CA-18) and Congressman Jimmy Panetta (CA-20) signed onto a letter with Congressional colleagues to U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in support of small communities receiving direct support from future stimulus and relief packages by the federal government related to COVID-19 and/or a reduction in the threshold created through a recent relief bill approved by federal lawmakers that limited direct relief to communities with populations of 500,000 or more. The County of Santa Cruz will not receive direct funding from federal stimulus and relief packages unless future allocations reduce or eliminate the threshold for relief at 500,000 in population.

Letters of support from the Board of Supervisors, as authored by the Chair, to Speaker Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader McConnell outlining the need for local governments to receive financial assistance from the federal government would underscore the call by numerous Congressional leaders to address expenses and revenue losses in small communities throughout the United States.
as a result of the COVID-19 response.

Likewise, as opportunities for applying for relief or expressing Santa Cruz County’s needs to policymakers and agencies of Santa Cruz County relative to the COVID-19 pandemic emerge daily and require immediate action, there is a need to authorize the Chair and County Administrative Officer to communicate on behalf of the County without express approval of the Board, which typically meets only twice per month.

Body

**Strategic Plan Element(s)**
1B: (Comprehensive Health and Safety: Community Support)

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DOC-2020-383

Accept COVID-19 grant funds in the amount of $388,535 from the State of California Bureau of Consumer Services and Housing; adopt resolution accepting $1,850,904 in unanticipated revenue into the Homeless Services Coordination Office Budget from the following sources: (1) $810,844 from County of Santa Cruz and CA-508 Continuum of Care COVID-19 grants from the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency; and (2) $1,040,060 from HEAP Trust Fund #76650; and authorize the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector to make necessary budget reclassifications, as recommended by the County Administrative Officer

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Attachments

- Board Memo
- COVID-19 Award of Grant Funds Letter
- Resolution 89-2020 AUD60 (eSign)
- State Of California COVID-19 Agreement 016 Revised Memo, packet page 481 (clean & strikeout-underline copies)

Financial Impact

No impact to the General Fund.

Board Letter

Recommended Actions

1) Accept COVID-19 grant in the amount of $388,535 awarded to the County of Santa Cruz from the State of California Bureau of Consumer Services and Housing;

2) Adopt Resolution to accept a total of $1,850,904 in unanticipated revenue into the Homeless Services Coordination Office Budget, GL Key 185000 from the following sources: (1) $810,844 from County of Santa Cruz and CA-508 Continuum of Care COVID-19 grants from the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency; and (2) $1,040,060 from HEAP Trust Fund # 76650; and

3) Authorize the County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector to approve budget appropriation adjustments related to the COVID-19 response efforts related to State and Federal revenue estimates.

Executive Summary

The purpose of this letter is to accept a State award of funds for COVID-19 homelessness response, and accept and appropriate unanticipated funds into the Homeless Services Coordination Office (HSCO) budget for homeless emergency response activities implemented through the Human Services Department (HSD) Shelter and Care Departmental Operations Center (DOC). The revenue
accepted into HSCO will be transferred to HSD budget unit in the amount of $1,850,904 to fund the shelter and care costs for the homeless population related to the emergency response.

**Background**

The County has been faced with an unprecedented public health event related to COVID-19 and the associated economic impacts. On March 4, 2020, the County’s Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 coronavirus in the United States and in neighboring Santa Clara County. The Board of Supervisors, on March 10, declared a State of Emergency in Santa Cruz County due to the spread of COVID-19. Governor Newsom, on March 18, issued an Executive Order granting local flexibility to respond to COVID-19 by waiving State legal and regulatory provisions to the extent that they restrict the ability of local jurisdictions to use HEAP, HHAP, or other State emergency homelessness funds to prepare for and address the COVID-19 impact on the homeless population.

**Analysis**

The countywide homeless response to the COVID-19 emergency is being managed through the County’s Incident Command Structure (ICS). Within the County’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC), under the authority of County Health Officer Gail Newell, is the Human Services Department (HSD) Shelter and Care Departmental Operations Center (DOC). Divisions of the Shelter and Care DOC include Stabilizing Existing Shelter; Shelter Expansion; Transition Age Youth Sheltering in Place (TAY-SIP); Quarantine and Isolation (Q/I); and Homeless Outreach Services and Support (HOSS). Each of these Divisions is rapidly implementing a wide range of emergency activities.

The County of Santa Cruz and the CA-508 Watsonville/Santa Cruz City and County Continuum of Care (CoC), also known as the Homeless Action Partnership (HAP), each received a COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding award from the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. The County’s award is in the amount of $388,535.25 and the HAP’s award is in the amount of $422,309. Funds provided under this grant program are immediately available, and intended for investment in prevention and containment efforts for shelters to allow for proper social distancing and isolation to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population. Staff requests that the Board accept the $388,535.25 COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding award from the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

The joint HAP Governing Board and Executive Committee, at their April 13, 2020 meeting, recognized the vital need to streamline access to homeless-designated funds to support the rapid and efficient emergency responses to COVID-19 among persons experiencing homelessness. In light of that, they have delegated authority to the HSD Shelter and Care DOC Finance Branch for the funds indicated below, which are being accepted and appropriated as unanticipated revenue in this Board item:

1. $422,309 in COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding
2. $1,040,060 in Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds, previously awarded but not encumbered. It was the decision of the joint HAP Governing Board and Executive Committee that these unencumbered HEAP funds are hereby reprogrammed for immediate emergency homeless responses during the COVID-19 emergency

Cost estimates for the Shelter and Care DOC activities totaling $7,001,981 are provided in the COVID-19 FEMA Claim letter (AMS #8868) from the General Services Department, elsewhere on today’s agenda. The estimated local match for the Shelter and Care DOC activities includes $1,850,904 in revenue from the Homeless Services Coordination Office (HSCO), utilizing the funds outlined in this letter.
Strategic Plan Element(s)
2.D Attainable Housing: Homelessness

Meeting History

**Apr 28, 2020 9:00 AM Video**  Board of Supervisors  Regular Meeting

1) Accepted COVID-19 grant in the amount of $388,535 awarded to the County of Santa Cruz from the State of California Bureau of Consumer Services and Housing;

2) ADOPTED Resolution No. 89-2020 to accept a total of $1,850,904 in unanticipated revenue into the Homeless Services Coordination Office Budget, GL Key 185000 from the following sources: (1) $810,844 from County of Santa Cruz and CA-508 Continuum of Care COVID-19 grants from the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency; and (2) $1,040,060 from HEAP Trust Fund # 76650; and

3) Authorized the County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector to approve budget appropriation adjustments related to the COVID-19 response efforts related to State and Federal revenue estimates

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