The County of Yuba

Health and Human Services Department

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Health and Human Services Department

SUBJECT: Approve the Sole Source Agreement with The Salvation Army

DATE: September 24, 2024

NUMBER: 542/2024

Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the Sole Source Agreement between the County of Yuba, on behalf of its Health and Human Services Department, and The Salvation Army to operate the County's 14Forward temporary shelter facility, for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Background:
Located on County-owned property at 938 14th Street in Marysville, 14Forward was operationalized in 2016 to address the immediate need for shelter among persons experiencing homelessness in Yuba County. The facility includes twenty-five (25) small units, which provide shelter for up to fifty (50) individuals each night.

The Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) operated the facility from the summer of 2016 until the fall of 2019, with support from several other County departments, including Community Development and Services Agency, County Counsel, Administrative Services, and the County Administrator's Office. To reduce the administrative burden, the County sought to contract with a community partner who specialized in homeless shelter provision, to operate and maintain 14Forward. The Salvation Army was the only entity to express interest in this partnership, and the County transitioned the operation of 14Forward to The Salvation Army in the fall of 2019. The Salvation Army is a community-based organization that has operated the Depot Family Crisis Center since 1991 and has years of experience in managing funding and resources necessary to make programs successful for participants.

Discussion:
Participants utilizing the 14Forward facility receive direct services from on-site case managers who are experienced, knowledgeable, and able to connect them to the necessary resources and services that will

assist in achieving stability and self-sufficiency. The Salvation Army makes the shelter available to eligible participants twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

Last fiscal year, 14Forward, through The Salvation Army, provided shelter to 251 individuals, including 9 veterans, 15 youth ages 18-24, and 96 individuals who met the definition of experiencing chronic homelessness ("experienced homelessness for at least a year, or repeatedly, while struggling with a disabling condition such as a serious mental illness, substance use disorder, or physical disability" – endhomelessness.org). With the help of rapid rehousing programs, 36 people were able to exit 14Forward into permanent housing locations during Fiscal Year 22/23. An additional 17 individuals were connected to substance use treatment upon exit to begin stabilizing an addiction.

Approval of this sole source Agreement will allow HHSD to continue contracting with The Salvation Army for the day-to-day operations of the County's 14Forward temporary shelter facility. The executed sole source document that the Board approved on August 13, 2024 is attached for reference.

Committee Action:
The Human Services Committee was bypassed as the Board of Supervisors previously approved The Salvation Army as the sole source provider of these services on August 13, 2024, this is a renewal Agreement with The Salvation Army, and there is no impact to County General Funds.

***Fiscal Impact*:**
Budget
- Included in the FY 2024-25 Budget Appropriation

Total Projected Cost
- 1-year contract at $285,282

Source of Funds
- Non-General Fund: $285,282 State Funding
    - Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP)

Attachments:
542-2024 Agreement with The Salvation Army
542-2024 executed Sole Source Justification Request for The Salvation Army