



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: August 27, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

CONTACT PERSON: Francena Martinez PHONE: 559-624-8000

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with Aspiranet

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Aspiranet for the provision of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus Services to foster youth, in an amount not to exceed \$409,635, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in finalizing the budget amount; making it impractical for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2024.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the agreement on July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) is a transitional housing program for young adults who exited foster care on or after their 18th birthday and are not yet 24 years of age. The THP-Plus Program was established by the California State Legislature in 2001 to address the needs of a growing yet largely overlooked group of at-risk youth, those who "age out" from the state's foster care system. The Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Child Welfare Services Division is funded through the California Department of Social Services to provide safe and affordable housing to a minimum of thirteen (13) emancipated young adults. This program concurrently provides a wide range of supportive services to ensure that each participating youth is progressing with their life goals, including educational attainment, employment, physical and mental well-being, and connections to the community. The combination of safe and affordable housing and supportive services will assist Tulare County's former foster youth to

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successfully transition into independent living.

This agreement did not go through the Request for Proposal process as Tulare County has had an established partnership with Aspiranet for many years to provide the Transitional Housing Placement Plus Program. Aspiranet is the only nonprofit social service organization providing specialized services in Tulare County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the HHSA's 001-142 budget, line 6077-7043 professional services, in an amount not to exceed \$409,635. The estimated cost per client served is \$31,500. Funding is derived from State Realignment 2011 and the THP-Plus grant allocation award from the Department of Housing and Community Development. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Transitional housing and support services provided to former foster youth through this allocation link to the County's five-year strategic plan's Quality of Life Initiative. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation as the THP-Plus Program will provide innovative services for former foster youth between the ages of 18-25.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Francena Martinez

Francena Martinez

Director of Human Services

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement