



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 29, 2021

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

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**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement with Community Services and Employment Training, Inc.

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Community Service and Employment Training, Inc. for administration of the Housing Support Program effective from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the agreement.

### **SUMMARY:**

Tulare County's impoverished economy and its large number of CalWORKs recipients, demonstrates that it is a County that continues to be in dire need of CalWORKs Housing Support funding. According to the most recent data available from 2019, nearly one in five Tulare County residents lives in poverty. In 2020, Tulare County averaged 258 individuals each month turning to the TulareWORKs program for homeless assistance.

The TulareWORKs Housing Support Program wishes to continue leveraging program expertise and services by contracting the program to Community Service and Employment Training, Inc. (CSET). Since 2010, CSET has been funded to provide case management and housing assistance under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Their partnership with the City of Visalia in delivering the Permanent Supportive Housing Program has demonstrated their ability to deliver a housing support program. Through the provision of this and other supportive housing and assistance programs, CSET has

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established partnerships and program infrastructure as well as access to affordable housing, which is vital to the success of the TulareWORKs Housing Support Program.

The Housing Support Program will support CalWORKs homeless families - defined as lacking a fixed and regular nighttime residence or in receipt of a judgment for eviction as ordered by a court - that do not qualify for other homeless assistance under the CalWORKs program. Each family identified as eligible for the Housing Support Program will be considered for support up to a maximum of \$5,000 in services that include temporary or permanent housing assistance, housing deposits, utility assistance, and/or moving assistance.

Under current Agreement No. 29688, CSET has assisted in housing 24 families through March 31, 2021 and is assisting 82 additional families with case management services and removing barriers to securing housing. With the renewed agreement for the 2021/2022 fiscal year, CSET will serve up to 75 homeless CalWORKs families.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal because the housing collaboration between CSET and Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has been established since partnering for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This long-term partnership provides immeasurable benefits to our clients. A large component of housing stability is consistent program support, processes, and personnel in programs. The partnership between HHSA and CSET has provided this consistency for more than a decade and is a contributing factor to the program efficacy and efficiency.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the HHSA 001-142-4032, line 7043 professional services, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. The cost per family is approximately \$8,000. The funding is derived from a combination of State and Federal allocations for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. There is no additional net county cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk adults, youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement increases the ability to fulfill that obligation by providing housing support and stability for those who do not qualify for other homeless assistance through CalWORKs.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Anita Ortiz

Anita Ortiz

Human Services Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachments: Agreement