

24. Ratify and approve the Enforceable Funding Commitment Letter for supportive services for Self-Help Enterprises, as required by the state for the Homekey+ application.



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: May 20, 2025

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	N/A

CONTACT PERSON: Noah Whitaker PHONE: 559-624-8432

SUBJECT: Ratify and approve the Enforceable Funding Commitment Letters with Self-Help Enterprises

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Ratify and approve the Enforceable Funding Commitment Letter for supportive services for Self-Help Enterprises, as required by the state for the Homekey+ application.

SUMMARY:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is expanding on the success of its Homekey Program to help support the development of permanent supportive housing for veterans and individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness who experience mental health and/or substance use challenges. Homekey+ requires Housing First policies to be implemented in all units funded. The Homekey+ Notice of Funding Availability was released in November 2024.

Self-Help Enterprises (SHE), in partnership with the City of Visalia, plans to apply for Homekey+ state funding for an 80-unit project with a carve-out of 24 assisted units for the Homekey+ application parameters. The project will be located on a parcel of land at the corner of North Dinuba Blvd. and West Ferguson Ave. in Visalia.

As part of the application process, the state requires an Enforceable Funding Commitment (EFC) letter confirming services will be provided by the County. Robust, supportive services will be provided to the clients served within the designated Homekey+ units. The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) and Tulare County Managed Care Plans (MCP), Anthem Blue Cross, Health Net Community Solutions, Inc., and Kaiser Permanente, are tasked with providing robust services and

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resources to our most vulnerable community members. The Tulare County Behavioral Health Plan (BHP), governed by HHSA's Behavioral Health Branch, is committing a maximum of \$150,000 annually to cover the behavioral health service costs. HHSA will braid Medi-Cal revenues and its local resources to ensure the sustainability of these behavioral health services for the project. On average, HHSA expends \$5,180 annually for a client's outpatient behavioral health treatment, of which 52% is reimbursed through Medi-Cal, and 48% is sustained through a local county match from sources like Realignment or Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds. The annual treatment needs of 24 clients residing at Crescent Meadows will cost an estimated \$124,321. \$65,094 will be Medi-Cal funding and \$59,227 will be a local source of HHSA funding.

Since the project is a new construction, only a commitment letter of services is needed at this time, and it is not a realized cost. Once construction is nearing completion, an agenda item with specific information, funding and an agreement will be brought before the Board of Supervisors for the Board to consider and approve. The letter was signed before going to the Board due to the very tight turnaround timeline requirements the state has for their Homekey+ application window. There were multiple threshold terms required by the Homekey+ NOFA that needed to be agreed upon by both parties through negotiations. Once the terms were agreed upon, the due date for the gap funding application was due to the state on April 3, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The costs associated with this EFC letter will be included in the Health and Human Services Agency's Behavioral Health budget when the services are needed. 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 to promote public health and welfare for all individuals in Tulare County. Furthermore, this action will help support all five goals of Pathway Home, the County's adopted strategic plan to address homelessness (Resolution No. 2020-0035). This commitment letter increases the County's ability to provide permanent housing opportunities for those experiencing homelessness and to help improve overall health outcomes within the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Anita Ortiz

Anita Ortiz

Associate Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Enforceable Funding Commitment Letter for service

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF Ratify and approve)
the Enforceable Funding Commitment) Resolution No. 2025-0384
Letters with Self-Help Enterprises) Agreement No.
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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**TULARE COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

Donna Ortiz
Agency Director

Dr. Natalie Bolin, DSW, LCSW • Director • Behavioral Health Branch

March 31, 2025

Self-Help Enterprises
Tom Collishaw, President/CEO
8445 W. Elowin Court
Visalia, CA 93291

RE: Crescent Meadows Supportive Services

Dear Mr. Collishaw,

Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) looks forward to partnering with Self-Help Enterprises by assisting in providing services to eligible residents living in the new construction project, Crescent Meadows, located at Northwest corner of Ferguson Avenue and Dinuba Boulevard, Visalia, CA, APN 090-060-063.

Per the Notice of Funding Availability (NoFA) released on 11/26/2024, applications for the Homekey+ Program require certain Supportive Services to be available. Section 302 of the NoFA details the services your organization will need to offer residents at the project site. HHSA would like to provide you with a commitment of funding for the provision of Specialty Behavioral Health Services. This will include mental health care and substance use disorder services for the residents at Crescent Meadows with Serious Mental Illness or Substance Use Disorder.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) clients who meet the criteria and are willing to engage in services will be served on-site by HHSA's designated field-based provider. HHSA can commit a maximum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually to cover these costs. HHSA will braid Medi-Cal revenues and its local resources to ensure the sustainability of these services for the project's life. On average, HHSA expends \$5,180 annually for a client's outpatient BH treatment, of which 52% is reimbursed through Medi-Cal, and 48% is sustained through a local county match from sources like Realignment or Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds. The annual treatment needs of 24 clients residing at Crescent Meadows will, therefore, cost an estimated \$124,321, of which \$65,094 will be Medi-Cal funding and \$59,227 will be a local source of HHSA funding.

These services will be offered collaboratively on an ongoing basis according to each client's needs. HHSA will also assist Self-Help Enterprises and other supportive service providers in partnering with residents to refer them to other appropriate levels of care as needed.

Please do not hesitate to contact HHSA at (559) 624-8000 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Natalie Bolin, DSW, LCSW



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