



February 28, 2020

Sacramento Housing and
Redevelopment Commission
Sacramento, CA

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT:

Authorize The Housing Authority Of The County Of Sacramento And The Department Of Child, Family And Adult Services To Enter Into A Zero-Dollar Memorandum Of Understanding To Support The Foster Youth to Independence Initiative And For The Department of Child, Family And Adult Service To Submit The Allocation Acceptance Form to The California Department of Housing and Community Development To Secure \$268,095 Allocation Award under the Housing Navigation Program

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is presenting this information to the Commission for review prior to final review by the County of Sacramento.

Respectfully submitted,

Syrene Rodenick Williams
on behalf of
La Shelle Dozier
LA SHELLÉ DOZIER
Executive Director

Attachment

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
March 24, 2020

To: Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento
Board of Supervisor

Through: Navdeep S. Gill, County Executive

From: Michelle Callejas, Director, Department of Child, Family
and Adult Services

Cindy Cavanaugh, Director of Homeless Initiatives, Office
of the County Executive

La Shelle Dozier, Executive Director, Sacramento Housing
and Redevelopment Agency

Subject: Authorize The Housing Authority Of The County Of
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District(s): All

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt the attached **Housing Authority Resolution** authorizing the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, or Designee, to:
 - a. Enter into a zero-dollar Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) to support the Foster Youth to Independence Initiative covering the period between March 24, 2020 and June 30, 2023, and
 - b. Further amend this contract for non-monetary changes, to terminate or to assign and to extend the term as needed.

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2. Adopt the attached **Board of Supervisors Resolutions** authorizing the Director of DCFAS, or designee, to:
 - a. Enter Into a Zero-Dollar MOU with the Housing Authority to support the Foster Youth Independence Initiative covering the Period between March 24, 2020 and June 30, 2023, and
 - b. Further amend this contract for non-monetary changes, to terminate or to assign and to extend the term as needed, and
 - c. To Submit The Allocation Acceptance Form to The California Department of Housing and Community Development To Secure \$268,095 Allocation Award Under the Housing Navigation Program.

BACKGROUND

Young adults aging out of foster care, or with histories of involvement with foster care, are at a high risk of homelessness. Nationally, approximately 25 percent of those aging out of foster care experience homelessness within four years of aging out. The Department of Child, Family and Adult Services (DCFAS) and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA), serving as the Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento (HACOS), collaborate extensively together to meet the housing needs of youth involved in the foster care system.

The purpose of this MOU is to further the collaboration and support between SHRA and DCFAS to secure 25 Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPVs) through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative for young adults that meet the following conditions:

1. Has attained at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age;
2. Left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act at age 16 or older; and
3. Is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Through this targeted allocation, HUD is investing in local, cross-system collaborative efforts to prevent and end homelessness among youth with a current or prior history of child welfare involvement. The FYI Initiative requires a MOU between the local housing authority and child welfare agency

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we will also work with community partnerships to coordinate effectively and identify, target and connect eligible youth to housing and related supports. The program also requires that the child welfare agency provide or secure a commitment for the provision of the required supported services. These services must be provided for a period of 36 months by DCFAS or another entity, such as County Behavioral Health Services (BHS). In general, respective implementation roles include:

- HACOS accepts referrals from DCFAS, determines eligibility for assistance, requests TPVs from HUD, and administers the voucher for the youth. The TPV sunsets when the youth exits the program or if the youth does not use the voucher, once issued. SHRA also applies for and reports to HUD as required;
- DCFAS works with the homeless Continuum of Care and, when appropriate, BHS to identify and prioritize eligible youth and to engage partners to help meet the youths' service needs. Youth who need more intensive or ongoing services, who consent to mental health treatment and also meet the BHS definition of medical necessity will be referred and linked to BHS. DCFAS will provide complementary services to those participating youth who qualify for Independent Living Program and Extended Foster Care services;
- Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) helps identify and prioritize eligible youth through the Continuum of Care's coordinated entry system.

HACOS and DCFAS requests authority to enter into a zero-dollar MOU to secure 25 FYI TPVs and support the collaboration with SSF and BHS.

BHS currently provides housing location and navigation assistance to its clients, which will include FYI Initiative participants. Additional State funding has recently been announced for housing navigation service for youth, which will complement these existing services to help participants in the FYI Initiative locate and secure housing. The California Department of Housing and Community Development issued an Allocation Acceptance form on February 7, 2020 for Child Welfare Agencies to secure funding to provide housing navigation services to youth between the ages of 18 to 21 prioritizing foster youth in care, allocating \$268,095 to Sacramento County Child Welfare.

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The funding was made available under the Housing Navigators Program (HNP) authorized by item 2240-103-0001 of section 2.00 of the State Budget Act of 2019, as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 363 of the Statutes of 2019 (SB 109). Navigation services will assist youth issued TPVs in locating and securing housing and other qualifying youth between the ages of 18 to 21. Youth receiving a TPV between the ages of 18 to 24 can receive navigation services along with mental health services through BHS when they meet the eligibility requirement for medical necessity who consent to treatment.

The allocation funded through the HNP is limited to providing housing navigation services to young adults, which includes the following services:

- 1) Assist young adults aged 18-21 secure and maintain housing (with priority given to young adults in the state's foster care system);
- 2) Provide housing case management which include essential services in emergency supports to foster youth;
- 3) Prevent young adults from becoming homeless; and
- 4) Improve coordination of services and linkages to key resources across the community including those from within the child welfare system and the local Continuum of Care.

DCFAS requests authority to submit the allocation acceptance form to The California Department of Housing and Community Development to secure the \$268,095 allocation award under the HNP. The decision on how to provide navigation services has not been determined; DCFAS will return at a later date to obtain appropriate authority.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

There is no fiscal impact related to the execution of the zero-dollar MOU. Administration of the Foster Youth to Independence Initiative will be absorbed by the participating agencies.

Youth meeting BHS eligibility requirements for medical necessity who consent to treatment will be referred for mental health treatment and supports available through the current Outpatient and Full Service Partnership provider network.

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LA SHELLE DOZIER, Executive Director
Sacramento Housing and
Redevelopment Agency

APPROVED
NAVDEEP S. GILL,
County Executive

By: _____
BRUCE WAGSTAFF
Deputy County Executive

Attachment:

- RES – Housing Authority Resolution (MOU)
- RES – Board of Supervisors (MOU)
- RES – Board of Supervisors (Housing Navigation Program)

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A ZERO-DOLLAR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO TO SUPPORT THE FOSTER YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE INITIATIVE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services, or designee, on behalf of the COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, a political subdivision of the State of California, is authorized to enter into a zero-dollar Memorandum of Understanding with the Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento to support the Foster Youth to Independence Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services, or designee, is authorized to amend this memorandum of understanding for non-monetary changes, to terminate or to assign, and to extend the term as needed.

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On a motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, the forgoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento this 24th day of March 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors,

NOES: Supervisors,

ABSENT: Supervisors,

ABSTAIN: Supervisors,

RECUSAL: Supervisors,
(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
of Sacramento County, California

(S E A L)

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO.

AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION ACCEPTANCE FORM TO SECURE \$268,095 AWARD UNDER THE HOUSING NAVIGATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development issued an Allocation Acceptance form, dated February 7, 2020 under the Housing Navigators Program for \$268,095 authorized by item 2240-103-0001 of section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2019, as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 363 of the Statutes of 2019 (SB 109).

WHEREAS, the Allocation Acceptance form relates to the availability of HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation funds; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County was mentioned in the Allocation Acceptance form dated February 7, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for The County of Sacramento does hereby determine and declare as follows:

Section 1. That Department of Child, Family and Adult Services is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and accept their HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation award, as detailed in the Allocation Acceptance form, up to the amount authorized on the Allocation Acceptance form and applicable state law.

Section 2. That Michelle Callejas, Director of the Department of Child, Family and Adult Services, her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to act on behalf of County in connection with the HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation award, and to enter into, execute, and deliver any and all documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to be awarded the HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation award, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation Award Documents").

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Section 3. That The Department of Child, Family and Adult Services Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions that are specified in the HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation Award Documents, and that Applicant will use the HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation award funds in accordance with the Allocation Acceptance form, other applicable rules and laws, the HNP Program Documents, and any and all HNP requirements.

On a motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, the forgoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento this 24th day of March 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

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(S E A L)

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

**ADOPTED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

RESOLUTION NO.

**AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A ZERO-DOLLAR MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH SACRAMENTO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
CHILD, FAMILY AND ADULT SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE FOSTER
YOUTH TO INDEPENDENCE INITIATIVE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, or designee, on behalf of the COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, a political subdivision of the State of California, is authorized to enter into a zero-dollar Memorandum of Understanding with the Sacramento County Department of Child, Adult and Family Services to support the Foster Youth to Independence Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, or designee, is authorized to amend this memorandum of understanding for non-monetary changes, to terminate or to assign, and to extend the term as needed.

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On a motion by Member _____, seconded by Member _____, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of the Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento this 24TH day of March, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Members,

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ABSTAIN: Members,

RECUSAL: Members,
(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))

Chair of the Board of the Housing Authority
of Sacramento County, California

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
Clerk