



Legislation Text

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 220056B with On the Move, Inc. (Housing Navigators Program)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 220056B with On the Move, Inc., to extend the term through October 30, 2025, increase the contract maximum to \$34,590 and revise reporting requirements for the Housing Navigators Program (HNP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of today's action will extend the term of the contract to October 30, 2025; increase the amount of the contract maximum amount by \$17,295, for a new contract maximum of \$34,590; replace Exhibit A with Exhibit A-1 (Scope of Work) to revise the reporting requirements from annual to biannual for the second round of funding; and replace Exhibit B with Exhibit B-1 (Compensation) to include the revised budget to incorporate additional funding from California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health and Human Services Agency Child Welfare Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Appropriations have been included in the approved Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget and future fiscal years will be budgeted accordingly.

Consequences if not approved:	If not approved, CWS will not have access to the resources On the Move provides to address the housing needs of youth in foster care or formerly in foster care.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Additional Information	None.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

HCD allocates funding to Napa County for HNP for the support of housing navigators to help young adults aged 18 years and up to 24 years secure and maintain housing, with priority given to young adults in the foster care system. The funds may be used to provide housing navigation services directly or through a contract with other housing assistance programs in the county. HHSA currently contracts with On the Move/Voice Our Independent Choice for Emancipation Support (VOICES) to deliver housing navigation services to Transitional Age Youth (TAY) in Napa County.

The increased cost of housing in Napa County and surrounding counties poses a challenge to former foster youths who may be underemployed and/or have a limited support system of family and friends. Nationwide, 50% of the homeless population have spent time in foster care.

VOICES is a program of On the Move whose mission is to empower underserved youth, by utilizing holistic services throughout their transition from systems of care, while building a loving community and establishing a solid foundation for a healthy future. VOICES has direct access to TAY by way of their Youth Service Center and Wellness Centers where youth in Napa County are offered support through workshops, counseling, resources, and referrals. VOICES is the most logical option for managing HNP in conjunction with the Transitional Housing Program (THP) with oversight from HHSA as they are a first stop for young adults in needed of help if they are housing insecure or homeless. HNP is especially important for this age group (18 through 24) as they transition to independent living arrangements.

Napa County's HNP grant allocation is in the amount of \$17,295 per round, for a total of two (2) rounds, and the grant term ending on October 30, 2025.