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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 200382B with Share the Care

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 200382B with Share the Care for a maximum amount of \$52,500 to extend the agreement through June 30, 2024 to provide tangible support services for HHSA's Comprehensive Services for Older Adults (CSOA) Adult Protective Services (APS) clients.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of today's action will extend the term of the agreement by one year, through June 30, 2024, with no change to the contract maximum or Scope of Work. This ensures Share the Care will be able to continue to provide the administration of APS tangible support services such as, but not limited to, emergency food, clothing, repair or replacement of essential appliances and other household goods, and Home Safe funds such as, but not limited to, any resource and/or service aimed at preventing or mitigating homelessness/housing issues for elder and/or dependent adults served by or in the intake process for APS.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health and Human Services Agency Comprehensive Services for Older Adults
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	While not mandated, approval of this Agreement allows APS to provide services when or if needed.
Is the general fund affected?	No

Future fiscal impact:	None, appropriations have been included in the approved FY2022-2023 and requested FY2023-2024 budgets.
Consequences if not approved:	If not approved, APS will be unable to use contractor's services for vulnerable elders and dependent adults that are in situations that jeopardize their health and well-being.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Collaborative and Engaged Community

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

APS is a state mandated program (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 15600, et. seq.) charged with the investigation of allegations of abuse and neglect perpetrated against dependent adults and elderly who reside outside of licensed facilities. APS works closely with the District Attorney's (DA) Office and local law enforcement agencies to provide this key public safety protection for this vulnerable population.

Besides the investigative component, APS provides an array of social services that include: a 24 hour emergency response system, initial evaluation, assessment, reassessment, service plan development and monitoring, emergency shelter, in-home protection, case management, information and referral, and tangible support services.

Per Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 156763(g), each county shall provide tangible support services, which may include, but not limited to, emergency food, clothing, repair or replacement of essential appliances, plumbing and electrical repair, blankets, linens, and other household goods, advocacy with utility companies, and emergency response units. The needs of APS clients are unique, unpredictable, and often urgent.

To be able to protect the health, safety, and well-being of APS clients, APS staff need to be able to access resources and services quickly and flexibly. Although funds have been budgeted to provide tangible support services and Home Safe, actually providing these services has been difficult without a contractor able to administer the expenditure of these funds. In addition, given the challenges facing the APS population, nearly all of whom have a fixed income, this funding will be used to the fullest extent possible to prevent an APS client from losing existing housing. Napa County APS plans to use allocated Home Safe funds to provide different strategies that address housing issues that occur with APS clients. Share the Care has a long history of providing an array of services that support this population's ability to live safely and independently.

There is no change to the contract maximum, this amendment will extend the term of the agreement by one year in order to fully expend the allocated Home Safe funds.