

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment A02 to the renewal Standard Agreement Number 16-10303 with the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, which increases the maximum amount from \$85,229 to \$101,353 (an increase of \$16,124) for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 for services related to the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The HOPWA Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and in California administered by the Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS. HOPWA Program funds are distributed using a statutory formula that relies on AIDS statistics (cumulative AIDS cases and area incidence) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Pursuant to this amendment, the amount for FY 18/19 is increasing from \$26,245 to \$42,369 (an increase of \$16,124) due to a revised state allocation formula. A budget amendment is not required and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution 16-524, the Board of Supervisors approved Standard Agreement No. 16-10303 with the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, which provides federal funding for services related to the HOPWA Program. Since the beginning of the HOPWA program in 1992, the Federal government has made available HOPWA funds to provide resources and incentives to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting various types of housing needs of persons living with HIV Disease. The HOPWA Program allows the provision of monies for short-term rent, mortgage and/or utility payments to low income residents who have been diagnosed with AIDS or HIV related disease and who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. The Public Health Department's – HIV/AIDS Case Manager provides case management oversight for these HOPWA clients.

The goals of the program are to provide the strategies to alleviate or prevent homelessness among persons living with HIV/AIDS and to ensure these households are able to achieve and/or maintain housing stability and improve their access to HIV/AIDS care, treatment, and support.

Pursuant to this proposed Amendment A02, the amount of the Agreement for FY 18/19 will increase from \$26,245 to \$42,369 (an increase of \$16,124) due to a revised state allocation formula, for a maximum contract amount of \$101,353.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as it allows continuation of funding to assist this particular population of county residents to achieve housing stability and linkages to treatment services.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Public Health Director