

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO
HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES TEAM
PROGRAM AGREEMENT –
HOUSING FIRST FUND &
RISK MITIGATION FOR HOUSING CHOICE
VOUCHER PROGRAM**

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Overview

- Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST)
 - Background
 - 2018-2019 Budget & First Amendment
 - 2019-2020 Budget & Second Amendment
 - Housing First Fund
 - Proposed Third Amendment
- Council Direction – September 24
 - Risk Mitigation for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)

HOST Background

- City-sponsored program – August 2015
- Street outreach team
- Clean Start & HEAP
- Housing First Fund – March 2018
- 2018-2019 Accomplishments
 - 334 served
 - 171 sheltered
 - 137 housed
 - 77% housing retention rate

HOST 2018-2019

- Council approves \$1,000,450
 - Grant Agreement for HOST Program
 - First Amendment – Housing First Fund

Landlord Incentives	\$100,000
Risk Mitigation	\$100,000
Tenant Assistance	\$28,000
Housing Assistance	\$200,000
Operational Expenses	<u>\$106,000</u>
TOTAL	\$534,000

Housing First Fund Balance

- 2018-2019 – June 30, 2019
- Rollover for 2019-2020

Landlord Incentives	\$62,500
Risk Mitigation	\$100,000
Tenant Assistance	<u>\$27,000</u>
TOTAL	\$189,500

HOST 2019/2020

- Council approves \$1,000,450
 - Second Amendment – \$557,350
- Catholic Charities deploying housing funds
- Third Amendment
 - \$443,100 – commit balance

Third Amendment

Housing Assistance	\$350,000
Landlord Incentives	\$50,000
Operational Expenses	<u>\$43,100</u>
Previously Budgeted	\$443,100
HCV Support – General Fund	<u>\$35,000</u>
TOTAL	\$478,100

Housing Choice Voucher program

- Housing Anti-Discrimination Code passed October 1, 2019; adoption in 30 days
- Council requested owner incentives parallel Ordinance adoption including immediate access to existing risk mitigation pool

Housing Choice Voucher program

- \$35,000 expands access to existing risk mitigation funds to cover HCV participants
- Housing Authority will continue to explore long-term HCV loss mitigation strategy and owner incentives
- Future General Fund may be requested to support; HUD funding is limited to program administration and rental assistance only

RECOMMENDATION (1 of 2)

It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council, by resolution, 1) approve a Third Amendment to Grant Agreement for Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) Program with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, in the amount of \$478,100, for the continued administration of a Housing First Fund (landlord incentives, risk mitigation, tenant assistance, housing assistance) to include access to risk mitigation funding for the Santa Rosa Housing Authority's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, *(continued)*

RECOMMENDATION (2 of 2)

bringing the total amount of the agreement to \$1,035,450 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; and 2) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to appropriate \$35,000 from the General Fund unassigned reserves to the Homeless Shelter Operations Fund for HOST's administration of risk mitigation funding for the HCV Program.