

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE:	March 11, 2025
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CATEGORY: Consent Calendar 8

SUBJECT: Approve a retroactive renewal agreement with the City of Redding for elder and dependent adult crimes and abuse investigative services.

DEPARTMENT: Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Bailey Cogger, HHS Deputy Branch Director – Behavioral Health and Social Services, (530) 225-5900

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Christy Coleman, Acting HHS Director

Vote Required? Simple Majority Vote	General Fund Impact? No General Fund Impact
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RECOMMENDATION

Approve a retroactive renewal agreement with the City of Redding for elder and dependent adult crimes and abuse investigative services in an amount not to exceed \$427,239 for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

DISCUSSION

This agreement continues the relationship between the City of Redding Police Department (RPD) and the Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health and Social Services Branch, Adult Protective Services (APS), to jointly investigate and prosecute elder and dependent adult crimes and abuse.

Through this agreement, RPD will continue to provide a half-time sworn police officer dedicated to assisting APS in the investigation of elder and dependent adult crimes and abuse within the city limits of Redding. Having dedicated law enforcement officers with specialized knowledge and understanding of the challenges facing the elder and dependent adult populations and the crimes that are committed against them has proven to be of great value in holding perpetrators accountable.

Activities supported by this agreement target crimes such as abuse and financial fraud and include coordination with APS and other community partners in investigating, referring and presenting cases to the District Attorney with sufficient evidence for prosecution. Further, the agreement supports RPD participation in staff and community trainings about identification and prevention of dependent adult and elder abuse identification and prevention.

During 2023, the assigned RPD investigator received 167 referrals from APS for investigation of crimes against elder and dependent adults which include financial fraud, neglect/physical abuse, sexual assault, theft/robbery, and death. Of these, 20 cases were prosecuted by the District Attorney (DA), consisting of 15 felony cases and 5 misdemeanor cases.

This agreement is retroactive due to ongoing negotiations with the City of Redding which was also compounded by staff turnover within the County in the Departments involved with these negotiations, reviews, and approval process.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to approve the recommendation, defer consideration to a future date, or provide alternate direction to staff. Should the Board not approve the recommendations, the collaboration and partnership between the Redding Police Department and Shasta County APS would be compromised. Additionally, if there is an increase in criminal referrals, we would lack a dedicated detective from RPD to work on those cases.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form. Risk Management has approved the agreement. This recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is No General Fund Impact associated with approving the recommendation. The total cost of this agreement for Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-27 is \$427,239. Costs incurred through this contract are funded through a combination of State and 2011 Realignment funds. The HHSA Social Services Budget (BU 501) for FY 2024-25 includes sufficient appropriation authority for the activities described in this agreement and will be included in future year budget requests.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: City of Redding APS Investigative Services Agreement