

September 21, 2010

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, California 94903

**SUBJECT: Division of Social Services, Agreement with Marin Abused Women Services (MAWS)
for FY 2010-11 for \$81,000 (Renewal)**

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION.

1. Approve agreement and authorize President to sign the agreement with MAWS in the amount of \$81,000 for FY 2010-11 to provide emergency shelter for battered women and their children.

SUMMARY: On June 10, 1980, the Board established a special trust fund for deposit of new revenues to the County under the domestic violence legislation, SB 1246. Marin Abused Women Services was designated as the recipient of the special revenue received under the bill. This item seeks approval of their contract renewal for FY10-11 for domestic violence services funded through this trust and community benefit funding.

CONTRACT PERFORMANCE: Last fiscal year, MAWS provided shelter to over 145 women and children in Marin County who were victims of domestic violence. The confidential shelter is well-maintained, appropriately secure, upbeat, and professional. Employees receive significant training in a variety of areas relating to domestic violence. The program provides data on an annual basis for the State of California and the County of Marin regarding the demographics of clients served. This program also provides outreach, aftercare, and ongoing education services. The services provided are culturally appropriate.

COMMUNITY IMPACT: MAWS provides a variety of services to domestic violence victims, which help many women and their children successfully transition back into the community. These services include a 24 hour hotline for crisis intervention, support groups for victims of domestic violence, emergency and transitional housing for women and children, and ongoing education and collaboration between victim advocates, law enforcement, legal representatives, and community leaders regarding issues of domestic violence in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT: This contract has been budgeted in fund center 1000051000 (\$61,000) and in fund center 9000026000 (\$20,000 - community benefit funding) for FY 2010-11. There is no additional net county cost.

REVIEWED BY:	Department of Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Health and Human Services

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