# Action Item #3 November 18, 2022

#### **ISSUE:**

The Welfare and Institutions Code requires all contracts of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) or more must be approved by the governing board of the regional center.

### **BACKGROUND:**

There is an identified need for permanent and affordable housing for individuals who seek to live independently and receive Supported Living Services (SLS). The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has established a housing development process for Regional Centers to seek housing acquisition funds through the Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP). CRDP funding can be used to secure permanent housing for persons served by Regional Centers, particularly to create permanent housing for persons residing in institutional care, like state Developmental Centers.

DDS has approved funding for Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) to purchase a home located in Chico, CA currently occupied by three individuals served by FNRC. New Beginnings Housing Foundation has been chosen as the Housing Development Organization (HDO) to receive CRDP funding to purchase the home for continued use by individuals served through FNRC. The home is currently owned by Access Home, a non-profit housing organization. Access Home notified FNRC of their intent to sell the home and offered the opportunity for FNRC to pursue approval to acquire the home for varying lengths of time with one individual having lived in the home for 6 years following transition from Sonoma Developmental Center. The individuals receive SLS supports in their home.

New Beginnings Housing Foundation is a local Non-Profit Housing Development Organization located in Chico, CA. New Beginnings has created a variety of affordable, supportive housing options for persons with developmental disabilities in Butte County.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a new CRDP Start-Up Project and funded out of CRDP funds in Fiscal year '22/'23; there is no increase in Purchase of Service (POS) costs from previous fiscal year.

## ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board approve contract PS-2611 with New Beginnings Housing Foundation (Vendor # Pending) for CRDP Start-Up funding to purchase a home in Chico, CA to provide permanent housing effective December 1, 2022 through February 28, 2025 for a total maximum contract amount of \$325,000.00.