



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 22-41
COUNCIL MTG OF: April 5, 2022
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Administration
PREPARED BY: Administration
SUBJECT: Agreement extension between the Town and Community Health Services (CHS) for General Assistance Administration services.

PURPOSE

To seek authorization to extend the Agreement between the Town and Community Health Services (CHS) for General Assistance Administration services.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

See comments within this report.

BACKGROUND

The Town began contracting with CHS on July 1, 2018 to provide General Assistance administration as the Town is required to provide pursuant to RSA 165. We have found the relationship to be very beneficial to the Town and our clients, as:

- 1) GA expenditures have stabilized as CHS partners with other social service agencies to provide a comprehensive safety net for our residents in need;
- 2) CHS provides case management services to help clients achieve financial independence and self-sufficiency.
- 3) CHS remains very responsive to clients' needs and communicates extremely well with the Town when fulfilling this statutory responsibility.

DISCUSSION

Beyond an increase in the monthly stipend which has not been adjusted for the past several years, there are no changes to processes or contractual terms between the Town and CHS.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The monthly payment to CHS is proposed to increase to \$9,167 monthly through December 31, 2022, and \$9,583 monthly for the balance of the fiscal year. The current contract pays \$8,750 monthly, which has not been adjusted since July 1, 2019.

Due to CHS's leveraging of resources with other social service agencies, these cost adjustments will be absorbed within the overall Human Services budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND MOTION BY COUNCIL

Please see Resolution #2022-025.