



Shasta County  
**Health & Human  
Services Agency**

August 19, 2022

Dear Dr. Ewing:

Shasta County would like to respectfully request additional funding for the Hope Park Innovations project, which was approved Nov. 18, 2021, up to the amount of \$1,750,000 by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. Our contract with Pathways to Hope for Children was signed on Jan. 24, 2022, which is when the project began.

When the project was approved, a building lease had not yet been secured. A suitable building has been located and leased, and the cost is higher than the \$5,000 monthly rent that had been estimated when we began developing this project, due to increases in lease costs throughout our county under the current economy. Shasta County stakeholders support this project, and the Shasta County Board of Supervisors has authorized our director to approve an increase of up to \$150,000 in this project without additional approval from the board. This request is simply to adjust the lease costs, and will not otherwise change the project's direction, learning objectives or sustainability plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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**Attachments:**

**Agr.HHSA.P2HC.HopePark.FNL.signed:** Original agreement for this project.

**A1.HHSA.P2HC.22.FEX:** First amendment to the agreement. "VIII. Section 8. B" outlines Health and Human Services Agency director's authority to increase this budget by up to \$150,000 without additional approval required from the Shasta County Board of Supervisors.

**ShastaAddLeaseDollars:** Current budget is on p. 1, and requested changes are noted in red text on p. 2.

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*Donnell Ewert, MPH, Director*

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