



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: Social Services

Meeting Date: March 12, 2024

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Approval of Submission of Grant Application for the Family Homelessness Challenge Grant Round 2 Funding Opportunity from the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, for an Amount up to \$1,200,000; and Authorization for the Chief Executive Officer or Designee to Execute the Grant Agreement and Any Related Documents if Awarded

Recommended Action/Motion:

Approve submission of grant application for the Family Homelessness Challenge Grant Round 2 funding opportunity from the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, for an amount up to \$1,200,000; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute the grant Agreement and any related documents if awarded.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

N/A

Summary of Request:

The Family Homelessness Challenge Grant program was established by the State of California for the purpose of providing one-time grants and technical assistance to local jurisdictions to address and end family homelessness. The County of Mendocino Department of Social Services (SS) applied for, and was awarded funding to support this work in Round 1 of the Family Homelessness Challenge Grant Program. A Request for Applications for Round 2 of the Family Homelessness Challenge Grant was released by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness on December 27, 2023, with an application due date of February 27, 2024. Round 2 funding can only be awarded to eligible applicants that were awardees of Round 1 funding for this program.

The Social Services Department is seeking Board of Supervisors (BOS) approval to submit an application for Round 2 funding for the purposes of supporting and augmenting the new Front Door for Families program, a single point of entry for all households with children in Mendocino County experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The program provides housing problem solving guidance to families experiencing homelessness, as well as limited direct financial assistance designed to quickly resolve or prevent homelessness. Notably, the Front Door for Families program also incorporates the Bringing Families Home funding (administered by the California Department of Social Services) designed to specifically support families engaged in Child Welfare Services with unstable housing situations that impact their ability to safely

care for their children. SS also requests BOS authorization for the Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer or designee to execute the Family Homelessness Challenge Grant Round 2 funding Agreement, if awarded, for the term dates of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Strategic Plan Priority Designation: A Safe and Healthy County

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At:

[<https://frontdoormendocino.org/>](https://frontdoormendocino.org/)

[<https://bcsh.ca.gov/calich/fhc_program.html>](https://bcsh.ca.gov/calich/fhc_program.html)

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: Family Homelessness Challenge Grant, if awarded

current f/y cost: N/A

budget clarification: Anticipated award, up to \$1,200,000

annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe): No

revenue agreement: N/A

AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL: N/A

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Final Status: **Approved**

Date: March 12, 2024

