



Mendocino County
Department of Social Services

Healthy People, Healthy Communities

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Memorandum

Date: 10/29/2023

Division: EFAS

Contract Info: Acceptance of CalWORKs Housing Support Planning Allocation of \$429,171 and submission of Director's Certification per ACWDL 9.27.23

Amount: \$429,171

Meeting Date: 12/5/23

History: The Budget Act of 2023 (SB 101, Chapter 12, Statutes of 2023) approved the annual, ongoing appropriation of \$95 million available for the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP), available for expenditure July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. All County Welfare Director's Letter dated 9/27/23 announced the availability of Fiscal Year 2023-24 need-based non-competitive allocations for all 58 counties. HSP was established in 2014 by SB 855 (Chapter 29, Statutes of 2014) and allowed for counties to submit proposals for plans to operate housing support programs in accordance with the core components of Housing First in order foster housing stability for CalWORKs families experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Mendocino County has operated the CalWORKs Housing Support Program since 2015. Currently, we support 75 households through the program, including case management, rental subsidies, security deposits, utility payments, moving costs, landlord engagement, and legal service fees. The Department requested an extension to the due date of the certification to obtain Board approval of the funding acceptance.

Funding: SB 101 ongoing appropriations, through California Department of Social Services, CalWORKs Housing Support planning allocation

Numbers served through this agreement: 75 households currently receiving case management services, including 36 receiving rental subsidies.

Households served prior years through CalWORKs Housing Support Program:

15/16--38
16/17--93
17/18--99
18/19--80
19/20--78
20/21--42
21/22--47
22/23--70