



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Ratification of Grant Application Submitted by the Health and Human Services Agency (on Behalf of the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care) for an Allocation of up to \$1,854,896 in California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program Funds to Assist Persons who are Experiencing or are At Risk of Homelessness in Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2022-23; and Adoption of Resolution Affirming the Health and Human Services Agency as the Administrative Entity for the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care and Authorizing its Director or Designee to Sign Agreement if Funding is Awarded and Any Renewals or Amendments that do not Increase the Maximum Amount

Recommended Action/Motion:

Ratify grant application submitted by the Health and Human Services Agency (on behalf of the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care) for an allocation of up to \$1,854,896 in California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program Funds to assist persons who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness in Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2022-23; adopt Resolution affirming the Health and Human Services Agency as the Administrative Entity for the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care and authorizing its Director or designee to sign agreement if funding is awarded and any renewals or amendments that do not increase the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

N/A

Summary of Request:

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, as defined by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, is designed to: promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing trauma; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

In support of the CoC program, the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) recently announced availability of California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) funds for local CoCs to assist persons who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness. Amounts to be allocated to each CoC are based on a formula that includes the 2017 Point-in-Time Count, the number of extremely low-

income households that pay more than 50 percent of household income on rent, and the percentage of households below the federal poverty line. At the date of notification announcing availability of CESH funds, a total of \$927,448 was available to the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care (MCHSCoC). Because this amount is likely to be supplemented in the future, application guidelines recommend doubling it when submitting requisite documentation.

If awarded, MCHSCoC can use CESH funds for one or more of several eligible activities, including rental assistance, housing relocation, stabilization services, operating subsidies for new and existing permanent housing units, navigation, street outreach, and Homeless Management Information System and Coordinated Entry System expenses. Administrative costs are capped at 5% of program funds.

The Health and Human Services Agency only recently discovered this funding opportunity and submitted an application on October 29, 2018, prior to an extended deadline granted by HCD. Issuance of funding is contingent upon the Board of Supervisors adopting the proposed Resolution, which affirms the Health and Human Services Agency as the Administrative Entity for MCHSCoC and authorizes its Director to sign grant agreements and amendments on behalf of MCHSCoC. MCHSCoC will retain ultimate control and decision-making related to distribution of CESH funds.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supplemental Information Available Online at:

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/cesh.shtml>

Fiscal Impact:

Source of Funding: California Department of Housing and Community Development

Budgeted in Current F/Y: No

Current F/Y Cost: Revenue: \$927,448 before possible increases

Annual Recurring Cost: N/A

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:



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Executed By: Meribeth Dermond Final Status: Adopted

Date: **NOVEMBER 15, 2018** Executed Item Number: Resolution Item Number: 18-169