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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Letter

TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	JoAnn Melgar for Jennifer Yasumoto - Director Health & Human Services Administration
REPORT BY:	Shelli Brobst, Contracts Manager - 253-4720
SUBJECT:	Actions regarding a Funding Agreement with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (Transitional Housing Program)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests the following with respect to a grant allocation from the California Department of Housing and Community Development:

1. Authorization for the Director of Health and Human Services Agency to sign the Transitional Housing Program (THP) Allocation Acceptance in the amount of $26,400 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and
2. Adoption of a resolution authorizing application for and acceptance of the County Allocation Award under the Transitional Housing Program (THP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The THP allocation in the amount of $26,400 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 will provide housing stability to help young adults 18 to 25 years secure and maintain housing, with priority given to young adults formerly in the foster care or probation systems.

The deadline to sign and submit the Transitional Housing Program (THP) Allocation Acceptance Letter was November 12, 2020. The State has provided an extension to Napa County until following the approval and signing of this document at the next scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting on December 15, 2020.

The signed resolution will enable the County to accept Round 2 funding for this fiscal year.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes

Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	California Department of Housing and Community Development Transitional Housing Program (THP).
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This agreement will allow HHSA to accept funding to provide housing services to help young adults in the County of Napa secure and maintain housing.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The THP funding awarded in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 will expire June 30, 2023.
Consequences if not approved:	If this action is not approved, Napa County will not receive this additional funding to provide housing services to youth in the community.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Additional Information:	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the Budget Act of 2019, as amended by Senate Bill 109, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is allocating $5 million in funding to counties for the support of housing navigators to help young adults secure and maintain housing, with priority given to young adults in the foster care system. Counties are encouraged to coordinate with the local Continuum of Care to foster communication and collaboration. The two allocations focused on foster youth, also known as transitional aged youth (TAY), are intended to help foster youth locate and maintain housing.

The County has been allocated the funding for the Transitional Housing Program in the amount of $26,400 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Although these funds have been allocated to the County, the County was required to submit Letters of Acceptance with an original deadline of November 12, 2020. The State is also requiring the County to submit Resolutions that require Board approval/signature to be able to claim for and receive the funding. Like other recent Social Services funding from the State, this funding is a hybrid between an allocation and a grant.

The housing needs of youth in foster care are great and these funds will provide needed support to our efforts to move these children and young adults toward the best possible outcomes.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri