



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Minh Tran for Molly Rattigan - Deputy County Executive Officer
Housing and Homeless Services

REPORT BY: Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4112

SUBJECT: Adoption of a resolution for Round 2 of Emergency Solutions Grant-COVID-19 Funding

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Housing and Homeless Services requests adoption of a resolution consenting to, adopting, and ratifying the terms and conditions relating to the 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant-COVID 19 Round 2 allocation in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 which provides funding for housing and homeless services programs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program with funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In June 2020, Napa County applied for and received \$340,000 in funding to support extended operations of the Winter Shelter for COVID-19 purposes. There is now a second round of funding with Napa County eligible for up to \$500,000 to support emergency sheltering costs for COVID-19.

A resolution is required for Napa County to seek funds to support additional services provided to the homeless population during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Housing and Homeless Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to accept the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to provide additional services to the homeless population as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	This is one time funding that will need to be expended on COVID-19 related activities.
Consequences if not approved:	If this item is not approved, Napa County will be ineligible for additional funding to offset COVID-19 pandemic costs.
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:	Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit Livable Economy for All
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

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program with funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This program provides funding to:

1. Provide a maximum of 10% of the funds for Homeless Management Information System;
2. Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street;
3. Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families;
4. Provide essential services to shelter residents;
5. Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and
6. Prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Congress appropriated Emergency Solutions Grant funds to assist with costs related to serving the homeless population through the COVID-19 pandemic. Napa County received approximately \$340,000 in June 2020 to support homeless services and is now eligible for an additional \$500,000. Staff intends to utilize funds to support the additional sheltering costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 response including the isolation and quarantine motel and the extension and expansion of sheltering services at the site commonly known as the Winter Shelter.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Susan Kuss