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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director  
Health & Human Services Operations

**REPORT BY:** JoAnn Melgar, Staff Services Analyst II - 707-253-4722

**SUBJECT:** Revenue Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services [Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)]

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign the renewal of Revenue Agreement No. 7955 with the California Department of Health Care Services for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funds in the amount of \$50,420 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Approval of the recommended action will allow the County to accept \$50,420 from the California Department of Health Care Services for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH). PATH funds services to individuals suffering from serious mental illness or co-occurring serious mental illness and substance abuse disorders, and who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Mental Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	HHSA is not required to apply for this funding; however, the PATH allocation will allow HHSA to provide services to eligible clients

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	who are at risk of homelessness.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The funding award will terminate June 30, 2016.
Consequences if not approved:	If not approved, current and future PATH funding from DHCS would be in jeopardy. Resources for services to individuals and veterans with serious mental illness or a co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless would be drastically reduced, leading to increased costs to the County.
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 Napa County HHSA Mental Health Division has applied for and received approval from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for its ongoing Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funding plan. The purpose of this allocation is to provide services to individuals and veterans who are suffering from serious mental illness or from co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorders and who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

For Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the Mental Health Division received an initial allocation of \$50,420. This allocation is being used to fund the following:

- I Utilize PATH Base Allocation to fund 0.61 FTE of an Alcohol and Drug III Counselor position in the Adult Full Service Partnership (Adult FSP). Napa County's Adult FSP serves adults between the ages of 25 and 59 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and have a severe mental illness with a focus on providing services to underserved populations. The designated case manager will provide outreach at the South Napa Homeless Shelter and receive referrals from county and community service providers. All individuals referred will be assessed using the DAST-10 or other assessment tools to determine the presence of co-occurring disorders and staff will make referrals accordingly. This staff will provide short term case management services to assist with access to housing and other supportive services (\$35,808; 71%).
- I Provide housing services to PATH eligible veterans and non-veterans, which include security deposits and one-time rental payments to prevent evictions. This will include providing for one time rental payment for PATH eligible individuals (both veteran and non-veteran) referred to the HHSA Mental Health Division's Fresh Start housing program who are awaiting income assistance and security deposits and one-time rental payments to veterans who receive mental health services from a HHSA Mental Health Division Forensic Mental Health Counselor while incarcerated in the Napa County jail and are transitioning back into the community. Counties are allowed under the PATH Grant

guidelines to utilize up to 20% of their PATH allocation for housing services (\$10,028; 20%).

- | County Administration costs. Counties are allowed to take up to 10% for Administration costs (\$4,584; 9%).

This action requests authorization to accept the initial PATH Grant Allocation in the amount of \$50,420 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leanne Link