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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for a maximum of \$50,999 for the term July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for Federal Projects for Assistance in Transition From Homelessness (PATH) Formula Grant funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the recommended action will allow the County to accept \$50,999 from DHCS for PATH funding. 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.

Staff received the allocation notification from the State in November 2018.

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:	The Health and Human Service Agency (HHS) is not required to apply for this funding. However, acceptance of this award will allow Napa County Mental Health to continue receiving funding through DHCS for the ongoing PATH program.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The award year ends on June 30, 2019.
Consequences if not approved:	If not approved, current and future PATH Grant 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 significantly 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 Health & Human Services Agency's (HHS) Mental Health Division has applied for and received approval from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for SFY 2018-19 for its ongoing Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant funding allocation plan. The purpose of this allocation is to provide services to individuals and veterans who are suffering from serious mental illness (SMI) or from co-occurring SMI and substance use disorders (SUDs) and who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-19, the HHS Mental Health Division received an initial allocation of \$50,999. The HHS Mental Health Division will utilize its PATH funding allocation to:

1. Fund a portion of a Alcohol and Drug Counselor III position (0.55 FTE) in the HHS Mental Health Division's Adult Full Services Partnership (Adult FSP) program. The Adult FSP program provides mental health services to adults between the ages of 25-59 who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless and have SMI with a focus on providing services to underserved populations. This position serves as the dedicated PATH case manager and provides outreach; short-term case management (up to 2 months); community mental health services; screening and diagnostic services; and referrals to primary health services, job training, education services; and relevant housing services. These services will continue to be provided at the South Napa Homeless Shelter in order to help individuals access housing and other services necessary to break the cycle of homeless caused by mental illness or co-occurring disorders;
2. Provide housing services to PATH eligible individuals (both veterans and non-veterans) which includes minor renovations; expansion and repair of housing; security deposits; and one-time rental payments in order to obtain housing, prevent eviction, or maintain current housing (20% of PATH funding allocation). This includes 1) PATH eligible individuals referred to the HHS Mental Health Division's Fresh Start housing program who are awaiting income assistance; and 2) PATH eligible veterans who are receiving mental health services from a HHS Mental Health Division Forensic Mental Health Counselor while

incarcerated in the Napa County jail that are transitioning back into the community and in need of housing assistance. Coordination of these housing services will occur through referral to the PATH designated case manager; and,

3. County administrative costs (10% of PATH funding allocation).

This action requests authorization to accept the initial PATH Grant Allocation in the amount of \$50,999 for SFY 2018-19.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri