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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randolph F. Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Approval of application for FY 2005-2006 State Mental Health McKinney (PATH) funds

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Mental Health Director to sign a grant agreement with the California Department of Mental Health for \$40,761 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This application is the department's request for federal funds administered through the state to assist mentally ill persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The department receives this funding each year.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Behavioral Health
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	The PATH funds allow HHSA to provide services to the County's severely mentally ill homeless, or at-risk of homeless, population at a level that would not otherwise be possible.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The County must apply annually to receive a portion of the state's PATH allocation.
Consequences if not approved:	The current level of staffing to serve the population supported by PATH funds

would either need to be reduced or another funding source would need to be identified.

Additional Information: The PATH funding program requires that the county provide a match of one dollar for every three dollars of federal funds received. HHSa has sufficient matching local funds budgeted within the Community Outreach and Integration Team Unit to meet this requirement.

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

HHSa is requesting approval of and authorization for the Mental Health Director to sign a grant agreement for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Federal McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) funding. While PATH funding is technically a grant (i.e., HHSa must submit an application each year), it is essentially an allocation and the grant agreement is binding. HHSa has applied for and received a portion of the state's PATH allocation each year since 1994.

PATH funds must be used to provide services to persons who have severe mental illness or who have co-occurring severe mental illness and substance abuse disorders, and who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. PATH funds are administered by the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) and are allocated to counties by DMH based on a per capita/service need formula. Funds must be matched by non-federal contributions to the cost of services in the amount of one dollar for each three dollars of federal funds provided.

HHSa proposes to utilize funding in Fiscal Year 2005-2006 to provide rental assistance (deposits, utility fees, etc.) and representative payee, vocational and educational support and services for adult clients in the department's Adult Services Case Management and Community Outreach and Integration Team (COIT) units. Funds will be allocated to support direct client services and personnel costs associated with providing the specified services to this population. Funding for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 increased from \$34,171 to \$40,761 over Fiscal Year 2003-2004. The increase will be used to fund a greater percentage of the Supervising Social Worker who coordinates services to this population within the COIT program and who is assuming the increased responsibility of coordinating these services for clients at risk of becoming homeless in Adult Case Management.

In Fiscal Year 2003-2004 HHSa served approximately 50 clients through services partially or fully supported through PATH funds. Service numbers for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 have not yet been fully tabulated; however, preliminary estimates indicate that approximately 40 clients have been served to date.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Meegan Condon