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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Revenue Agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
(Coordinated Assessment and Home to Stay)

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign revenue agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as follows:

1. A maximum of \$19,054 for the term February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020 for the Coordinated Assessment program; and
2. A maximum of \$163,699 for the term January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for the Home to Stay program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff submitted applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for two grant programs and has been awarded funding for each of those programs as follows:

1. The Coordinated Assessment grant in the amount of \$19,054 will be used to support the coordinated entry system in Napa County to better serve the homeless population.
2. The Home to Stay grant in the amount of \$163,699 provides rapid housing rental assistance and crucial supportive services to individuals and families who are homeless and chronically homeless in Napa County.

Staff received the grant agreements from HUD in February 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health & Human Services Administration Homeless and Housing Services subdivision 20008-01
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to accept U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding. Approval will provide the County with funding to support Napa County's Coordinated Assessment program and Home to Stay program.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	The Home To Stay funding goes through December 31, 2019 and the Coordinated Assessment funding goes through January 31, 2020. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.
Consequences if not approved:	If these revenue agreements are not approved, Napa County will have to either fund the full cost of the services provided or discontinue homeless services funded with these grants.
Additional Information:	The County match requirement for Home To Stay is \$40,925 and the County match requirement for Coordinated Assessment is \$4,764.

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**Coordinated Assessment Grant:**

Coordinated Assessment, also known as Coordinated Entry or Coordinated Intake is a system required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It paves the way for more efficient allocation of homeless assistance resources by:

- | Helping people move through the system faster by reducing the amount of time people spend moving from program to program before finding the right match;
- | Prioritizing the allocation of resources based on need and vulnerability;
- | Reducing new entries into homelessness by consistently offering prevention and diversion resources upfront thereby reducing the number of people entering the system unnecessarily; and
- | Improving data collection and quality and providing accurate information on what kind of assistance consumers need.

These funds allow the Napa Continuum of Care to continue to grow, improve, and strengthen a County-wide Coordinated Entry System for improved access through centralized intake, standardized assessment, and referral to shelter and housing supports throughout the County of Napa. Previously, people experiencing a housing crisis had to access multiple programs and services in several different ways. The assistance they received depended on which “door” they happened to walk through. Through the continued development of our robust Coordinated Entry Systems we have continued to score favorably in HUD grant competitions than communities that do not have such a system.

Home to Stay Grant:

The Home to Stay Program provides rapid housing rental assistance and crucial supportive services to households, consisting of either individual or families who are homeless or chronically homeless in Napa County. The project focuses on rapidly moving people from homelessness into housing and assists them in obtaining employment, health and recovery services, and permanent housing. While the rental assistance is time-limited, people generally move into mainstream housing within one year or less. The housing placement is potentially permanent, dependent on an increase in household income after receiving employment, education, and financial assistance. The County of Napa Health and Human Services Agency collaborates with several other local entities including NEWS, the City of Napa Police Department, and the City of Napa Housing Authority, as well as, our homeless systems services provider, Abode in the operation of the Home to Stay Program, in order to leverage additional expertise and resources. This program is managed by Abode Services, under contract with the Health and Human Services Agency.

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The County receives funding from these grants after expending funds on activities approved by the grant. The vehicle for receiving those funds is to submit a “draw down” request to HUD that includes details of actual expenditures.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Ben Guerrieri