



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

Agenda Date: 5/10/2011

Agenda Placement: 7H

NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelli Brobst for Snowden, Randolph F. - Director
Health & Human Services

REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst - 253-4720

SUBJECT: Actions regarding Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding for the Transitional Residential Alliance and Integrated Network (TRAIN) Project Funding for Calendar Years 2011 and 2012

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of the following actions relating to funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for services for homeless persons:

1. Authorization for the Chairman to sign the renewal of Revenue Agreement No. 6443 for the term January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, accepting Calendar Year 2011 Transitional Residential Alliance and Integrated Network (TRAIN) Project funding in the amount of \$125,794; and
2. Adoption of a resolution supporting the activities and goals of the Napa County Continuum of Care Strategy for serving the homeless and authorizing the submission of Napa County's 2012 funding cycle project applications to HUD for the County's Supportive Housing Programs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested actions will authorize the following actions regarding homeless services:

1. Acceptance of Calendar Year 2011 Transitional Residential Alliance and Integrated Network (TRAIN) federal funding for outreach, case management and housing-related activities for homeless persons; and
2. Adoption of a resolution to approve the submission of Napa County's 2012 funding cycle project applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Supportive Housing Programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Mental Health BU 42000
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to accept the TRAIN funding. Approval will, however, provide the County with federal grant funding to provide homeless outreach services and enable the collection of data on the County's homeless population. Approval of the recommended resolution, a requirement of the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), will authorize the submission of Napa County's 2012 funding cycle project applications to HUD for grant funding for the continuation of the County's Supportive Housing Programs.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	The 2011 TRAIN grant expires December 31, 2011. HUD requires that a resolution be adopted annually to enable a local governmental agency to apply for future year funding. If the County is awarded Calendar Year 2012 funding, HHSa will return to the Board to obtain approval of that funding.
Consequences if not approved:	If the renewal of the revenue agreement is not approved, the County will have to either fund the full cost of the services being provided to Napa's homeless population, or discontinue the services for both the current and future calendar years. If the resolution is not adopted, the County will not be able to apply for 2012 funding that is needed for the continuation of the provision of services and the collection of data on the County's homeless population.
Additional Information:	There is a 20% County match for the supportive services portion of the Transitional Residential Alliance and Integrated Network (TRAIN) grant, which is funded with General Funds. Supportive services help program clients to gain permanent housing and develop self-sufficiency to maintain their housing once transitional services have ended.

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 Transitional Residential Alliance and Integrated Network (TRAIN) project is a homeless outreach, transitional housing, case management and rental subsidy program that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has funded for the past fourteen years. The County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa) subcontracts with Community Action of Napa Valley, Napa Emergency Women's Services and the City of Napa for these services.

In May 2010, the Board authorized HHSa to apply for Calendar Year 2011 TRAIN funding. HHSa has now received

the final TRAIN grant agreements from HUD for these funds. Approval of the first requested action (the renewal of Revenue Agreement No. 6443) will enable the County's acceptance of \$125,794 in Calendar Year 2011 funding for the TRAIN project. Approval of the second requested action (adoption of the Resolution) will assert the Board's continued support for the activities and goals of the Napa County Continuum of Care Strategy for serving persons who are homeless, or disabled and at risk of homelessness, and authorize the submission of Napa County's 2012 funding cycle project applications to HUD for Supportive Housing Programs. Subsequent HUD approval of the County's project applications will enable the County to receive \$125,794 for the continuation of homeless outreach, transitional housing, case management and rental subsidies in Calendar Year 2012.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins