



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
Housing and Homeless Services

REPORT BY: Molly Rattigan, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4112

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

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a maximum of \$19,054 for the term February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021 for the Coordinated Assessment program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff submitted applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Coordinated Assessment grant in the amount of \$19,054 that will be used to support the coordinated entry system in Napa County to better serve the homeless population.

Staff received the grant agreement from HUD in April 2020.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Housing and Homeless Services
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.

Is the general fund affected?

No

Future fiscal impact:

The Coordinated Assessment funding goes through January 31, 2021. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly.

Consequences if not approved:

If this revenue agreement is not approved, Napa County will have to either fund the full cost of the services provided or discontinue Coordinated Assessment Services. Coordinated Assessment is a requirement to receive other State and Federal funding.

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

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

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 ongoing development of our robust Coordinated Entry Systems we have continued to score favorably in HUD grant competitions more than communities that do not have such a system.

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The County receives funding from this grant 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: Helene Franchi