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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

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

SUBJECT: Approval to apply for a grant from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Transitional

Residential Alliance and Integrated Network (TRAIN) Project

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests 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 an application for Calendar Year 2008 Transitional Residential Alliance and Integrated Network (TRAIN) funding in the amount of \$123,439 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of the requested action will allow HHSA to apply for Calendar Year 2008 Transitional Residential Alliance and Integrated Network (TRAIN) funding. These funds are planned to be use for the provision of services to the homeless population.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? Yes

Where is it budgeted? Social Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to

apply for this funding or provide these services. Approval of the action will enable HHSA to apply for Calendar Year 2008 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant funding to provide needed services to

the County's homeless population.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: The Transitional Residential Alliance and Integrated Network (TRAIN) grant is

a calendar year grant; therefore, the 2008 funding will expire December 31.

2008.

Consequences if not approved: If the requested action is not approved, the County will be unable to apply for

funding and would have to discontinue the services or fund their full cost.

Additional Information: The TRAIN grant for \$123,439 requires a county dollar match of \$18,117. The

match will be funded by County General Funds in the HHSA budget.

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

For the past eight years, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has funded the Transitional Residential Alliance and Integrated Network (TRAIN), a homeless outreach, transitional housing, case management, and rental subsidy program. In May 2006, the Board approved the Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) application for Calendar Year 2007 TRAIN funding. The 2007 funds are being used to provide the homeless with housing subsidies. Outreach workers are also enlisted to seek out the homeless within the community. These efforts are intended to reduce the impact on the local shelters. Current County contract providers for this program include Community Action Napa Valley, Napa Emergency Women's Services, and the City of Napa Police Department.

Approval of today's requested action will enable HHSA to apply for Calendar Year 2008 TRAIN funding. The Agency plans to once again use the funds for outreach, transitional housing, case management, and rental subsidies for the homeless.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita