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: Adoption of a resolution for Emergency Solutions Grant-COVID-19 Funding

RECOMMENDATION
Director of Housing and Homeless Services requests adoption of a resolution rescinding and replacing Resolution No. 2019-125 and consenting to, adopting and ratifying the terms and conditions relating to the 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant-COVID 19 allocation in an amount not to exceed $500,000 which provides funding for housing and homeless services programs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program with funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A resolution is required for Napa County to seek funds to support additional services provided to the homeless population during the COVID-19 pandemic. HCD has advised counties to rescind and replace the existing ESG allocation resolution to now include COVID-19 funding.

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 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to provide additional services to the homeless population as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: This is one time funded that will need to be expended on COVID-19 related activities.

Consequences if not approved: If this item is not approved, Napa County will be ineligible for additional funding to offset COVID-19 pandemic costs.

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit
Livable Economy for All

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

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program with funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This program provides funding to:

1. Provide a maximum of 10% of the funds for Homeless Management Information System;
2. Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street;
3. Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families;
4. Provide essential services to shelter residents;
5. Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and
6. Prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Congress appropriated Emergency Solutions Grant funds to assist with costs related to serving the homeless population through the COVID-19 pandemic. Napa County is expected to receive approximately $350,000 to support homeless services and staff intends to utilize funds to support the additional sheltering costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 response including the isolation and quarantine motel and the extension and expansion of sheltering services at the site commonly known as the Winter Shelter.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A. Resolution
CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi