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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: JoAnn Melgar for Howard Himes - Director
Health & Human Services Administration

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SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution to Apply for Emergency Solutions Grant Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests adoption of a resolution authorizing application for the 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant program.

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). In 2016 Napa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) was awarded two ESG grants through HCD: a competitive grant in the amount of \$191,746, with \$172,572 of that being designated for Rapid Rehousing Assistance and \$19,174 awarded for Street Outreach. A second noncompetitive grant in the amount of \$129,245 was awarded, with \$116,321 designated for Rapid Rehousing Assistance and \$12,924 for Homeless Prevention. This current grant year, HHSA plans to apply for grants in the same amounts. In addition, HHSA plans to apply for a grant for bonus funding. Availability is still being determined by HCD as to the amount available.

This resolution is required by HCD in order for Napa County to apply for funds for these three grants.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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 Grants (ESG) program with funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This program provides funding to:

1. engage homeless individuals and families living on the street;
2. improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families;
3. help operate these shelters; provide essential services to shelter residents;
4. rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and
5. prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

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This current grant year, HHSA plans to apply for grants in the same amounts, however, the Homeless Prevention funds will be in the amount of \$19,174 and Outreach will be in the amount of \$12,924. The reason for this change is that the Whole Person Care grant has provided HHSA with additional outreach dollars and there is still a need for prevention funds. This year ESG will have bonus dollars available, HHSA plans to apply for these bonus dollars, however due to the delay in the release of the Notice of Funding Availability is still being determined by HCD as to the amount available.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Bret Prebula