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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office

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

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution Related to the California Emergency Solutions and Housing grant funds

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Housing and Homeless Services requests adoption of a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of 2019 California Emergency Solutions and Housing Grant program allocation not to exceed \$450,000 to assist persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness as authorized by SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program provides funds for a variety of activities to assist persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness as authorized by SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018). Today's action authorizes an application for the 2019 funding allocation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Homeless and Housing Services
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested action is discretionary in that there is no mandate to accept funding to assist in the operation of Napa County's California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program. Approval will provide the

County with grant funding to provide funds to assist persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: The term of the contract is five years. At least 50% of program funds should be contractually obligated by January 1, 2020, and 100% of program funds contractually obligated by June 30, 2021.

Consequences if not approved: If this revenue agreement is not approved, the Department would not be able to provide homelessness services and housing delivery systems.

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 California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program provides funds for a variety of activities to assist persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness as authorized by SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018). The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the CESH Program with funding received from the Building Homes and Jobs Act Trust Fund (SB 2, Chapter 364, Statutes of 2017). HCD grants CESH Program funds in the form of five-year grants to eligible applicants.

CESH funds may be used for five primary activities: housing relocation and stabilization services (including rental assistance), operating subsidies for permanent housing, flexible housing subsidy funds, operating support for emergency housing interventions, and systems support for homelessness services and housing delivery systems. In addition, some administrative entities may use CESH funds to develop or update a Coordinated Entry System (CES), Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), or Homelessness Plan. Refer to the current Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for any limitations on these activities.

The Napa County Continuum of Care was eligible for two rounds of grant funding and Napa County has submitted two grant applications for the CESH program and is expected to receive approximately \$600,000 for the program. Today's resolution authorizes the application and acceptance of funds for the second round of funding. While it is anticipated that the County will receive approximately \$217,526 in funding, this attached authorizes authority to accept up to \$450,000 if additional funds become available.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi