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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**REPORT BY:** JoAnn Melgar, Staff Services Analyst II - 707-253-4722

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Application for and Receipt of No Place Like Home Program  
Technical Assistance Grant Funds

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Health and Human Services requests adoption of a resolution authorizing an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for a 2017 Technical Assistance Grant Application for the No Place Like Home Program.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On July 1, 2016, Governor Brown signed legislation enacting the No Place Like Home (NPLH) program to dedicate \$2 billion in bond proceeds to invest in the development of permanent supportive housing for persons who are in need of mental health services and are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or who are at risk of chronic homelessness. The bonds are repaid by funding from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

Staff is requesting the Board approve a resolution authorizing an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for a \$75,000 technical assistance grant to be used for preparation assistance related to the NPLH program.

### **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**

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Key features of the program include:

- | Counties will be eligible applicants (either solely or with a housing development sponsor);
- | Funding for permanent supportive housing must utilize low barrier tenant selection practices that prioritize vulnerable populations and offer flexible, voluntary, and individualized supportive services; and
- | Counties must commit to provide mental health services and help coordinate access to other community-based supportive services.

On April 10, 2017 the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the NPLH program for technical assistance grants. Counties with a population of under 200,000 are eligible to apply for a \$75,000 technical assistance grant. Grant funds must be used for preparation assistance related to the NPLH program. Future NPLH grant opportunities include both non-competitive grants and competitive grants, but the timing is unknown at this time.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Bret Prebula