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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Minh Tran - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office

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

**SUBJECT:** Application for One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Housing and Homeless Services requests adoption of a resolution authorizing participation in the allocation of one-time housing funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs as authorized by AB 74, Budget Act of 2019.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Today's action authorizes the Housing and Homeless Services Division to participate in the allocation of one-time funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs. As a pilot program, Napa County is expected to receive \$1,491,766.53 in funds for the costs of long and short-term housing projects for Medi-Cal beneficiaries in need of mental health services and experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	Whole Person Care Pilot Program-One-Time Housing Funds
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	This item is discretionary in that there is no mandate to accept the funds allocated to Whole Person Care Pilot Programs for one-time housing needs. The County has a need for funding to house mentally

ill individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness and staff is recommending the Board authorize participation in this program.

Studies show savings generated as a result of homeless clients receiving housing include 78% reduction in ER visits, 79% fewer days spent in hospitals, and 72% drop in arrests.

In addition, studies show having stable housing and connection to basic services enables the formerly homeless to find their own sources of income. Without housing, just 50% are able to generate any income. One year after move-in, those numbers increase to 82%. And after an average length of 7 years of homelessness, 94% of the tenants in supportive housing retain their housing after 18 months, with a 99% rent collection rate.

Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Funds must be spent by 2025.
Consequences if not approved:	If this item is not approved, the County will not have access to this funding source and will need to identify alternative funding sources to complete two housing projects.
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 2019-20 Governor's Budget included \$100 million State General Fund (one-time with multi-year spending authority through June 30, 2025) for active Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot programs that provide housing services. Napa County is a WPC Pilot county with a program that focuses Medi-Cal beneficiaries that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness that also have poor health outcomes or are high-users of the medical and emergency systems.

This one-time funding is available for the costs of long-term and short-term housing, such as hotel vouchers and rental subsidies or well as capital investment for housing projects for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are mentally ill and are experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness. This funding allocation does not require local matching funding. Pilots have the flexibility in determining the scope of their projects as well as the number of mentally ill homeless or at risk of homelessness mentally ill individuals that will be served with this funding.

Through an application process, Pilots must also demonstrate how this funding will complement existing housing services provided by the pilot and will not supplant existing funding, as well as the pilot's ability to serve the mentally ill homeless or those at risk of homelessness within their jurisdiction.

Napa County's allocation is \$1,491,766.53. County staff will submit an interest letter to the Department of Health Care Services to utilize the funding for housing projects. Funds are expected to be received in one lump sum with a single report due by 2025.

The first project is the rehabilitation of five apartment units on Jefferson Street owned by Catholic Charities. The five units are currently vacant and the County is working with Catholic Charities to provide funding to bring the units online for the population Whole Person Care seeks to serve. The units are currently under evaluation by County staff for health, safety and accessibility requirements and if testing is cleared, staff will work with Napa County Public Works to complete the capital projects necessary to move clients in to housing as soon as possible. Staff expects the amount needed for this project to not exceed \$491,766.53. Any unused funds will rollover to other project proposals.

County staff will seek \$1 Million (plus any available funds) for another permanent supportive housing project. Pending the entitlement process currently under consideration by the City of Napa, the 66-unit Heritage House project is a likely candidate for funding. However, staff will evaluate other opportunities for use of the funding.

Staff will return to the Board of Supervisors upon award of anticipated funds with the relevant capital improvement projects and loan documentation for expenditure of the funds.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi