



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/5/2020

File #: 20-487

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Social Services

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Funding Made Available through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Navigators Program

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution which authorizes the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Director, or a designee thereof, to accept funding made available through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Navigators Program; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one fully executed certified copy of the attached resolution to the Department of Health and Human Services - Contract Unit for submission to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Social Services Fund

DISCUSSION:

On Feb. 7, 2020, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued an Allocation Acceptance Form under the Housing Navigators Program (HNP) totaling \$5 million as authorized by Item 2240-103-0001 of Section 2 of the California Budget Act of 2019, as amended by California State Senate Bill 109.

On April 14, 2020, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) submitted an application for HNP funding to HCD in accordance with the requirements of the Allocation Acceptance Form dated Feb. 7, 2020. If received, DHHS - Child Welfare Services will use such HNP funding to support eligible activities, as approved by HCD, which include, without limitation: assisting young adults between 18 to 21 years of age with securing and maintaining housing; providing case management services and emergency supports that are designed to prevent program participants from becoming homeless; and improving coordination of essential services and key community resources.

HCD requires that each applicant for HNP funding adopt a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a State of California Standard Agreement, and any amendments thereto, along with any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to accept HNP funding. Accordingly, DHHS recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution which authorizes the DHHS Director, or a designee thereof, to accept HNP funding made available by HCD.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Adoption of the attached resolution will allow the DHHS Director, or a designee thereof, to accept HNP funding in the amount of \$30,495. The funding will be received by DHHS-Social Services Foster Care (budget unit 1100-518). There will be no impact to the General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations and creating opportunities for improved safety and health.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose not to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the DHHS Director, or a designee thereof, to accept HNP funding made available by HCD. However, this alternative is not recommended since it will not allow the County of Humboldt to obtain funding that would be used to support vulnerable youth experiencing homelessness.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Funding Made Available through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Navigators Program
2. Housing Navigators Program Allocation Acceptance Form dated February 7, 2020
3. State of California Government Agency Taxpayer Identification Form

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

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