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RE: \$20 million One-Time Funds for Whole Person Care pilots

On behalf of Humboldt County, we are requesting \$744,418.66 in one-time funding to initiate Whole Person Care capacity.

\$252,000 will support up to seventy Act.MD software licenses for four years to be used to coordinate case management services across mental health, social services, public health and local hospitals. The target population is persons with serious mental illness experiencing homelessness. This project is a partnership with the North Coast Health Information and Improvement Network (NCHIIN), a non-profit organization that administers the local Health Information Exchange. This project aligns with the CalAIM proposals for in-lieu of services and enhanced care management.

\$200,000 (\$40,000 per year for five years) will support the Humboldt County Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) to serve as a dedicated source of funding in preparation to apply for state LHTF funds via the California Department of Housing and Community Development anticipated in April 2020. The funds will be leveraged against contributions from cities and/or the County General Fund toward sustaining the development of housing and shelter.

\$100,000 will support the development of a Community Information Exchange (CIE), based on the model implemented in San Diego, CA. Leveraging our existing multi-sector Accountable Community for Health initiative focused on Substance Use Disorder, the county will again partner with NCHIIN to integrate data from multiple sources in order to make bi-directional referrals, and create shared, longitudinal records of care. This funding will support a contract with NCHIIN for staff time, convening costs, and vendor expenses to plan for and launch a CIE within five years. Once established, the CIE provides value beyond referral, coordination, and service delivery for vulnerable populations. Data captured by the CIE repository can be used to further understand community inequities as they pertain to access to services, geographic disparity, and other factors that may facilitate or inhibit wellness. This real-time data will allow for proactive and timely planning to address community needs.



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\$192,000 the remaining funds will be utilized to strengthening supportive services for persons with serious mental illness including staffing and housing services and supports.

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has committed to Housing First and all housing services and supports will comply with Housing First principles as defined in California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 8255-8256.

The county will track and report the expenditure of funds, the services provided and the number of individuals served with this funding. If additional funds become available, Humboldt intends to apply and utilize it to further support housing services for person with serious mental illness experiencing homelessness.

The point of contact for our county will be:

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We look forward to utilizing this funding to increase our county's capacity to coordinating health, behavioral health and social services on behalf of the people we serve.

Sincerely,



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