



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/8/2019

File #: 18-1659

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Mental Health

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution Authorizing the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services to Apply for and Accept Funding Made Available through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's No Place Like Home 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 apply for and accept, if awarded, funding made available through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's No Place Like Home Program; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a 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:

Mental Health Fund

DISCUSSION:

On October 15, 2018, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the first round of competitive funding made available through the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program. With a population under Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) residents, the County of Humboldt is defined as one of thirty-one (31) small counties by the NOFA. HCD will release at least three (3) additional NOFAs, with each round issued no later than one (1) year after the issuance of award letters under each prior funding round. Following the first four (4) funding rounds, additional funding rounds will occur annually until any remaining funds have been exhausted. Award announcements for the first round of competitive NPLH funding are expected to be made in June, 2019.

Applications for the first round of competitive NPLH funding are due to HCD on January 30, 2019. Applications may be submitted by the county with another private entity as a Development Sponsor. The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services - Mental Health (DHHS - Mental

Health) released a Request for Proposals on November 26, 2018 to identify a suitable Development Sponsor with which to submit the application. If awarded, DHHS - Mental Health will use the funding made available through the NPLH Program to support eligible activities with the Development Sponsor, including, without limitation, the acquisition, design, construction, rehabilitation or preservation of affordable housing projects, as approved by HCD.

HCD requires that each applicant for NPLH funding adopt a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a State of California Standard Agreement, and any future amendments thereto, along with any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to accept NPLH funds.

Therefore, DHHS - Mental Health recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the DHHS Director, or designee thereof, to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding made available through the NPLH Program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The attached resolution authorizes the DHHS Director, or a designee thereof, to accept NPLH funding up to the amount authorized by the NPLH Guidelines and applicable state law. Total funding availability amongst the thirty-one (31) small counties for the first round of competitive NPLH funding is Thirty-Two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00). Upon the award of NPLH funding, DHHS - Mental Health will return to the Board with a supplemental budget request based on funding specifics.

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

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 apply for and accept, if awarded, funding made available through the NPLH Program. However, this alternative is not recommended because it would not allow the County to obtain funding that would be used to support persons experiencing homelessness.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Authorizing the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Apply For and Accept Funding Made Available through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's No Place Like Home Program
2. No Place Like Home Program Notice of Funding Availability dated October 15, 2018, as amended on October 30, 2018
3. No Place Like Home Program Guidelines dated July 17, 2017

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

