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Connie Beck, Director
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Stephanie Weldon, Director
Yurok Tribe Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: BRINGING FAMILIES HOME (BFH) ALLOCATION

Dear Directors Beck and Weldon:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services and Yurok Tribe Health and Human Services' joint application for Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program funding, authorized per the Budget Act of 2019 (Assembly Bill 74, Chapter 23, Statutes of 2019), has been approved. **Your total state funded BFH allocation is \$700,000 and is available for use through June 30, 2022.**

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will work with your county and/or tribe to continue to develop the Bringing Families Home program to ensure your program is implemented no later than July 1, 2019. Additionally, the CDSS plans to provide technical assistance opportunities to BFH counties/tribes on a regular basis and will be hosting BFH learning forums, conference calls, and webinars to provide participating counties an opportunity to share best practices and enhance their programs. In-person attendance by the BFH designated county contact is required at all BFH learning forums. **The first learning forum is scheduled for February 25-26, 2020 in Sacramento, California.** Additional information regarding required meetings and learning forums will be sent electronically to your designated BFH contact.

By accepting these funds, your county/tribe agrees to administer the BFH program pursuant to the conditions set forth by the CDSS, including but not limited to compliance with:

- the dollar for dollar match requirements, through either expenditures of their own funds or qualified expenditures of a third party, as specified in County Fiscal Letter [CFL No. 17/18-79](#) and [\(CFL\) No. 18/19-25](#);

- data collection requirements, including monthly data report submissions;
- Housing First, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 8255;
- evaluation requirements, as requested by CDSS, including the requirement for Data Use Agreements, as needed, and;
- an agreement to continue technical assistance conversations with CDSS to ensure compliance with program requirements including match, program design utilizing evidence-based practices, and budgeting procedures.

The receipt of BFH allocation requires County Welfare Department Directors and/or Tribal Agency Directors to comply with the requirements listed in the BFH Director's Certification, including areas identified by the CDSS for program adjustments and/or improvements, if any. The BFH Director's Certification package will be sent electronically to each county/tribe BFH coordinator.

Counties/tribes will use the claiming instructions specified in [County Fiscal Letter \(CFL\) No. 17/18-79](#) and [CFL No. 18/19-25](#). For questions pertaining to claiming instructions, please contact the Fiscal Policy and Analysis Bureau at fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov.

The CDSS thanks you for your proposal and looks forward to partnering with you on the implementation of your BFH program. If you have any questions, please contact housing@dss.ca.gov or at (916) 651-5155.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY LAWLESS
Acting Chief, Housing and Homelessness Branch

Enclosure(s)