

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Submitted on: (COB Stamp)

Department

Social Services

Name:

044 **Department No.:**

Agenda Date: October 21, 2025 Administrative Agenda

Placement:

Estimated Time: Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Majority

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: Department Director: Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director

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SUBJECT: Resolution for Authorization to Apply for and Accept State Funding for Transitional

Housing Program - Round 7 and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program -

Round 4

County Counsel Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk

As to form: N/A

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Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt a Resolution regarding the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development Transitional Housing Program Round 7 and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program Round 4 funds including the application for and acceptance of the Transitional Housing Program and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Funds; and
- b) Determine that the approval of the recommended action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b) (5), since the recommended action is a government administrative activity which does not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This Board item is a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the County to apply for and accept its allocation of the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Transitional Housing Program (THP) and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program (HNMP) funding. THP and HNMP funding supports young adults ages 18-24 from foster care or probation to find and maintain

independent housing and achieve self-sufficiency. If approved, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will be allocated an additional \$309,752 from THP Round 7 and \$144,905 from HNMP Round 4 in Santa Barbara County. The resolution would also authorize and direct the County to accept additional allocation from the remaining funds available from HCD for allocation after the deadline not to exceed \$619,504 for THP and \$289,901 for HNMP.

Discussion:

In order to apply for and accept THP Round 7 and HNMP Round 4 grant funding, HCD requires the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution which authorizes DSS to apply for and accept the county's allocation for the grant funding.

Background:

On June 27, 2019, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 80, the budget trailer bill that provides \$8 million annually to reduce homelessness among California's former foster youth. The purpose of the funding through SB 80 requires the newly available funding to be used to help young adults between the ages of 18 years and up to 24 years old secure and maintain housing. SB 80 requires that priority for the funding be given to young adults formerly in the state's foster care or probation systems. The DSS will be allocated funds to assist in those efforts in Santa Barbara County.

Use of funds may include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Identify and assist housing services for this population;
- 2. Assist this population to secure and maintain housing with priority given to the state's foster care or probation system;
- 3. Improve coordination of services and linkages to community resources within the child welfare system and the Homeless Continuum of Care; and
- 4. Provide engagement in outreach and targeting to serve those with the most severe needs.

Since 2019, DSS has received six prior rounds of THP funding. With HCD's THP funding, DSS has assisted approximately 70 youth with securing and maintaining housing. In addition, DSS has received two prior rounds of Housing Navigators Program and three prior rounds of HNMP funding. These funds have been used to assist approximately 55 youth with housing navigation services through a contract with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley.

As a requirement to apply for and accept the allocations, applicants must submit a signed Resolution to HCD. This Resolution would delegate authority to the DSS Director or his or her designee to enter into, execute, and deliver any and all documents to participate in either THP or HNMP programs.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts for the submittal of an application for transitional housing program funds.

Special Instructions:

Please scan and send one (1) duplicate original Resolution, and a copy of the minute order to: DSS Procurement and Contracts Unit C/O Tricia Beebe 2125 S. Centerpointe Parkway, 3rd Floor Santa Maria, CA 93455 tbeebe@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

Attachment A - Resolution - THP Round 7 and HNMP Round 4

Attachment B – Santa Barbara County THP – **Round 7** and HNMP **Round 4** Allocation Acceptance Forms

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