



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: December 11, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness, 681-5220
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**SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness FY 18-19 Resolution to Apply for No Place Like Home
Noncompetitive Allocation Funds**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Director of Behavioral Wellness Department to apply for, and accept if awarded, the No Place Like Home Noncompetitive Allocation Award from the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, in the form of deferred payment loans up to \$2,582,696.
- B. Approve and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness to act on behalf of the County in connection with the No Place Like Home Noncompetitive Allocation award, as required by the program, to execute the Santa Barbara County No Place Like Home Noncompetitive Allocation application and all related documents on behalf of the County;
- C. Determine that the approval of the recommended actions is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The above referenced items are on the agenda to request approval of the recommended actions authorizing the Behavioral Wellness Director to apply for and accept (if awarded) Noncompetitive and funding under the NPLH Program on behalf of Santa Barbara County.

AB 1618/AB1628 (2016) created the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program (codified at Welfare & Institutions Code §§ 5849.1 et seq.), which will reallocate a portion of statewide Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds – established through Proposition 63 in 2004 – into a new state fund. The NPLH Fund will provide up to \$2 billion in bond funds for distribution among counties for development of permanent supportive housing to the target population of homeless individuals or individuals who are at risk of homelessness and who are living with a serious mental illness. By receiving funds, the County would commit to provide mental health supportive services to the tenants of the supportive housing development for at least 20 years (W&I Code § 5849.9).

On February 28, 2017, Behavioral Wellness requested that the Board receive and file a Board Letter reporting on its intent to apply for State funding for the NPLH Program. The NPLH funding includes competitive, noncompetitive and technical assistance (TA) funding. On August 15, 2018, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcing the availability of approximately \$190 million dollars in Noncompetitive Allocation funds for the NPLH Program and allocating an estimated award of \$2,528,991 to Santa Barbara County, which was revised to \$2,582,696 in the Amended Noncompetitive Allocation NOFA issued October 30, 2018. This funding was conditioned upon voter approval of the No Place Like Home Act of 2018, Proposition 2 on the November 2018 ballot, which passed.

Part of the application process for the noncompetitive funds is submittal of a resolution in form and content acceptable to the NPLH Program. The attached resolution meet that requirement.

Background:

By August 15, 2019, the County must submit a complete Noncompetitive Allocation Acceptance form which includes the following:

1. A resolution stating that the County will submit one or more Project applications within 30 months of California HCD's initial NOFA issuance proposing to utilize any Noncompetitive Allocation awarded to the County (Attachment A);
2. A noncompetitive threshold compliance form certifying that prior to receiving the Noncompetitive Allocation, the Project(s) will have met all the requirements under Article II, III or IV, as applicable; and
3. A County Plan, developed in a collaborative process with community input, that specifies the goals, strategies and activities both in process or to be initiated to reduce homelessness and make it non-recurring.

(NPLH Guidelines, Section 201.)

The deadline for the County to submit project applications for NPLH Noncompetitive Allocation funding is February 15, 2021, and the expenditure deadline for any funds awarded is currently set as August 15, 2023.

If awarded, NPLH funds will be provided as post-construction permanent loans for projects of five or more units. All NPLH funds shall be used for the development costs in California Code of Regulations Title 25, section 7304, subdivision (b), and to refinance loans used to cover such costs. NPLH funds may be used to capitalize operating subsidy reserves for NPLH Assisted Units pursuant to the requirements of Section 209 of the Guidelines. NPLH funds may also be used to capitalize the operating reserve required under Section 8308 of the Uniform Multifamily Regulations (25 CCR § 8308) and to rehabilitate existing affordable housing.

County HCD is assisting Behavioral Wellness with the Project application process and will assist to identify projects and manage large parts of the project management. The Department currently plans to use up to fifty percent (50%) of the noncompetitive funds as leverage for the next application of Competitive funds.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None. Funds will be administered by existing staff and include coordination and partnership with key County departments such as HCD.

Fiscal Analysis:

A Budget Revision Request will be necessary to adjust Behavioral Wellness Revenue and expense budgets when the allocation is awarded and accepted as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) scanned copy of the Minute Order and two (2) Certified Copies of the executed Resolutions to qilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Board Resolution Authorizing Director of Behavioral Wellness to Apply for and Accept No Place Like Home Noncompetitive Allocation Funds

Attachment B: NPLH Program Noncompetitive Allocation Funds Amended NOFA, 10/30/18

Attachment C: NPLH Program Noncompetitive Allocation Funds Guidelines, Amended 10/30/18

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