



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Social Services  
**Department No.:** 044  
**For Agenda Of:** November 28, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department 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 5 and Housing Navigation and  
Maintenance Program – Round 2

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**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 and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program 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. If approved, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will be allocated an additional \$279,720 from THP Round 5 and \$128,972 from HNMP Round 2 in Santa Barbara County.

**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 four prior rounds of THP funding. With HCD’s THP funding, DSS has assisted approximately 35 youth with securing and maintaining housing. In addition, DSS has received three prior rounds of Housing Navigators Program/HNMP funding. These funds have been used to assist approximately 22 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.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

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

**Key Contract Risks:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Please scan and send two (2) duplicate original Resolution, and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Contracts Unit  
C/O Tricia Beebe  
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**Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – Resolution – Transitional Housing Program – **Round 5** and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program – **Round 2**
2. Attachment 2 – Santa Barbara County THP – **Round 5** and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program – **Round 2** Allocation Acceptance Forms

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