



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: July 25, 2017
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
Contact Info: Laura Zeitz, RN, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Behavioral Wellness FY 17-18 No Place Like Home Technical Assistance Grant Application

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. Adopt and authorize the Chair to execute the attached resolution authorizing the Director of the Behavioral Wellness Department to apply for and receive No Place Like Home Program Technical Assistance grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 if awarded by the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development.
- B. Approve and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness to approve day to day grant transactions related to the No Place Like Home Program Technical Assistance grant without returning to the Board as long as those transactions correspond to the activities presented in the grant documents and the No Place Like Home Program statute and guidelines.
- 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:

AB 1618/AB 1628 (2016) created the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program (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.

In February 2017, Behavioral Wellness requested that the Board receive and file a Board Letter reporting on its intent to apply for State funding for the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program. The NPLH funding includes competitive, noncompetitive and technical assistance (TA) funding opportunities. On April 10, 2017 the State issued a Notice of Funding Availability for NPLH TA grant applications received by September 30, 2017, allocating awards of \$100,000 to a medium-size County such as Santa Barbara. Part of the application process for the TA funds is submittal of a resolution in form and content acceptable to NPLH. The attached resolution meets that requirement. Approval of the recommended actions would allow Behavioral Wellness to apply for and accept TA funding if awarded on behalf of Santa Barbara County under the NPLH Program.

Background:

Applications for TA funds are currently being accepted until September 30, 2017.

Use of TA funds shall include, but not limited to, providing technical assistance around the performance of the following activities:

- Applying for NPLH funds
- Implementing NPLH activities
- Coordinating, communicating, and collaborating with the State Department of Health Care Services, State Department of Housing and Community Development, and other state agencies
- Coordinating, communicating, and collaborating between County departments, such as Housing and Community Development (HCD)
- Developing or updating the County homeless plan
- Coordinating the use of County’s HMIS Coordinated Entry System

The State’s NPLH program requires several components, most of which the County already has in place. The missing piece may be a County Homeless Plan. There is an expired “Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, which covered the period of 2006-2016. NPLH defines a County Homeless Plan as “a County plan to combat homelessness, which includes a description of homelessness countywide, any special challenges or barriers to serving the Target Population, County resources applied to address the issue, available community-based resources, an outline of partners and collaborations, and proposed solutions.” The County Plan must have been developed in a collaborative process with community input. Any plan that meets the requirements is acceptable, including but not limited to Continuum of Care Plans, a County Mental Health Services Act fund expenditure plan that includes a section that specifically focuses on homelessness, or any other County plan specific to homelessness.

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 (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 Accept No Place Like Home (NPLH) Technical Assistance Grant

Attachment B: NPLH Program Technical Assistance Grant NOFA

Attachment C: NPLH Program Technical Assistance Guidelines.

Authored by:

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