



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: 5/19/20
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
Director(s) (805) 346-7101
Contact Info: Amy Krueger, Deputy Director Adult and Children Services (805)
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SUBJECT: Resolution for Authorization to Apply for and Accept State Funding for Housing Navigators Program

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 a Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Social Services, or his designee, to (1) apply for and accept the Housing Navigators Program allocation award from the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development for Housing Navigation Services; and (2) execute and submit to the California Department of Housing and Community Development all required or deemed necessary or appropriate grant documents and amendments; 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:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) will be allocated \$43,240 from the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to provide Housing Navigation Services in Santa Barbara County.

Background:

Pursuant to Item 2240-103-0001 of Section 2 of the Budget Act of 2019, as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 363 of the Statutes of 2019 (SB 109), HCD will allocate \$5 million in funding to counties for the support of housing navigators to help young adults aged 18 years and up to 21 years secure and maintain housing, with priority given to young adults in the foster care system. The county may use the funding to provide housing navigation services directly or through a contract with other housing assistance programs in the county. Counties are encouraged to coordinate with the local Continuum of Care to foster communication and collaboration.

The HNP program funds housing navigators for county child welfare agencies. The role of a housing navigator is to act as a housing specialist to assist young adults with their pursuits of locating available housing and overcoming barriers to locating housing. Housing navigator activities may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Assist young adults aged 18-21 secure and maintain housing (with priority given to young adults in the state’s foster care system);
- 2) Provide housing case management which include essential services in emergency supports to foster youth;
- 3) Prevent young adults from becoming homeless; and
- 4) Improve coordination of services and linkages to key resources across the community including those from within the child welfare system and the local Continuum of Care.

As a requirement to apply for and accept the allocation, applicants must submit a signed Resolution to HCD.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts for the submittal of an application for the HNP allocation award.

Key Contract Risks:

None

Special Instructions:

Please scan and send two (2) duplicate original Resolution, and a copy of the minute order by May 22, 2020 to:

DSS Contracts Unit
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Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 – Resolution –Housing Navigators Program
2. Attachment 2 – Santa Barbara County HNP Allocation Acceptance Form

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