



Board Agenda Item 38

DATE: January 12, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Delfino E. Neira, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Revenue Agreement with California Department of Housing and Community Development for Emergency Solutions Grant Funds

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute a revenue Agreement with the California Department of Housing and Community Development for Emergency Solutions Grant funds on behalf of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care for persons experiencing homelessness, effective upon execution by the State through September 30, 2022 (\$1,008,100).

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Social Services, as the administrative entity, to receive funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) on behalf of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC). ESG-CV funds will be used to support ESG-eligible activities including Street Outreach/Emergency Shelter; Homelessness Prevention; Rapid Rehousing Assistance; the Homeless Management Information System; and Administrative Activities. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

There is no viable alternative action. Should your Board choose not to approve the recommended action, \$1,008,100 to benefit persons experiencing homelessness in the community would be forfeited.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. If approved, ESG-CV funds must be expended by July 30, 2022. There is no match required for these funds. A maximum of 5% (\$50,405) will be available for administration purposes. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the Department's Org 5610 FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget and will be included in subsequent budget requests.

DISCUSSION:

On July 7, 2020, your Board approved Resolution No. 20-149 allowing the County through the Department to serve as the Administrative Entity for the FMCoC for ESG-CV funds from HCD. The application for funding was submitted on July 20, 2020 with the FMCoC receiving \$1,008,100. ESG-CV funds administered by HCD are Federal (ESG) dollars that have been passed down to the states for the prevention, preparation, and response to the coronavirus among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homeless assistance. Although administered by HCD, all Federal regulations pertaining to ESG and CARES Act ESG apply.

HCD ESG-CV-funded activities may serve the entire FMCoC service area but should focus on non-entitlement areas within the service area. Non-entitlement areas include Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Parlier, Orange Cove, San Joaquin, and Madera County. Funds may be used for five program components: Street Outreach/Emergency Shelter; Homelessness Prevention; Rapid Rehousing Assistance; the Homeless Management Information System; and Administrative Activities. Additionally, the maximum spending cap on Emergency Shelter activities which typically applies to ESG funding, does not apply to funds provided under the CARES Act. Agreements or amendments resulting from these funds will be brought before your Board for approval, as appropriate.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #50, July 7, 2020

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk- Agreement with HCD for ESG

CAO ANALYST:

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