



# Board Agenda Item 38

DATE: May 12, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the County of Fresno as the Administrative Entity for California Emergency Solutions Grant Funding

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Adopt a Resolution authorizing the County of Fresno, through the Department of Social Services, to serve as the Administrative Entity on behalf of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care for 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant funding administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.**

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Social Services to serve as the Administrative Entity (AE) on behalf of the Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC) for 2020 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Approval will also allow the Department to procure ESG eligible services throughout the jurisdiction of the FMCoC. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Should your Board elect not to approve the recommended action, the FMCoC would forfeit \$282,746, or up to \$565,492, in ESG funding available to assist persons experiencing homelessness in the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. If the recommended resolution is approved, HCD will contract with the County to make a maximum of \$565,492 available, with 2.8% or \$15,833 for administrative costs. Although \$282,746 was allocated to the FMCoC, \$565,492 is listed in the proposed resolution as recommended by HCD in the event that additional funds become available. Funding will be available for 24 months from the date the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) signs a funding agreement with the State of California. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the Department's Org 5610 FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget and will be included in subsequent budget requests.

DISCUSSION:

Through an annual process, the State makes ESG funds received from HUD available to Continuums of Care. Locally, ESG funds may be used to provide services within the FMCoC's jurisdiction, with a focus on non-entitlement areas. These areas include those units of general local government which do not receive funds directly from HUD. Within the County, non-entitlement areas include Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Huron, Parlier, Orange Cove, Sanger, and San Joaquin. ESG funds may be used for five program

components: Street Outreach/Emergency Shelter; Homelessness Prevention; Rapid Rehousing Assistance; Homeless Management Information System; and, Administrative Activities.

Approval of the recommended action will authorize the Department, on behalf of the County, to act as AE for 2020 ESG funding received by the FMCoC, allowing additional homeless services to be provided throughout its jurisdiction. Services using these funds were procured following the County's Purchasing requirements and the resulting agreements were brought to your Board on April 28, 2020.

With your Board's approval of the recommended action, HCD will issue the Standard Agreement for the funds, which will be brought to the Board for approval. The recommended resolution identifies that your Board will maintain the power to execute the Standard Agreement and agreements with subrecipients. Additionally, the recommended action designates the Director of the Department of Social Services as an Authorized Signer for documents pertaining to the administration of ESG funding. HCD allocates ESG funds to CoCs on an annual basis; therefore, should the FMCoC request the Department of Social Services to serve as the Administrative Entity, an additional resolution will come to your Board for 2021 ESG funds.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #41, April 28, 2020  
BAI #63, December 10, 2019  
BAI #53, April 23, 2019  
BAI #70, July 10, 2018

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Resolution

CAO ANALYST:

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