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RE: Notice of Funding Availability for Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program:

### **Letter of Support for El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care**

On behalf of the County of El Dorado, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), designated as the Administrative Entity by El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care (COC), this letter is intended to meet the requirements of the "Letter of Support" as required in the Notice of Funding Availability for Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP), released by the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council on December 6, 2019.

On September 7, 2018, the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Board of Directors designated the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency to serve as the Administrative Entity for state funding that is made available to the Continuum of Care. Subsequently, on March 1, 2019 the Continuum of Care Board voted for the Health and Human Services Agency to perform all administrative and application requirements on behalf of the CoC, designating HHS as the Collaborative Applicant.

On December 4, 2018, the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors designated the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency to serve as the Authorized Representative of the Administrative Entity for the purposes of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) grant. The Health and Human Services Agency has also successfully pursued funding through the California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program both in 2018 and 2019, for which the Health and Human Services Agency was designated as the Administrative Entity on behalf of the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care. The pursuit of each of these funding opportunities represents empirical evidence of the County's continued partnership with and support of the COC to regionally coordinate housing and services.

HHS and the Continuum of Care are working in partnership with local cities and hospitals to develop a 5-Year Homeless Strategic Plan. The plan will be completed later this year (2020), and HHS believes that this tool will be helpful in ensuring the expansion and development of local capacity to address homelessness. Once completed, El Dorado County, both local cities, and the Continuum of

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Care will adopt this plan, helping to ensure that each entity's efforts supplement one another without duplicating efforts.

HHSA leadership and representatives attend quarterly Continuum of Care meetings, and these meetings are the vehicle for developing and implementing the homeless strategic plan. Once developed, these meetings will continue to be utilized to monitor the plan's implementation. As the County of El Dorado and the CoC will both utilize HHAP funding to support the strategic plan's success, and will not determine the clear use of HHAP funding until the plan's completion, these meetings will ensure that all overlapping jurisdictions and the Continuum of Care will coordinate, plan, and evaluate the use of HHAP funding together, as regional partners in accomplishing the measurable goals identified through the strategic plan.

HHSA, as the Administrative Entity for HHAP funding, agrees to regional coordination and partnership with the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care, per Health and Safety Code 50219 (a)(1).

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