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Date: January 11, 2023

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Cc: Don Ashton, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Olivia Byron-Cooper, Interim Director of Health & Human Services *OB-C*

Subject: Retroactive Agreement for Services – Item 23-0084, 1/24/23  
El Dorado Community Foundation Agreement for Services #7189

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This memo is to provide notification of a retroactive contract request that has been created and is set for the Board of Supervisor's Agenda on January 24, 2023 (File ID: 23-0084). The Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) staff work to minimize these requests that we can control. Specific to this situation, a retroactive request was unavoidable and I wanted to provide you with the background context.

The Emergency Solutions Grant-Corona Virus (ESG-CV) is an El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care (EDOK CoC) grant for which HHS acts as the Administrative Entity. The grant requires 75% expenditure by January 31, 2023. This expenditure timeline requirement was originally intended to be achieved through the Perks Ct. Navigation Center services and a Rapid Rehousing Agreement with Sacramento Self-Help Housing. Unfortunately, the Perks Ct. proposal failed, and Sacramento Self Help Housing determined they no longer have capacity to serve El Dorado County. The total amount of ESG-CV funds originally dedicated to the Perks Ct. project could not be transferred to the Temporary Navigation Center project due to grant spending limitations and the minimal amount of building improvements needed at 299 Fair Lane. The funds cannot be used towards the permanent Navigation Center project due to expenditure timelines. In response to the failed spending plan, the CoC realigned a spending plan to include allocating monies to Housing El Dorado through the Non-Profit El Dorado Community Foundation for operational costs associated with the Incremental Weather Lodging Program and Street Outreach. HHS then met with Housing and Community Development (HCD) in November to review the revised spending plan and request an extension on the required 75% expenditure date. On December 29, 2022, HHS received approval for an extension on this portion of the spending plan from HCD until March 31, 2023.

The Incremental Weather Lodging Program began operations in December 2022 and is slated to operate for approximately two months during the 2022-2023 Winter season. The program provides temporary, incremental congregate and alternative non-congregate lodging for

homeless residents on days when temperatures are predicted to fall below 35 degrees during dry days, or below 45 degrees on rainy/wet days in the County's Western Slope.

Street Outreach services also began in December 2022 and will continue through February 28, 2023. Essential outreach activities are provided to individuals and households within the County West Slope who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Activities include, but are not limited to:

- In person outreach to various locations, including but not limited to: street; parks; abandoned buildings; encampments;
- Perform engagement activities to locate, identify and build relationships with individuals or families living in unsheltered settings for the purpose of providing immediate support, intervention, and connections with homeless assistance programs;
- Develop initial assessment of an individual's needs and eligibility;
- Address client's urgent physical needs such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, access to showers, and toiletries;
- Actively connect and provide information and referrals to clients for programs targeted to homeless people and mainstream social services and housing programs, including County Coordinated Entry Services for case management services, emergency shelter, transitional housing, community-based services, permanent supportive housing, and rapid re-housing programs;
- Establish linkages with appropriate agencies and housing and homelessness service providers in the community to help clients obtain needed supportive services;
- Provide referrals to clients and related activities, such as scheduling appointments for clients, or connecting clients to needed services agencies to help client's obtain needed supportive services, such as medical, social, and educational assistance, or other supportive services to address clients' identified needs and goals.

EDOK CoC has requested that this retroactive Agreement for Services 7189 be presented to the Board of Supervisors due to the failure of the initial ESG-CV spending plan as it related to the Perks Ct. proposal and the Temporary Navigation Center not slated to open until early February. The Inclement Weather Shelter is the only shelter option on the West Slope for the months of December 2022 and January 2023. Street Outreach activities will allow opportunities for unsheltered individuals to have access to the Inclement Weather Lodging Program, connect to resources for immediate health and safety needs, and begin establishing pathways for connection to long-term solutions. Housing El Dorado has confirmed they have alternate funding to support these projects should this agreement not be executed. Further, if the Agreement cannot be executed, HHS, as the Administrative Entity for EDOK-CoC ESG-CV Program, will have to return unspent grant funds to the State.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further.