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Legislation Text

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Supervisor Santiago, on behalf of The Center for Violence Free Relationships, requesting the Board authorize the Chair to sign a Certification of Local Approval for Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing grant funding that acknowledges operations within the unincorporated area of El Dorado County.

Funding: Grant Funds

Fiscal/Net County Cost Impact: None. The Center is submitting a grant application to the Department of Housing and Community Development. If grant funds are awarded, the funding will be provided directly to The Center who is required to administer all of the grant requirements.

Background

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 revised the existing Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (FESG) which The Center for Violence Free Relationships (The Center) has received for close to 20 years to fund the domestic violence emergency shelter. The HEARTH Act significantly revised the definition of homelessness; revised the existing Federal Emergency Shelter Grants (FESG) Program into the newly established ESG Program; established the new Continuum of Care (CoC) Program; and enacted other homelessness reform.

The Center, located at 344 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA, is applying for the newly established Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) which is funded by the Department of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) to help fund the domestic violence emergency shelter, transitional housing through United Outreach, funds for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing. The Center is responsible for the management of this grant but is required to supply the Attachment C Certification of Local Approval that acknowledges their established operation within the county.

Organizations that are eligible for this grant funding include private non-profit organizations that are located in an eligible County or City in the State that provides, or contracts with community organizations to provide Emergency Shelter or other eligible activities.

The HCD has identified El Dorado County as an eligible jurisdiction and pursuant to the grant requirements.

Reason for Recommendation:

Pursuant to the grant application requirements, all non-profit organizations applying to receive grant funds must submit a "Certification of Local Approval" that is completed and signed by the City or County where the project is located. The purpose of this certification is to verify the need for

emergency shelter, transitional housing, homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services in El Dorado County. This certification does not obligate El Dorado County to provide any financial or administrative support for the administration of the grant to the Center.