



## Legislation Text

**File #:** 20-1355, **Version:** 1

Health and Human Services Agency recommending the Board:

- 1) Adopt and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **161-2020**, which authorizes the Health and Human Services Agency on behalf of the Continuum of Care (CoC) to participate in the Emergency Solutions Grant- COVID (ESG-CV) Round 2 funding, administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD);
- 2) Designate the Health and Human Services Agency to serve as the Administrative Entity for the El Dorado Continuum of Care for the ESG-CV Round 2 funding;
- 3) Delegate authority to the Director of Health and Human Services Agency to accept funding and execute any grant agreement, if awarded, in an amount estimated to be \$716,000 with a term to be determined, contingent upon County Counsel and Risk Management approval; and
- 4) Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services Agency, or the Chief Fiscal Officer, to administer any agreement or subsequent administrative documents related to said award, including any required fiscal and programmatic reports as well as any amendments to the agreement that do not increase the total award amount, contingent upon County Counsel and Risk Management approval.

**FUNDING:** Federal Funding administered by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development, Emergency Solutions Grant Program, Round 2 of funding, as a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus Act enacted March 27, 2020.

### DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the second round of Emergency Solutions - COVID (ESG-CV Round 2) Grant, specific to COVID-19 activities supporting the homeless population in the estimated amount of \$716,000. HCD has requested all resolutions include the estimated amount plus an additional \$500,000, should additional funding become available. As a result and per HCD's instruction, the resolution reflects an amount of \$1,216,000. This NOFA was released to the County on October 2, 2020 and a response is due October 28, 2020. The approved resolution is due to HCD no later than two weeks subsequent to the submission of the application (on November 11, 2020).

On June 30, 2020, the Board approved the submission of an application for the first round of ESG-CV funding. The County has been notified it has been awarded these funds, but a funding agreement from HCD has not yet been received or executed.

This new funding, ESG-CV Round 2, will build upon the planned efforts the original ESG-CV funding is intended to support. It is anticipated the \$716,000 will support both Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) of the medically vulnerable homeless population as well as Rapid Re-housing of this population from the hotel/motel sites into longer term housing.

### ALTERNATIVES

The Board could decline to adopt and authorize the Resolution establishing HHSA as the

Administrative Entity for the Round 2 of the Emergency Solutions grant, and likewise decline to delegate authority to the Director of HHSA to execute said award, if received, in which case, the Continuum of Care would not be eligible to receive the funding made available through the ESG-CV Round 2 grant program.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTION**

1) 6/30/20, Item #20-0768, Resolution #109-2020

**OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

Approved by County Counsel

**CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS**

Approve as recommended.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

ESG-CV Round 2 funds do not have a match requirement. As ESG-CV Round 2 is federal funding, HHSA's administrative cost may be applied using the federally approved indirect cost rate. Because the allocation amount is an estimate and subject to change, HHSA will return to the Board with a Budget Transfer Request once a funding agreement has been finalized.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

Clerk of the Board to obtain signature of Chair on Resolution 161-2020 for ESG-CV Round 2 grant application.

**STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT**

Healthy Communities

**CONTACT**

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