



Legislation Text

File #: 21-1672, **Version:** 1

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board:

- 1) Authorize the submission of a grant application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2021 Continuum of Care Homeless Management Information System Project Renewal Grant in the estimated amount of \$9,817, effective upon execution of the contract with a one-year term, and including a match requirement of \$2,454 that will be met through existing grant funding received by the Housing and Homelessness Services programs;
- 2) If awarded, authorize the HHS Director, acting as the Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care, to execute the funding agreement, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management; and
- 3) Authorize the HHS Director 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 or term of the agreement.

FUNDING: Federal funding awarded by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the estimated amount of \$9,817, with a required match contribution of \$2,454 that will be met through existing grant funding received by the Housing and Homelessness Services programs.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

The El Dorado County Public Housing Authority, as part of the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), is designated by the CoC to serve as the Collaborative Applicant and Administrative Entity for the CoC. In this role, the Public Housing Authority submits annual consolidated applications for Continuum of Care funding on behalf of and in support of the CoC. This process also includes submission of a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) grant, on behalf of the CoC. The Board of Supervisors previously accepted funding for the 2019 CoC HMIS Grant on October 20, 2020 under Legistar item 20-1310.

On August 19, 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Non-Competition Award. The NOFO allows the County to propose multiple single project activity applications, which includes an application for the renewal of the HMIS Project Grant in the estimated amount of \$9,817. This funding requires a match of \$2,454, which will be met through staff time or existing grant funding received by the Housing and Homeless Services programs. HMIS grant awards are to be used to support the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks CoC HMIS data management and quality improvement efforts to strengthen CoC strategic planning. The grant will also assist with providing technical assistance related to the HMIS system in order to build the knowledge and administrative capacity of the CoC's members.

While Board of Supervisors (BOS) Policy A-6 provides authority to a Department head to apply for grants, A-6 further states that the department head shall bring the decision to accept a grant before a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. As many of HHS's State and Federal funders have a very tight turnaround on their request to receive an executed agreement, HHS is requesting advance approval from the Board to authorize the HHS Director to execute the resulting funding agreement

from this grant, contingent upon County Counsel and Risk Management approval, to ensure that HHSA can execute the grant agreement in the required timeline.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could decline to apply for and accept the grant funding award, in which case, the Continuum of Care would not be eligible to receive the funding award. Without an HMIS program, the CoC would be out of compliance with federal and state requirements.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

October 20, 2020, File ID 20-1310, Agenda No. 16, HHSA PHA 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) HMIS grant agreement

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel and Risk Management

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Agenda item. The required match of \$2,454 will be met using existing grant funding received by the Housing and Homeless Services programs. As this is a renewal grant, funding under this agreement is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

Healthy Communities

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