



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board adopt and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **058-2023** to:

- 1) Delegate authority to the Director of HHS, or Assistant Director of Human Services, to accept the 2023 Emergency Supplemental Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (ESLIHEAP) funding and to execute Funding Agreement 23J-5711 (County Agreement 7482), the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) Form, and Lobbying Form, with the State of California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) for the provision of ESLIHEAP services to eligible residents of El Dorado and Alpine counties for a term beginning April 15, 2023, through May 31, 2025, in the initial amount of \$1,457,069; and
- 2) Authorize the HHS Director, or Assistant Director of Human Services, to administer said agreement and subsequent amendments, if any, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, and to further authorize the HHS Director or HHS Agency Chief Fiscal Officer, to execute any required fiscal and programmatic reports.

FUNDING: 100% Federal Emergency Supplemental Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (ESLIHEAP) funding.

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

The Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) received the Emergency Supplemental Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (ESLIHEAP) Agreement 23J-5711 (Fenix 7482) from the State of California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) for execution on March 10, 2023, with a term effective April 15, 2023, through May 31, 2025, totaling \$1,457,069, and immediately began processing it for Board approval.

Upon Board approval, HHS shall utilize the ESLIHEAP funding to provide Supplemental Home Energy Assistance Program (SHEAP) assistance and Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) assistance to eligible low-income households in El Dorado and Alpine Counties in accordance with HHS's service delivery plan approved by CSD. HHS shall ensure the highest level of assistance will be furnished to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income. SHEAP and ECIP services include financial assistance to help balance eligible low-income household's utility bills and assist low-income households that are in an energy-related crisis situation.

Beginning in the next Fiscal Year, this ESLIHEAP funding award will be included on HHS's annual Board Resolution for ongoing revenue agreements from granting agencies.

ALTERNATIVES:

Disapproval of this item will result in the loss of critical revenue which allows HHS to provide assistance to eligible El Dorado County and Alpine County low-income households with high energy costs.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Approved by County Counsel and Risk Management.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this Funding In Agreement. Sufficient appropriations were included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget, and will be included in future budgets for the term of the Agreement.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

Clerk of the Board to obtain signature of Chair on (1) original Resolution.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

Healthy Communities

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