RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-290

MEETING: June 17, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Approve Acceptance of the MHSA Mental Health Triage Personnel Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Accept the "Mental Health Services Act Triage Personnel" (SB 82) Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed $699,428 Over Four Years; Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the Request for Funds and Other Reporting Documents as Required and to Implement the Activities Outlined in the Grant; Approve Budget Actions Increasing Revenue and Appropriations in the Triage Grant Fund, and Transferring Funding to the Behavioral Health Budget, and Within the Mental Health Realignment Fund ($91,473). The Mariposa County Human Services Department has received notification of this award in the amount $699,428 and a contract term from March 24, 2014, through June 30, 2017.

The grant funding will be used to expand and enhance the Department's ability to adequately respond to mental health crisis situations experienced by the residents of Mariposa County.

Although Mariposa County Human Services is able to provide crisis response 24/7 to individuals who are acutely suicidal, a lack of funding has led to limited mental health response services in situations that do not rise to this level of need. Unfortunately, at the present time, the result can mean either the person in crisis is left without help, or he escalates until he reaches a severe level that demands a 5150 assessment. One focus area that has been identified through multiple planning processes (as identified in the Mental Health and Justice Grant through the Bureau of Justice Assistance) is mental health crisis events within the context of law enforcement interactions. Whether out in the field when Deputies respond to the scene of an incident or at the County Jail, a mental health crisis can take much time and skill to diffuse. If a trained crisis or triage worker can intervene early in the mental health crisis, he or she can help to de-escalate the situation and immediately link the community member to appropriate services, thus avoiding a 5150 hospitalization. Adequate early crisis intervention can save valuable resources for multiple county systems (law enforcement, health care, mental health, etc.).

In order to achieve the goals of the grant, Mariposa County Human Services will hire Crisis Triage personnel, 1 full time and 2 part time, to respond 24/7 to mental health crises that do not clearly meet the criteria to be assessed for a 5150 hold as identified by law enforcement entities (Sheriff's Department, County Jail, Probation).
Our primary partners in the Project include: the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Department, the Mariposa County Jail, and the Mariposa County Probation Department.

This grant will not impact the County General Fund.

A portion of the grant must be expended this Fiscal Year in order to claim reimbursement. There were delays at the State level in implementing this program, which is why the program is being implemented this late in the fiscal year.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**
The Board approved submission of the "Mental Health Services Act Triage Personnel" Grant on December 17, 2013 by Resolution 2013-564.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**
If the Board does not approve acceptance of the grant funds, the Department will continue to function as it does today with crisis workers only responding when law enforcement identifies the possible need for a mental health evaluation.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**
This grant awards $699,428 in State SB82 funding over four years to Mariposa County. The accompanying budget actions increases revenue and appropriations in the Triage Grant Fund, transfers funding to the Behavioral Health Budget which reduces the need for Mental Health Realignment funding, and transfers appropriations within the Mental Health Realignment Fund, There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
MHSOAC (PDF)  
MHSOAC Triage Grant 2014-17 13 MHSOAC - TG012 (PDF)  
Triage Grant Budget Action (PDF)

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hudson, Deputy CAO 6/11/2014
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier
COUNTY of MARIPOSA
P.O. Box 784, Mariposa, CA  95338  (209) 966-3222

KEVIN CANN, CHAIR  DISTRICT IV
MERLIN JONES, VICE-CHAIR  DISTRICT II
LEE STETSON  DISTRICT I
JANET BIBBY  DISTRICT III
JOHN CARRIER  DISTRICT V

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO:  CHEVON KATHARI, Human Services Director
FROM:  RENE' LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT:  Accept the “Mental Health Services Act Triage Personnel” (SB 82) Grant in an Amount Not to Exceed $699,428 Over Four Years; Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the Request for Funds and Other Reporting Documents as Required and to Implement the Activities Outlined in the Grant; Approve Budget Actions Increasing Revenue and Appropriations in the Triage Grant Fund, and Transferring Funding to the Behavioral Health Budget, and Within the Mental Health Realignment Fund ($91,473) 4/5ths Vote Required

RES. 14-290

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
ADOPTED THIS Order on June 17, 2014

ACTION AND VOTE:

1.  Human Services/Behavioral Health & Recovery Services  RES-2014-290

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Chair Cann noted that this item requires a 4/5ths vote.
Chevon Kothari made the staff presentation, noting that: this action is to accept the award of a grant; the grant will be used to enhance services and is funded by the Mental Health Services Act; and, should the Board approve this item, then the next steps are to pull together partners from the community and talk about the protocols to make sure they are designing services that meet the community's needs.
Supervisor Bibby requested that the Board receive regular reports back on how this is working, and discussed current procedures that require a deputy to stay at the hospital pending a 5150 assessment. Ms. Kothari noted that one of the goals of this grant is to resolve that issue.
Supervisor Cann noted that the grant contains a requirement to spend money this year, and inquired if they can bill retroactively. Ms. Kothari affirmed, noting that they can bill retroactively to March when the award came in; that they don't anticipate spending their full amount of the budget; and that they will be billing the planning dollars. Supervisor Cann noted that it is his understanding that this was held up on the state's end. Ms. Kothari noted that the process has been fairly rapid with the application being submitted in December, and awarded in January with the contract being received at the end of March, but that planning time was needed before bringing this to the Board.

Supervisor Stetson commended Ms. Kothari for the information that discusses the number of people who will be served as that has been lacking in the past.

Supervisor Carrier required clarification that this would be a true 24/7 response. Ms. Kothari affirmed. Supervisor Carrier noted that this will be a non-clinical position, and inquired if the person responding will have the authority to make the 5150 determination. Ms. Kothari responded, noting that the position will respond to a wide variety of crisis during the day and will need the back up of a clinician; but will have the full authority at night. Supervisor Carrier noted that the item mentions 121 who have received services in crisis, and required clarification of whether that is 121 individuals or 121 separate cases. Ms. Kothari noted that they believe that is a duplicate count but they will have to analyze it and get back to the Board.

Public comment opened.

Doug Binnewies/Mariposa County Sheriff noted that the Sheriff's Office is in strong support of this item; noted that behavioral health services have been difficult to get into the field; noted that it is difficult for the Sheriff's Office to extend that service in the field without having to take those individuals into the hospital under their current protocols; remarked that this model is exciting for them; noted that they envision that the behavioral health community will receive a high level of triage service; remarked that the other 57 counties, as well as the Governor's Office, are watching to see how successful we will be; and urged the support of this item.

Public comment closed.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier

Cc: Bill Davis, Auditor
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**JUSTIFICATION** Recognize and budget new grant.

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**DEPT HEAD SIGNATURE**

**DATE** 5-14-14

**APPROVED BY RES NO.** 14-290 CLERK

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**DATE** 6-18-14

**DEPARTMENT** Human Services

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DEPT HEAD SIGNATURE: [Signature]

DATE: 6/10/14

APPROVED BY RES NO.: 2014-090

CLERK: [Signature]

DATE: 6-18-14

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

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