Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Resolution

RESOLUTION No. 02-394

WHEREAS:

A. The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Community Affairs, issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program (EHAP Round X); and

B. Mariposa County Human Services Department (Community Action) is a local government agency that is eligible and wishes to apply for and receive an EHAP grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County hereby authorizes the Human Services Director to apply for an EHAP grant in an amount not more than the maximum amount permitted by the NOFA, and in accordance with the program statute, regulations, and Local Emergency Shelter Strategy, where applicable.

If the grant application authorized by this Resolution is approved, Mariposa County Human Services Department hereby agrees to use the EHAP funds for eligible activities in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the program statute (Health and Safety Code Section 50800 – 50806.5) and regulations (Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 7, Subchapter 12, Sections 7950 through 7976 of the California Code of Regulations); Chapter 117, Statutes of 2002, and the Standard Agreement.

If the grant application authorized by this Resolution is approved, the Human Services Director is authorized to sign the Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments with the Department for the purposes of this grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of November, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: Parker, Reilly, Stewart, Balmain, Pickard

NOES: None

ABSENTIONS: None

Absent: None

Signature of Approving Officer

Robert C. Stewart, Chairman, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Printed Name and Title of Approving Officer

ATTEST: Marjorie Williams, Clerk of the Board
DEPARTMENT: Human Services
BY: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
PHONE: 966-2442

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes____ No_X____)

SEE ATTACHMENT

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

SEE ATTACHMENT

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

SEE ATTACHMENT

COSTS: (x) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $_________
B. Total anticipated costs $_________
C. Required additional funding $_________
D. Internal transfers $_________

SOURCE: ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues $_________
B. Reserve for contingencies $_________
C. Source description: Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: $_________

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:
Page One, Memo to the Board
Page Three, Board Resolution
Page Four, EHAP Draft Grant Application

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No. 02-394
Vote: Ayes: 5
Noes: 
Not Present: 
Abstained:
Approved ( ) Denied ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date:
ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:
Recommended
Not Recommended
For Policy Determination
Submitted with Comment
Returned for Further Action

Comment: 

C.A.O. Initials:

Action Form Revised 5/92
October 28, 2002

To: Members, Board of Supervisors
From: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
Re: Emergency Housing and Assistance Program (EHAP) Funding, Round X

RECOMMENDATION

In conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, it is respectfully recommended that your Board: (1) review and provide guidance regarding the continuation Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) grant; (2) authorize the Human Services Director to submit the grant application to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) funding, Round X; (3) designate the Community Action Contract Administrator to administer this funding; and (4) upon approval of County Counsel and the CAO, authorize the Human Services Director to execute subsequent amendments to this agreement with the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

BACKGROUND

Mariposa County has received EHAP funding in prior years, and was most recently awarded 2002 funding. These monies have been used to provide rental assistance to endangered low-income families and motel vouchers to homeless in transit. EHAP funding is competitive within Mariposa County and is available to both private nonprofit and public organizations.

CURRENT SITUATION

This year, both Human Services and Mountain Crisis were awarded EHAP funds. Mountain Crisis has informed Human Services (Community Action) that they will not apply for 2003 EHAP funds. Human Services would like to apply for the entire 2003 allocation of $10,000. However, with your permission, we would like to modify the program to provide this service in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department. Both Departments believe that a joint approach will better serve the people in need and reduce the amount of staff time involved in managing a homeless crisis situation.

The Mariposa County Sheriff's Department has agreed to collaborate with Community Action by providing emergency lodging placement to indigents who come to their attention in the evening and on weekends. During the normal workday, the officers will refer individuals to Community Action. A voucher system will be put into place rather
than a cash program. There are occasions when officers need to place a homeless person or family in a motel until more permanent arrangements can be made. Situations vary and may range from a person being forced to leave their home for health and safety reasons to a family without resources experiencing car trouble while traveling through Mariposa on their way to another destination.

This service is the first component to establishing an actual Homeless Assistance Program in our County. Staff will be working with community-based organizations, such as Manna House, Salvation Army and the Ministerial Association to provide additional services within the homeless program such as food vouchers and bus passes.

FINANCIAL

This continuation grant will bring $10,000 into the County. The Sheriff's Department has indicated that this program will decrease the amount of time an officer has to spend attempting to solve isolated, homeless difficulties by equipping them with an accessible resource. Human Services does not want child welfare/protection or adult protection to respond to non-emergencies and open cases on people who are homeless but do not harm their children or are not dependent adults.

There are no general funds involved in the program. No budget action is required as this revenue was anticipated in Fund 335.