RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-498

MEETING: October 20, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Approve the Submission of a HUD Application of Funding for CoC Homeless Assistance Programs

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Application for Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Funding, in the Amount of $47,438 and Authorize the Human Services Director to Submit the Application.

Mariposa County joined the Central Sierra Continuum of Care, consisting of Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne Counties, in January 2015. One benefit of joining this existing CoC is that the County is now able to apply for various State and Federal funding streams, to design and implement homeless assistance and supportive services programs to meet the increased needs of homeless families and individuals. This was a direction identified in the Homeless Strategic Plan that was finalized and approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 9, 2015. Should this grant be awarded, the appropriate agenda item will come back to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance of the funding.

At this time, based on HUD Priorities and local community need, the Department is applying for funds to support Permanent Supportive Housing for 4-5 chronically homeless individuals in the community. Permanent Supportive Housing is an evidence-based model that puts individuals with significant mental health or healthcare needs into housing with the necessary supports to ensure they are able to successfully remain in housing through case management and in-home help and life skills training. Mariposa County Human Services will leverage other funding sources in Mental Health and Social Services in order to provide the staffing and case management support necessary to meet the needs of individuals. The necessary support will be determined based on the individual needs of the clients served.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors received and approved a Homeless Strategic Plan on June 9, 2015, and adopted Resolution 15-278. This request for funding supports the strategies identified in the Plan.
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the submission of the HUD application. The Department will need to identify other funding options to carry out the strategies identified in the Homeless Strategic Plan.

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

[Signature]
Tracy Gauthier, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors 10/15/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier