



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-421

MEETING: September 1, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Ratify the Submission of a Proposal to CDSS for Funding the CalWORKs Housing Support Program

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Ratify the Submission of a Proposal to California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for Funding the CalWORKs Housing Support Program.

Senate Bill (SB) 855 created the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) in FY 2014-15. The CalWORKs HSP was developed to support evidence-based models at the county level for moving homeless families, meeting the eligibility criteria for CalWORKs, into sustainable housing situations. In FY 2014-15 twenty counties were allocated HSP funds but Mariposa County did not apply as it was newly assessing its homeless needs. The Governor's 2015-16 Budget allocated additional funding for CalWORKs HSP to continue and expand to new Counties. The CalWORKs HSP is an ongoing program enacted by the Legislature with program funding being contingent upon annual appropriation in the Budget Act.

Mariposa County Human Services, along with other County Departments and community partners, finalized a Homeless Strategic Plan in the spring of 2015. One major component of the plan is to develop low income housing supports for homeless individuals.

The HSP proposal was due on August 14, 2015, but based on outstanding questions about the funding and our competitiveness, Mariposa County Human Services did not decide to apply until August 7, 2015. Given this short time-frame, there was insufficient time to first gain Board approval, prior to submitting the proposal. The HSP proposal may be withdrawn at any time should the Board decide not to ratify the proposal. Funding decisions are anticipated by October of 2015.

The HSP proposal aims to work with 12 homeless CalWORKs families during FY 2015-16. The goal is to provide rapid re-housing services and financial assistance for 6-12 months, while families stabilize their housing situation and engage in services to promote successful long-term housing stabilization. In addition to financial supports and additional services to families, the HSP will work to engage and retain landlords by providing case management to families and by providing financial assistance to landlords for repairs that may be necessary as a result of placing families in housing.

The total amount of the proposal is \$144,500 for one year.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

This is a new program for the County and therefore no board action has previously been taken.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not ratify the proposal. Staff will withdraw the proposal, and the Department will continue to look for other resources to best serve the homeless families in Mariposa County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This will have no impact on the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

CalWORKs Housing Support Program 8-14-2015 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended



Mary Hodson, CAO 8/26/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier