RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-555

MEETING: September 24, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Resolution to Participate in One-Time Homeless Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the County to Participate in One-Time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots; and Authorize the Human Services Director to Submit a Letter of Interest and Implement Program Activities to Utilize the Funding to Serve the Mentally Ill Population who Are Homeless or at Risk of Homelessness.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
This program offers a new, one-time funding opportunity for Mariposa County. The allocation available to the County of Mariposa is $1,033,636.

As a result of AB 74, the Budget Act of 2019 (Chapter 23, Statutes of 2019), the Governor and Legislature have allocated $100 million dollars in one-time funding for Fiscal Year 2019-20 to counties such as Mariposa that are active participants in Whole Person Care Pilot programs.

The Health and Human Services Agency wishes to apply for our allocation and utilize the funds in combination with other funding to serve the mentally ill population who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. There is great demand to serve the needs of this population. Providing additional local housing and treatment options will not only help county residents in need, but it is also expected to reduce costs currently incurred in placing residents in distant, more expensive residential options or hospitalizations.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the Board chooses not to approve this Resolution, the county will forfeit the one-time $1,033,636 allocation available to address the needs of residents experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This program offers a new, one-time allocation available to the County of Mariposa in the amount of $1,033,636. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
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Mariposa Resolution to participate in one-time Homeless Housing Funds for WPC Pilots (PDF)
Letter of Interest in One-Time Homeless Housing Funds for WPC Pilots (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  

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Authorizing the County to participate in one-time Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilots funding opportunity available as a result of AB 74, the Budget Act of 2019 (Chapter 23, Statutes of 2019)

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Finds:

WHEREAS, California’s Governor Gavin C. Newsom and the California Legislature have recognized the critical role Whole Person Care Pilot programs play in reducing homelessness for those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, The Governor, Legislature, and this County recognize the need for flexible state-only funding for new services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are living with mental illness who are also homeless or at risk of homelessness; as well as additional at-risk populations; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature have allocated $100 million dollars in one-time State General Fund housing funds for Fiscal Year 2019-20 to Whole Person Care Pilot programs; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature have directed Whole Person Care Pilot programs to leverage other available funding for this purpose and prohibited any supplantation of existing funding or services in order to maximize the impact of Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature require Whole Person Care Pilot programs that receive Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs to expend the funding no later than June 30, 2025, and further stipulate that services provided with this funding must comply with all Housing First principles as defined in California Welfare and Institutions Code §§8255-8256;

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa designates the Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency as the single point of contact to the Department of Health Care Services for the Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs allocation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa affirms the county’s commitment to combatting homelessness and improving housing options for residents living with mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, or
additional at-risk populations in our communities pursuant to the provisions of SB 74 and the receipt of Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA, to authorize the County’s participation in the Housing Funds for Whole Person Care Pilot programs in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California at the meeting of said Board held on the 24th day of September by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, MENETREY
NOES: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE
EXCUSED: NONE

Miles Menetrey, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Attest:

René LaRoche, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form:

Steven W. Dahlem
County Counsel