RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-71

MEETING: February 11, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Approve Submission of Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program Funding Application

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve submission of a grant application for the Homeless Housing Assistance Prevention Program (HHAP); approve Health and Human Services Agency participation through the Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA); approve redirection of the County of Mariposa allocation portion $65,480.25 as leverage to the project; and Authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director to sign the letter to participate.

Mariposa County has implemented previous projects as a member of ATCAA, joining Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties in the Central Sierra Continuum of Care (CoC) to apply for housing and homeless-related funding and participate in, and provide services for various homeless programs. For the HHAP program, funds are provided through a one-time grant that must be used in the four-county region for a broad variety of activities to assist persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The parameters of the program are intentionally broad to give counties flexibility in addressing local needs. The HHAP funding was authorized by AB 101 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019), which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 31, 2019.

The HHAP program is administered by the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC). ATCAA is the recognized Administrative Entity for HHAP. The total project budget for the region will be approximately $1.9M. The Mariposa County direct services budget is expected to be approximately $250-300K.

If the award is granted, HHSA will seek Board approval to accept and budget funds and to move forward with the Mariposa HHAP Project.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On June 9th 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the County's Homeless Strategic Plan, which supported the strategy of developing an emergency shelter solution.
**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**
The County can choose not to support this effort to address an emergency solution to homelessness and not to apply for the HHAP Funding. This will likely result in higher costs over time by way of increased emergency police/fire/medical response, increased healthcare costs and impact on Emergency Departments, increased need for behavioral healthcare including substance use disorder treatment, and potential public health and environmental health impacts for the community.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**
There will be no financial impact to the County General Fund. This project will be funded through new HHAP Grant funding and the possible use of Realignment dollars (Social Services, Behavioral Health, AB 109), if needed to support the final project.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
Mariposa Letter to HHAP to participate and redirect County funds  (PDF)

**RESULT:**  ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:**  Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**SECONDER:**  Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

**AYES:**  Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetre