RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-671

MEETING: November 17, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director

RE: 2021 LIHEAP 21B-5021 Contract for Energy Assistance and Weatherization

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the 2021 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Agreement 21B-5021 and Certifications with the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) in an amount not to exceed $525,000 to provide energy assistance payments and weatherization services; and authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director to sign the agreement, certifications, and all subsequent Amendments (Subject to County Counsel Approval as to Form).

The purpose of LIHEAP, under the auspices of the CSD, is to provide energy assistance and weatherization services to low-income county residents. LIHEAP funds have been allocated to Mariposa County for several years and operate on a program term basis. The initial grant amount $525,000 represents approximately 50% of the estimated total expected for the full contract term. Increases in the contract maximum amount and term are normally expected as amendments over the grant term.

Thus far in program year 2019 ending June 30, 2020, this program has assisted 575 low-income households containing 1,345 persons with energy assistance propane, wood, and utility payments and 11 households and 30 persons with weatherization services. A large percentage of these households include vulnerable populations such as seniors, the disabled, children under 5 years, and the working poor.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board approved the previous 2020 LIHEAP Agreement on September 24, 2019 by Resolution 2019-553.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this Agreement is not approved, Mariposa will lose the grant funds of $525,000 and the opportunity to provide Energy Assistance payments and Weatherization Services to serve an estimated 683 Mariposa County households and 1,598 persons under this grant agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
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This program is funded by federal energy assistance grant (LIHEAP) funds. These funds were anticipated and included in the FY20-21 budget for fund 334. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
21B-5021 STD 213 Facesheet  (PDF)
2021 LIHEAP - Attachment 2  (PDF)

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER:  Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES:  Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey