RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-538

MEETING: September 28, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director

RE: 2021 ARPA LIHEAP 21V-5570 Contract for Energy Assistance and Weatherization

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the 2021 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Agreement 21V-5570 and Certifications with the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) in an amount not to exceed $595,768 to provide energy assistance payments; 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 to low-income county residents. LIHEAP funds have been allocated to Mariposa County for several years and operate on a program term basis.

Thus far in program year 2020 ending December 3, 2021, this program has assisted 584 low-income households containing 1,310 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 2021 LIHEAP Agreement on November 17, 2020 by Resolution 2020-671.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this Agreement is not approved, Mariposa will lose the grant funds of $595,768 and the opportunity to provide Energy Assistance payments to serve an estimated 775 Mariposa County households and 1,813 persons under this grant agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This program is funded by federal energy assistance grant (LIHEAP) funds. Progress in the implementation of this grant will be monitored, and the FY21-22 budget for fund 3334 will be adjusted as necessary during September Adjustments. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
213_21V-5570 Contract Facesheet STD213 (PDF)
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Tom Sweeney, Marshall Long, Wayne Forsythe