RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-52

MEETING: January 22, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Approve the Competitive Application for No Place Like Home Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a resolution of authorization to apply for and accept the No Place Like Home Program (NPLH) Competitive Funding and Authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director to accept the grant funding and implement the grant activities, if the application is approved.

If this resolution is adopted, the Health and Human Services Agency will apply for the competitive funding up to $5,000,000 for Mariposa County to fund eligible activities that support the planning, design and construction of permanent supportive and affordable housing and the accompanying supportive services for individuals suffering from serious mental illness.

In November of 2018, California voters passed Proposition 2, which formalized a plan to carve out Mental Health Services Act funds for a Bond Measure to increase affordable housing development for individuals with severe Mental Illness. In Mariposa County, the Housing Program Implementation Study identified the need for the development of affordable housing, including housing for vulnerable populations.

Under the leadership of Health and Human Services, the County will receive $500,000 in non-competitive NPLH funding for development efforts and can apply for up to $5 million in competitive funding. Applications are due on January 31st and require the board to approve the following:

- Competitive Allocation County Project Resolution
- Universal Application
- Supplemental Project Application

Through a partnership with Self-Help Enterprises, a 501c3 Housing Development Agency, the County can apply for competitive funding through NPLH and leverage it with other funding sources, including Low Income Tax Credits, non-competitive NPLH funding and other development dollars to create a 40 unit Affordable Housing Development. Up to 49% of these units would be set aside for individuals living with Mental Illness.
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The County, in collaboration with Self-Help Enterprises has identified a property suitable for this purpose and is in negotiations with the owner to buy this property for the purposes of this application.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board authorized the Agency Director to apply for $75,000 in NPLH technical assistance funding to plan the implementation of this grant on September 26, 2017, by Resolution Number 2017-647.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the Board chooses not to apply for the competitive NPLH grant funding, the Agency will forego up to $5,000,000 in funding for permanent supportive housing and the accompanying supportive services for individuals suffering from serious mental illness.

The County could decide not to approve the submission of a NPLH funding application this year in Round 1 and apply next year instead. This may increase the overall competitiveness of the process as counties throughout the state are preparing for Round 2 funding next year. This would delay the process of receiving funding to begin the development of much needed affordable housing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Due to our partnership with Self Help Enterprises (SHE), all financial obligations will be taken on by this partner which will be owner/operator of the project. Once the development project is completed, Mariposa County HHSA will work alongside SHE providing services to the Permanent Supportive Housing clients living in the affordable housing development. There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
NPLH_Competitive_Funding_Acceptance_Resolution_for_County_of_Mariposa (DOCX)
NPLHCompSuppApp (PDF)
Universal_Application_MacroVersion (PDF)
NPLHGuidelines082519-v1 (PDF)
Mariposa_Strategic_Plan_to_Address_Homelessness_2015 (PDF)
Mariposa_Homelessness_Strategic_Plan_Update_2017 (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY COMPETITIVE PROGRAM FUNDS AWARD UNDER THE NO PLACE LIKE HOME PROGRAM FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development ("Department") issued a Notice of Funding Availability, dated October 15, 2018 as amended on October 30, 2018 ("NOFA"), under the No Place Like Home Program ("NPLH" or "Program") authorized by Government Code section 15463, Part 3.9 of Division 5 (commencing with Section 5849.1) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and Welfare and Institutions Code section 5890; and

WHEREAS, the NOFA relates to the availability of approximately $400 million in Competitive Allocation funds under the NPLH Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa ("County") is a County and an Applicant, as those terms are defined in the NPLH Program Guidelines, dated July 17, 2017 ("Guidelines")

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, does hereby determine and declare as follows:

SECTION 1. That County is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and if awarded, accept the NPLH Program funds, as detailed in the NOFA, up to the amount authorized by the Guidelines and applicable state law.

SECTION 2. That Chevon Kothari, Director, Health and Human Services Agency or his or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to act on behalf of County in connection with an award of NPLH Program funds, and to enter into, execute, and deliver any and all documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence the loan of NPLH Program funds, the County’s obligations related thereto, and the Department’s security therefore. These documents may include, but are not limited to, a State of California Standard Agreement ("Standard Agreement"), a regulatory agreement, a promissory note, a deed of trust and security agreement, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate by the Department as security for, evidence of, or pertaining to the NPLH Program funds, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the “NPLH Program Documents”).

SECTION 3. That County shall be subject to the terms and conditions that are specified in the Standard Agreement; that the application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement; that any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application are enforceable through the Standard Agreement; and that County will use the NPLH Program funds in accordance with the Guidelines, other applicable rules and laws, the NPLH Program Documents, and any and all NPLH Program requirements.
SECTION 4. That County will make mental health supportive services available to each project’s NPLH tenants for at least 20 years, and will coordinate the provision of or referral to other services (including, but not limited to, substance use services) in accordance with the County’s relevant supportive services plan, and as specified in Section 202(n)(1) of the Guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 22nd day of January, 2019, by the following vote:

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

MILES MENETREY, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

RENE LAROCHE
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel