RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-254

MEETING: May 21, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Ratify CCFH Letter of Support

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Ratify a Letter of Support for the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) funding opportunity.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The proposed CCRH funding is in alignment with Mariposa’s overall county-wide efforts to address affordable housing as noted in the Board’s 2019 Legislative Platform that was approved on January 22, 2019.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not ratify the letter, and direct staff to draft a letter withdrawing the letter of support.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
No financial impact

ATTACHMENTS:
CCRH Letter of Support (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
May 3, 2019

Senator Maria Elena Durzo, Chair
Senator Jim Nielsen
Senator Thomas J. Umberg
Budget Subcommittee 4 on State Administration and General Government
State Capitol, Room 5019
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Fellow Elected Official:

Mariposa County is writing this letter to show our excitement and support for the Governor’s proposals in the 2019-2020 budget to address affordable housing and homelessness.

I am specifically writing in support of an additional proposal from the California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) for one-time funding in the amount of $500 million in emergency, interim, and permanent housing relief for low-income households losing their homes due to natural disasters.

Like many of our sister counties, Mariposa County has faced two devastating fires and one related flood incident (exacerbated by erosion due to the fires) over the past two years which have resulted in significant loss to our community of 108 homes. Many of the families had to move on and some were able to rebuild; however, we still have over 10 families living in temporary housing or recreational vehicles who will be unable to rebuild their homes and lives that were lost in the fire due to their limited income. The majority of our total loss victims during the fire had no fire insurance and it has become even more difficult over the past two years to obtain it.

We do anticipate there will be more disasters in the years to come until we can achieve enough mitigation work to ensure fire danger is at a minimum.
As a very small county, our numbers were not large enough to be declared under a federal declaration. That made our residents who lost their homes ineligible for FEMA or other federal support. Additionally, there are no dedicated state resources to assist in these situations.

We are asking you to consider CCRH’s proposal to establish a fund for supporting communities such as ours to recover from disasters. Homelessness already has devastating impacts on all of our California counties and this has only been made worse by the overabundance of disasters we have experienced over the past 2 years.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Miles Menetrey
Chair, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors