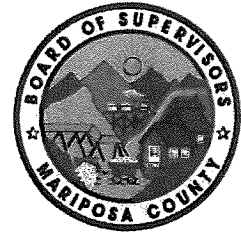


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## RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-270

MEETING: May 11, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director

RE: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Telehealth Grant Program Application

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve the Submittal of a Technology Infrastructure Grant Application with the Federal Communication Commission for the Funding of Telehealth Programs to Support COVID-19 Response Efforts; and Authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Director to Submit the Application.

This application will be submitted on an online platform and can create additional funding up to \$1,000,000.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) COVID-19 Telehealth program helps healthcare providers purchase telecommunications, broadband connectivity, information services and devices necessary for providing telehealth services. The application pertains to Round 2 funding from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. It builds on the \$200 million funding allocations in Round 1 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board of Supervisors does not have a prior history with FCC for this purpose.

### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

If this agreement is not approved, the County of Mariposa will not have the benefit of these additional funds for building technology infrastructure to provide optimal services for our clients.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**If the Board approves and the County is awarded these funds, HHSA will request approval to accept the funds and implement the project and submit a budget action at a later date when funds are scheduled to be received. There is no impact to the County General Fund.**

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey