



# CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY

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June 30, 2014

Robert Jackson Program Manager Monterey County Behavioral Health Bureau 1270 Natividad Road Salinas, CA 93906

RE:

Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program

Final Allocation - First Funding Round

County of Monterey

Total Approved Grant Award: \$193,615.80

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I am pleased to inform and confirm for you that the California Health Facilities Financing Authority ("the Authority") approved a final allocation to the County of Monterey under the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program (the "Program") at its June 26, 2014 meeting. The final allocation for your grant is set forth in the attachment to this letter.

Please be advised that funding of this grant is conditioned upon the County of Monterey meeting certain requirements as specified in the Program regulations, including signing a grant agreement and providing requested documentation acceptable to the Authority prior to disbursement of funds. The Authority reserves the right to modify or cancel the commitment of grant funds upon failure to execute a grant agreement or other failure to comply with the Program regulations or if the Authority becomes aware of any matter which, if known at the time of Application review and approval, would have resulted in the rejection of the Application or the grant not being approved. The Authority is not liable in any manner whatsoever should such funding not be completed for any reason whatsoever. The grant is subject to availability of funds.

The grant period begins on June 26, 2014, and will end June 30, 2015 unless the grant period is extended by the Authority. Eligible costs are described in the Program regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Section 7113) and are limited to the project as further detailed in the grant agreement and attachment to this letter.

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Janae Davis will serve as the grant officer to assist you throughout the grant period. The grant officer will be contacting you shortly to discuss the next steps of the grant disbursement process, including our request for a resolution from your governing board authorizing the acceptance of the grant and all responsibilities flowing therefrom. If there are material changes to the project, please contact your grant officer immediately. Also, please do not hesitate to contact your grant officer with questions or concerns by telephone at (916) 653-4338 or e-mail at Janae. Davis@treasurer.ca.gov.

In closing, on behalf of the Authority, I want to congratulate you and wish you success with this project. We look forward to working with you to improve and expand mental health crisis services in California.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Liebert

Executive Director

### **ATTACHMENT**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proceeds of the grant will be used by the County of Monterey as follows:

The County of Monterey ("Monterey") will acquire and deploy five Mobile Crisis Support vehicles that will be staffed by three county-funded and newly created crisis intervention specialist positions, as well as existing crisis supervisors and staff. Monterey's new Mobile Crisis Support program is designed to serve children, adults and families experiencing a psychiatric crisis who are at risk of hospital, emergency room, or law enforcement intervention. The program will increase access and capacity for community based mental health crisis services. Monterey's current continuum of crisis care does not include mobile services. At present, Monterey sends crisis responders only to the county-operated medical center's emergency departments to assess people experiencing a mental health crisis. Monterey operates a 15-bed crisis residential program and its medical center has a 22-bed inpatient psychiatric unit. A private community hospital operates an 18-bed inpatient psychiatric unit in the county, too. With this new mobile program, Monterey estimates there will be a reduction in hospital utilization rates, and a reduction in law enforcement resources spent on mental health crises. The project is expected to begin services by October 1, 2014. Authority grant funds will be used to purchase and equip five vehicles, to purchase seven radios and to finance three months of startup costs. Monterey's original proposal to the Authority requested funding for six new grant-funded staff positions, but no funding for personnel was available after higher scoring applications were funded. Subsequently, Monterey developed an alternative staffing plan. Monterey approved three new staff positions for the program to be funded by realignment and Medi-Cal federal financial participation. In addition, Monterey will devote existing crisis staff to support this five mobile vehicle crisis response endeavor. Monterey's proposed Mobile Crisis Support program provides a good example of a county leveraging grant dollars through the use of existing resources to make a program happen.

# **Summary of Amount:**

Program	Ар	Approved Grant Amount	
Mobile Crisis Capital	\$	193,615.80	