



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

File #: RES 21-190, **Version:** 1

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- c. Determine that the above actions involve government funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities and are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY:

Montage Health, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation and an organization described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 requests that the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) participate in the issuance of revenue bonds (“the Bonds”), in one or more series pursuant to a plan of financing, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$165.0 million for the financing and refinancing of the acquisition, construction, improvement and equipping of certain healthcare and related facilities.

The Board of Supervisors held a TEFRA hearing and approved a resolution for this tax-exempt issuance on September 21, 2021. Since then, the facilities included in the Project’s description have changed without a change to the revenue bond principal amount. Hence, Montage Health and CSCDA request that the Board of Supervisors hold a new public hearing to satisfy the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) and the requirements of Section 9 of the Amended and Restated

Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, dated as of July 1, 1988 (the “Agreement”), among certain local agencies, including the County, and following the hearing, adopt a resolution approving the issuance of the Bonds by the CSCDA. The County will have no obligation whatsoever with respect to the payment or administration of the Bonds.

DISCUSSION

Federal law provides a process for a qualified 501(c)(3) organization to participate in tax-exempt financing under Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code. TEFRA requires the legislative body of the local agency in which the project will be located to hold a TEFRA hearing for the notes to be tax-exempt. The County has the limited role of approving the financing but is not a party to the issuance and assumes no liability by its approval.

Montage Health, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, requests that CSCDA participate in issuing the Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$165.0 million for the financing and refinancing of various healthcare-related facilities that are owned or principally used by Montage Health. Proceeds of the Bonds are expected to be used by Montage Health and the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (“CHOMP”), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation and an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, of which Montage Health is the sole member, (i) to finance and/or refinance various healthcare-related capital improvements, including the acquisition, construction, renovation and remodeling of certain real property and the purchasing and installation of certain equipment, for Montage Health and/or CHOMP, and (ii) to pay costs of issuing the Bonds. All of such healthcare-related capital improvements are and/or will be part of an integrated operation of Montage and CHOMP. Such healthcare-related capital improvements are and/or will be located at the following addresses: 23625 W.R. Holman Highway, Monterey, CA 93940; 40 Ryan Court, Monterey, CA 93940; 2900-2940 2nd Avenue, Marina, CA 93955; 23845 W.R. Holman Highway, Monterey, CA 93940; 20 Ryan Ranch Road, Monterey, CA 93940; 100 Wilson Road, Monterey, CA 93940; 6 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Monterey, CA 93940; 576 Hartnell Street, Monterey, CA 93940; 2 Upper Ragsdale Drive, Monterey, CA 93940; 100 Barnet Segal Lane, Monterey, CA 93940; and 1910 N. Davis Road, Salinas, CA 93907.

The owner or operator of the facilities with respect to which the above-described capital improvements to be financed or refinanced with proceeds of the Bonds were and/or will be made is and/or will be (i) Montage, (ii) CHOMP, (iii) 40 Ryan Court, LLC, a single-member limited liability company the sole member of which is Montage, or (iv) Montage Wellness Center, LLC, a single-member limited liability company the sole member of which is CHOMP.

CSCDA requests that the Board approve the issuance of the Bonds by the CSCDA for financing and refinancing the Montage Health facilities to satisfy the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Code and the requirements of Section 9 of the Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, dated as of June 1, 1988, among certain local agencies, including the County. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Code, the Board, following notice duly given, will hold a public hearing regarding the issuance of the revenue obligations. Required notice of the public hearing was provided, consistent with TEFRA requirements, by publication in *The Monterey Herald* on October 18, 2021.

The Bonds to be issued by the CSCDA will be the sole responsibility of Montage Health. The County will have no financial, legal, moral obligation, liability, or responsibility for the facilities or the repayment of the revenue obligations. All relevant financing documents with respect to the issuance will contain clear disclaimers that the Bonds are not obligations of the County.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel has reviewed the Notice and proposed Resolution as to form and legality.

FINANCING:

The payment of principal, prepayment premium, if any, and purchase price of and interest on the revenue obligations shall be solely the responsibility of the CSCDA and Montage Health. The County shall not bear any responsibility for the issuance, the tax-exempt status, or repayment of the revenue bonds.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This recommendation supports the economic development and health and human services strategic initiatives as the Bonds are vehicles of economic development that promote a diverse and healthy economy while promoting a sustainable health care network.

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments: Resolution, Proof of Publication, & Notice of Public Hearing