



Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

CDBG-CV3 CARES Act Funds

On September 28, 2020, the County was notified that HUD released The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act CDBG-CV3 funds in the amount of \$1,049,326. Cares Act funding is intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus (CDBG-CV grants).

The Department of Social Services (DSS) and Housing staff began working with the United Way on Rental Assistance programs and have participated in regional rental assistance COVID discussions since April 2020. The DSS began their rental assistance program with CARES Act Coronavirus Relief funds in October and

dedicated \$1,250,000 to this program. To date, the County expects these funds to be expended by December 30, 2020, which is when the CARES Act Relief funds expire. Staff recommend continuing this program with the full \$1,049,326 in CDBG-CV3 CARES Act funds with the United Way and dedicate the entirety of the allocation to rental assistance.

HHAP Round II

The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) announced the availability of a \$300 million block grant with the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 2 (HHAP-2) in a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) dated November 13, 2020. On November 24, 2020, the application for funding was made available to applicants with a due date of January 23, 2021. This grant is over-the-counter and non-competitive. This second round of HHAP funding was authorized by AB 83 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 15, Statutes of 2020) and was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 29, 2020. Building on the regional coordination created through previous HCFC grant funding, this funding is intended to support local jurisdictions in their unified regional response to reduce and end homelessness.

The application will request \$1,207,830 in HHAP funding, the use of which will be prioritized to assist people experiencing literal homelessness move into safe, stable housing, with a particular focus on rehousing individuals currently living in Project Roomkey (PRK) sites. HHAP funding should be housing-focused -- either funding permanent housing interventions directly or, if used for shelter or street outreach, have clear pathways to connect people to permanent housing options. HHAP Round 2 is designed to build on regional coordination developed through previous rounds of HCFC Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), HHAP, and COVID-19 funding. Staff recommends that Round 2 funds be used to continue to build regional coordination and a unified regional response to reduce and end homelessness. HHAP Round II funds may be spent for a period of five years, FY 21-FY 25.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Housing and Community Development (HCD) is working with the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Continuum of Care on the HHAP II application to ensure regional homeless goals and needs will be met.

FINANCING:

HCD staff time to prepare this report and develop the HHAP funding application is funded by the FY2020-21 Adopted Budget, General Fund, Fund 001, Housing and Economic Development appropriation unit CAO038. This action increases the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget for Fund 001, Appropriation Unit CAO038, revenue by \$2,257,156 funded by CDBG grant and HHAP II funds. Any funds not spent in FY 2020-21 will be included in future budget cycles.

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