# REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY AND RECORD OF ACTION

August 9, 2022

#### FROM

MARTHA ZEPEDA, Deputy Executive Officer, Community Development and Housing Department

#### **SUBJECT**

Application for the 2022 State Emergency Solutions Grant Continuum of Care from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development

#### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1. Authorize the submission of a grant application for the 2022 State Emergency Solutions Grant Continuum of Care to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development in an amount not to exceed \$562,000.
- 2. Adopt **Resolution No. 2022-172** approving an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement, and any amendments thereto, from the 2022-23 funding year of the State Emergency Solutions Grant Program.
- 3. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or the Deputy Executive Officer of Community Revitalization to submit grant documents and execute any subsequent non-substantive amendments in relation thereto, subject to review by County Counsel.
- 4. Direct the Chief Executive Officer or the Deputy Executive Officer of Community Revitalization to transmit all documents to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.

(Presenter: Martha Zepeda, Deputy Executive Officer, 501-0641)

#### **COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Promote the Countywide Vision.** 

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this item will not result in the use of any Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Emergency Solutions Grant Continuum of Care (ESG-CoC) award requires a 100% match, which will be met by service provider awardees through in-kind services and the use of other eligible non-federal funds. A match is required for administrative funds of approximately 2.6 percent from the Administrative Entity. Adequate appropriation and revenue have been included in the Community Development and Housing Department (CDH) 2022-23 budget.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the ESG-CoC program with funding received from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Approval of Recommendation No. 1 will allow CDH to apply for the

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allocated 2022 State ESG-CoC funds through the Notice of Funding Application (NOFA) released by the State on June 13, 2022. The submission will allow the County to apply to be designated as an Administrative Entity with HCD for the purpose of receiving a 2022 allocation of State ESG-CoC funds in an amount not to exceed \$562,000.

On April 12, 2022 (Item No. 12), the Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized CDH to submit a Solicitation of Interest for an estimated amount of \$325,000. The allocated amount released in the 2022 ESG-CoC NOFA is for an amount of \$280,769, which may be utilized to provide street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) activities.

HCD has advised that the award amount may change and is requiring applicants to indicate the amount in the Resolution as twice the preliminary award amount; the amount in the requested Resolution is \$562,000. Should an additional amount be awarded (above the initial allocation of \$280,769), HCD will provide parameters regarding how the additional funds will be used to support the following activities: street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, and HMIS.

The application is due by August 17, 2022, and HCD anticipates announcing the awards by December 2022. When the allocation is awarded, a future item will be presented to the Board to accept the award and execute the contract with the established award amount. The established allocation requires a 100% match, including an estimated amount of 2.6% for administrative expenses covered by the Administrative Entity (CDH).

At the time an additional amount is awarded above the indicated allocation (\$280,769), HCD will provide parameters how the additional funds will be used in the following activities: street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) activities. The County's spending plan will be aligned with the County's Homeless Strategic Action Plan.

CDH is requesting to apply for the ESG-CoC 2022 funds to be used as shown below. The budget below represents the initial allocation established in the NOFA for ESG-CoC 2022 (\$280,769):

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY	ESG 2022
Emergency Shelter	\$135,258
Rapid Rehousing	\$110,000
HMIS	\$27,250
Administration	\$8,261
Total	\$280,769

The State ESG-CoC funding supports the County's Homeless Strategic Action Plan in addressing the root causes of homelessness by increasing access to housing opportunities for at-risk populations. The County, as the Administrative Entity of HCD's ESG-CoC funds, may further its efforts to address homelessness by allocating funding to engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; help operate emergency shelters; provide essential services

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to shelter residents; rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

## **PROCUREMENT**

No procurement is required for this action at this time. HCD is expected to announce grant awards by December 2022. If funding is awarded, CDH will bring a future item to the Board to accept the grant and approve contracts with subrecipients, who shall be selected through a competitive process.

#### **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Suzanne Bryant, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on July 20, 2022; Finance (John Hallen, Administrative Analyst, 8-0208) on July 25, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Cheryl Adams, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0238) on July 26, 2022.

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# APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Dawn Rowe Seconded: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.) Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

DATED: August 9, 2022



cc: W/RESOLUTION

File- Community Development and Housing Dept.

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