

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

March 26, 2024

FROM

GEORGINA YOSHIOKA, Director, Department of Behavioral Health

SUBJECT

Grant Application to the California Department of Health Care Services for the Federal McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program 2024-25

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve and authorize the submission of a grant application to the California Department of Health Care Services, for continued funding in the amount of \$526,611, for the Federal McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program 2024-25 for the provision of services to individuals who have a severe mental illness, or who have co-occurring severe mental illness and substance use disorders, and who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health, as the County Mental Health Plan Director, to execute and submit the grant application documents and any non-substantive changes, for the Federal McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program 2024-25, as required by the California Department of Health Care Services, on behalf of the County, subject to review by County Counsel.
3. Direct the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health to transmit the grant application and any non-substantive amendments to the application in relation to the Federal McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program 2024-25 to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within 30 days of execution.

(Presenter: Georgina Yoshioka, Director, 252-5142)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The Federal McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Program 2024-25 grant application in the amount of \$526,611 requires a match of \$1 for each \$3 of PATH program funding received. The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) will provide the \$175,537 match through in-kind services provided by staff whose positions are funded by the Mental Health Services Act. The program expenses total \$702,148 (PATH program funding plus match). The staff associated with the match provide services to individuals who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. DBH will return to the Board of Supervisors to request acceptance of the PATH program grant award and any necessary budget adjustments.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PATH is a formula grant program which provides funding for the provision of services to individuals who have a severe mental illness, or who have co-occurring severe mental illness and substance use disorder and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. DBH will use the PATH program funding to provide targeted outreach, planning and coordination for housing services, linkage to behavioral health services including medication support, job training, education services, and case management services to an estimated 300 unduplicated clients at an annual estimated program cost of \$2,340 per individual.

The federal government provides the funds for the PATH grant, while the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is responsible for the administration of the entire program for California, including the distribution of PATH funds. In California, only county mental health departments are eligible to receive PATH funds from DHCS. DBH has received PATH funding since the inception of the PATH grant program in 1990.

On February 12, 2024, DHCS released instructions for completion of the grant application documents with a submission deadline of February 23, 2024. DBH requested and received an extension of this deadline to March 31, 2024. DHCS has directed the DBH Director, as the County Mental Health Plan Director responsible for the administration of the County's mental health services, to execute and submit the PATH grant application.

DBH is requesting approval for the DBH Director, as the County Mental Health Plan Director, to execute and submit the grant application documents, as required by DHCS, on behalf of the County, subject to review by County Counsel.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Behavioral Health Contracts (Natalie Kessee, Contracts Manager, 388-0869) on March 11, 2024; County Counsel (Dawn Martin, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on March 11, 2024; Finance (Christopher Lange, Administrative Analyst, 386-8393) on March 11, 2024; and County Finance and Administration (Cheryl Adams, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0238) on March 11, 2024.

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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

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

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: March 26, 2024



cc: DBH - Yoshioka w/application for sign
File - Behavioral Health w/application
CCM 03/29/2024