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Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Human Services Agency Director to (1) Accept Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Transitional Housing Program Funding in the Amount of \$329,802 and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program Funding in the Amount of \$168,962 from, and Sign Related Agreements with, the California Department of Housing and Community Development, and (2) Accept Future Funding and Sign Future Agreements Related to these Programs.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution (Exhibit 1) authorizing the Human Services Agency (HSA) Director to (1) accept Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Transitional Housing Program (THP) Round 6 funding allocation in the amount of \$329,802 and Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program (HNMP) Round 3 funding allocation in the amount of \$168,962 from, and sign related agreements with, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), including the annual allocation acceptance forms (Exhibit 2); and (2) accept future funding and sign future agreements related to these programs for FY 2024-2025 should additional funding become available, upon the review and approval of County Executive Office and County Counsel.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: State
Funding Match Required: No
Impact on other Departments: None

Summary of Revenue and Costs:

	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>
Revenue:		
Direct	\$199,506	\$299,258
Total Revenue	\$199,506	\$299,258

Costs:		
Direct	\$199,506	\$299,258
Indirect	Minimal	Minimal
Total Costs	\$199,506	\$299,258
Net County Cost	\$0	\$0

There are no Net County Costs associated with this action. There are sufficient revenues and appropriations in the HSA Budget for FY 2024-25. Although this is a FY 2024-25 allocation, HSA will have until June 30, 2027, to expend the funds.

FY 2024-25 Budget Projections for HSA Program Operations – Div. 3410				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$230,213,031	\$234,501,053	\$234,501,053	\$0
Revenue	\$201,054,039	\$201,054,039	\$201,054,039	\$0
Net Cost	\$29,158,992	\$33,447,014	\$33,447,014	\$0

Strategic Plan Priority:

These housing programs for current and former foster youth contribute to the Board of Supervisors’ 2024-2027 Strategic Plan priority to ‘Address Homelessness and Lift Up the Most Vulnerable’, Goal (1) Provide short and long-term housing options with wrap-around services to foster well-being and self-sufficiency for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Discussion:

On May 19, 2020, your Board approved two resolutions authorizing the HSA Director to accept youth housing funding allocation awards from HCD. The allocations launched two State-funded programs aimed at ensuring housing stability for transitional-aged foster youth aged 18-24: THP and the former Housing Navigators Program, which has since evolved into the HNMP. During the past four years through the THP and HNMP programs, HSA has helped nearly 200 young adults currently or formerly in foster care learn about housing resources and secure and maintain housing.

In Ventura County, there are 168 young adults 18-24 years of age who are currently or formerly in foster care, including 103 in the Extended Foster Care program. The Extended Foster Care program allows emerging adults 18 to 21 years old who have petitioned to voluntarily remain dependents of the juvenile court to receive support as they transition to independent living. HSA will primarily use THP Round 6 funding to provide direct housing assistance to those transitional-aged youth exiting Extended Foster Care. HSA will use HNMP Round 3 funds to provide housing navigation services to both current and former foster youth ages 18 to 24. The role of a Housing Navigator is to act as a housing specialist to assist young adults with their pursuits of locating available housing and overcoming barriers to securing and maintaining housing. In addition, social workers and probation officers will be provided training on the various housing resources available, as well as methods for identifying unstable housing situations for youth and referring youth to housing

assistance. Together, THP and HNMP will help decrease homelessness amongst vulnerable youth by assisting with housing, security deposits, first month's rent, emergency rental and utility assistance, and emergency temporary hotel assistance. In addition, financial literacy training will be provided to position them for future stability.

Funding allocations for these two programs are based on each county's percentage of the total statewide number of young adults 18 to 24 years of age who are currently or formerly in the foster care or probation systems. Counties are not required to apply for THP or HNMP funds. Instead, HCD requires only that the County sign an annual allocation acceptance form (Exhibit 2) and submit fiscal data and a resolution from your Board. Before your Board today is a resolution (Exhibit 1) required by the State for FY 2024-2025 funding for THP Round 6 and HNMP Round 3, in the amounts of \$329,802 and \$168,962, respectively, and authorizing the HSA Director to sign required documents. Because additional funding is anticipated, the resolution also includes authorization for the HSA Director to accept future funding and sign future agreements related to these programs, upon the review and approval of County Executive Office and County Counsel.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please contact me at 805-477-5301, or Leticia Morales, Interim Deputy Director, Children & Family Services, at 805-477-5311.


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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – FY 2024-25 Joint Resolution for THP Round 6 and HNMP Round 3

Exhibit 2 – Transitional Age Youth Program Allocation Acceptance Form FY 2024-25