



COUNTY of VENTURA

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June 6, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Authorization for the County Executive Officer to Execute a Grant Agreement with Mercy House CHDO, Inc. for Housing and Disability Advocacy Program Targeted Strategic Investment Funding to Support Casa Aliento, a Homekey-funded Permanent Supportive Housing Development; and Authorization for Auditor-Controller to Process Necessary Accounting Transactions to Establish Appropriations and Revenue for Housing and Disability Advocacy Program Targeted Strategic Investment Funds RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 REQUIRES 4/5THS VOTE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Authorize the County Executive Officer, or designee, to execute a grant agreement with Mercy House CHDO, Inc., subject to review and approval by County Counsel as to form, for Housing and Disability Advocacy Program ("HDAP") Targeted Strategic Investment funding from the California Health and Human Services Agency Department of Social Services to support the operations of Casa Aliento, a Homekey funded permanent supportive housing development; and
2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting transactions to establish appropriations and revenues for HDAP Targeted Strategic Investment funds (4/5ths vote required);

INCREASE UNIT 1030-1034	Services and Supplies	\$ 1,000,000
INCREASE UNIT 1030-1034	Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 1,000,000

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACTS:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	State of California Department 1:1 Match (multiple sources – see discussion)
Funding Match Required:	Minimal
Impact on Other Departments:	

	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24</u>
Revenue	1,000,000	-
Costs		
Direct	1,000,000	-
Indirect-Agency/Dept	-	-
Indirect-County CAP	-	-
Total Costs	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net County Cost	-	-
Recovered Indirect Costs	-	-

FY 2022-23 Budget Projection for CEO Various Grants – Division 1030				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 144,100	\$ 10,693,022	\$ 10,693,022	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 144,100	\$ 6,803,021	\$ 6,795,521	(\$ 7,500)
Net Cost	\$ 0	\$ 3,890,001	\$ 3,897,501	(\$ 7,500)

DISCUSSION

The State of California Health and Human Services Agency Department of Social Services (“CDSS”) administers HDAP program funding to provide housing supports and disability benefit application assistance and advocacy to people who are likely eligible for disability benefits and who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

On September 13, 2021, CDSS released Notice of Funding for the HDAP program which included an allocation of funding under Targeted Strategic Investments. Targeted

Strategic Investments funding is available as one-time funding to support evidence-based and best practice initiatives towards ending homelessness and improving benefits outcomes for people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. The County of Ventura submitted an application to support the operations of Homekey-funded permanent supportive housing units.

Match funding for the HDAP Targeted Strategic Investment funds will be provided through a combination of Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funding invested in the shelter operations on-site and HOME-American Rescue Plan Act funding committed to the project to support capital and operations. The exact amount of match from each source will be determined in partnership with CDSS.

Given the timing of the funds and available match funding, HDAP Targeted Strategic Investment funds will be provided as a grant to Mercy House CHDO, Inc. to support operational losses at Casa Aliento associated with Homekey-funded units restricted at or below 30% of Area Median Income for persons experiencing homelessness and vulnerable to COVID-19. The project team for Casa Aliento intends to close all construction financing and begin renovations this summer to convert the interim housing units currently being operated on-site to permanent housing in 2024.

Funds must be encumbered, or under contract, by June 30, 2023. Encumbrance of funds is demonstrated by execution of a grant agreement for the HDAP Targeted Strategic Investment funds.

This item has been reviewed by the offices of the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel. If you have questions regarding this item, please contact Christy Madden at 654-2679.

Sincerely,



Christy Madden
Senior Deputy Executive Officer



Sevet Johnson, PsyD
County Executive Officer