



# COUNTY OF VENTURA HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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**Subject: Ratification of the Submission of an Application for Funding and Participation in a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Data Pilot Initiative; and Authorization for the Human Services Agency Director, or Designee, to Accept Funding and to Sign any Agreements Related to this Opportunity, Subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel Review and Approval.**

**Recommendations:**

1. Ratify the submission of a self-nomination package to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Data Collaborative (TDC) to fund HSA's participation in the TANF Data Pilot Initiative (TDC Pilot Initiative).
2. Authorize the Human Services Agency (HSA) Director, or designee, to accept funding and to sign any agreements related to this opportunity, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval.

**Reason for Ratification:**

The request for nomination packages to be considered for the TDC Pilot Initiative was announced in Summer 2019, and applications were due to the TDC by September 30, 2019. Due to the short time frame to coordinate and prepare the documents, HSA was unable to come to your Board for approval prior to submittal. HSA received approval from the County Executive Office to apply and provided all final documents. Therefore, we are returning to your Board at the earliest date for ratification of the submission of a self-nomination application as required pursuant to the County grants policy.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

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

**Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:**

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>	<u>FY 2020-21</u>
Revenue:		
Direct:	\$25,000	\$100,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Costs:		
Direct	\$25,000	\$100,000
Indirect Costs	Minimal	Minimal
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Net County Cost Incl. Indirect</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

There are no new Net County Costs associated with this funding. If awarded, HSA will allocate revenue and appropriations as part of the FY 2020-21 Budget process. No additional appropriations or budgetary adjustments are requested at this time. The above summary of revenue and costs are estimates, where awards range from \$125,000 to \$175,000 over a 30-month project period.

<b>FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget for HSA-Administration – BU 3411</b>				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$11,261,795	\$11,261,795	\$11,261,795	-0-
Revenue	\$8,581,377	\$8,581,377	\$8,581,377	-0-
Net Cost	\$2,680,418	\$2,680,418	\$2,680,418	-0-

<b>FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget for HSA – AFS - BU 3412</b>				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$16,968,803	\$16,968,803	\$16,968,803	-0-
Revenue	\$13,200,000	\$13,200,000	\$13,200,000	-0-
Net Cost	\$3,768,803	\$3,768,803	\$3,768,803	-0-

**Discussion:**

The federal Administration for Children and Families Office of Family Assistance and Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation announced a nomination and funding opportunity for state, territory or county TANF agencies to participate in the TDC Pilot Initiative. Self-nominations were accepted. Up to eight eligible entities will be selected to take part in a pilot that supports data-driven projects related to employment of TANF recipients (known as CalWORKs participants in California). The TDC Pilot Initiative will provide expert consultation, structured technical assistance, and hands-on training to the selected pilot sites to support data integration efforts at the local, state and federal levels, as well as skill-

building in data analytics, statistics, computer science and public management. The TDC Pilot Initiative will support efforts to routinely use TANF and other administrative data to inform policy and practice, with the intention to improve employment and well-being outcomes for individuals and families.

On September 30, 2019, HSA submitted a self-nomination package to the TDC to be considered for the TDC Pilot Initiative. Selected sites for the TDC Pilot Initiative will receive funding to plan and implement a multi-year project that leverages TANF and other administrative data to inform program improvement. Entities are expected to be selected by November 30, 2019, and TDC Pilot Initiative activities are expected to begin in January 2020. Funding resources could range from \$125,000 to \$175,000 over a 30-month period to support targeted hands-on training, one-on-one support from TANF data analytic experts and peer learning opportunities.

We request that your Board ratify the submission of a self-nomination package to the TDC for inclusion of HSA in the TDC Pilot Initiative. We also request that your Board authorize the HSA Director, or designee, to accept funding and to sign any agreements related to this opportunity, subject to County Executive Office and County Counsel review and approval.

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Focus Area #4: Community Well Being: Strategic Goal #2: "Ensure that individuals and families are provided timely and efficient assistance to meet/sustain basic needs, and transition quickly into pathways of productivity and self-sufficiency."

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, Marissa Mach, Deputy Director, Adult and Family Services Department, at 805-477-5323, or Jennie Pittman, Deputy Director for Administrative Services, at 805-477-5340.



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Attachments:  
Exhibit 1-TANF Data Collaborative Pilot Nomination Package