



# COUNTY OF VENTURA HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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October 22, 2019

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Subject: Authorize the Submission of a Grant Application to the California Department of Social Services for the Bringing Families Home Program.**

**Recommendation:**

Authorize the submission of a grant application to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the Bringing Families Home program.

**Fiscal/Mandates Impact:**

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	State
Funding Match Required:	Yes, \$1:\$1 match required.
Impact on other Departments:	None

**Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:**

	<u>FY2019-20</u>	<u>FY 2020-21 to</u> <u>FY 2021-22</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Direct	\$157,410	\$804,540
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$157,410</b>	<b>\$804,540</b>
<b>Costs:</b>		
Direct	\$314,820	\$1,609,080
Indirect Costs	Minimal	Minimal
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$314,820</b>	<b>\$1,609,080</b>
<b>Net County Cost</b>	<b>\$157,410</b>	<b>\$804,540</b>

If awarded, there are possible new Net County Costs of up to \$961,950 over the three-fiscal year grant period, depending on the approved grant amount. The Human Services Agency (HSA) will leverage General Fund within HSA's current budget to the extent possible, and

work with the County Executive Office should any additional resources be needed to accomplish the match and program staffing. HSA will then return to your Board with any necessary requests for staffing, appropriations, budget adjustments and Net County Costs associated with this funding, once final program adjustments are made to align with funding received.

<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-

<b>FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget for HSA – CFS - BU 3413</b>				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$57,196,889	\$57,196,889	\$57,196,889	-0-
Revenue	\$40,443,000	\$40,443,000	\$40,443,000	-0-
Net Cost	\$16,753,889	\$16,753,889	\$16,753,889	-0-

**Discussion:**

The Bringing Families Home (BFH) program, created by Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2016), is intended to help reduce the number of families in the child welfare system experiencing homelessness, increase family reunification, and prevent foster care placements. HSA is preparing a grant application to submit to CDSS for BFH services. HSA's Children and Family Services department, in partnership with HSA's Adult and Family Services-Homeless Services program, by utilizing Homeless Services Social Workers, will offer case management services to help eligible families secure and stabilize housing. Program details are currently being developed along with the program budget, a substantial portion of which will be dedicated to direct rental assistance for families. It is anticipated that over a three-year period, HSA will be requesting up to \$961,950 in grant funding. If awarded, HSA will return to your Board with full program details, which may include the request for new staff positions, and to accept any funding associated with this program. Attached as Exhibit 1 is an All County Letter announcing the program.

We request that your Board authorize HSA to submit a grant application to CDSS by the deadline of October 31, 2019, for the Bringing Families Home program.

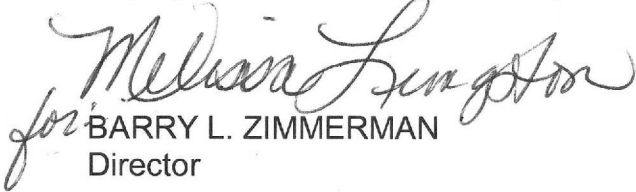
This request is consistent with County Strategic Plan Focus Area #4: Community Well-Being, Strategic Goal #3: Ensure that children at risk receive the best treatment services to achieve the greatest success.

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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, Judy Webber, Deputy Director, Children and Family Services, at 805-477-5311, or Marissa Mach, Deputy Director, Adult and Family Services, at 805-477-5323.

  
for BARRY L. ZIMMERMAN  
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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 - Bringing Families Home All County Letter