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Subject: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Human Services Agency Director to Accept Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Transitional Housing Program Funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution (Exhibit 1) authorizing the Human Services Agency (HSA) Director to accept Transitional Housing Program funding from, and to sign any related agreements with, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	California Department of Housing and Community Development
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on other Departments:	None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

	<u>FY 2021-2022</u>	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>
Revenue:		
Direct:	\$64,000	\$0
Total Revenue	\$64,000	\$0

Costs:

Direct	\$64,000	\$0
Indirect Costs	Minimal	Minimal
Total Costs	\$64,000	\$0

Net County Cost **\$0** **\$0**

There are no Net County Costs associated with this action. There are sufficient revenue and appropriations in the currently Adopted Budget for FY 2021-2022, which were allocated through the annual Budget process.

Current FY 2021-2022 Adopted Budget for HSA Children and Family Services – BU 3413				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$65,762,948	\$68,194,932	\$68,194,932	\$0
Revenue	\$44,590,000	\$44,590,000	\$44,590,000	\$0
Net Cost	\$21,172,948	\$23,604,932	\$23,604,932	\$0

Discussion:

On May 19, 2020, your Board approved two resolutions authorizing the HSA Director to accept youth housing funding awards from the state and to sign the related allocation acceptance forms and any future related forms necessary to receive the funds. The allocations were from two new state funding programs aimed at ensuring housing stability for transition-aged foster youth: the Transitional Housing Program (THP) and the Housing Navigator Program (HNP). THP is a three-year program beginning in late FY 2019-2020, while HNP was a one-time funding allocation made in late FY 2019-2020.

Counties are not required to apply for THP funds. Instead, the state requires only that the County sign the annual allocation acceptance form, and submit fiscal data and a resolution from your Board. Before your Board today is a resolution required by the state in a format mandated by the state for FY 2021-2022 funding for THP (Exhibit 1), in the amount of \$64,000.

Funding Details: In 2021, the Legislature appropriated and directed HCD to allocate \$8 million in funding to county child welfare agencies to help transition-aged youth 18 to 25 years old secure and maintain housing, with priority given to young adults formerly in the foster care or probation systems, with funding reauthorized in the Budget Act of 2021, for the third and final round of funding for this program. HCD consulted with the Department of Social Services, the Department of Finance, and the County Welfare Directors Association of California to develop a formula allocation schedule to distribute these funds to counties. The allocation is based on each county's percentage of the total statewide number of adults aged 18 to 25 years in foster care.

HSA will use these funds to support non-minor dependents (NMDs) entering or leaving the Extended Foster Care program. NMDs are former foster children 18 to 21 years old who have petitioned to remain dependents of the juvenile court to receive support as they transition into independent living. The funding will help increase the transitional housing program rate provided to NMDs to align more closely with the fair market housing rate for Ventura County. The program will be managed with existing staff.

We recommend that your Board adopt the FY 2021-2022 resolution authorizing the HSA Director, or designee, to accept funding and to sign related agreements for the THP state allocation.

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 Judy Webber, Deputy Director, Child and Family Services, at 805-477-5311.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Livingston".

Melissa Livingston
Director

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – 2020-2021 Resolution for Transitional Housing Program Funding