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

SUBJECT: Authorize the County Executive Officer or Designee to Accept Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP-3) 2022 Funds from the State of California in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$4,829,424.43; Endorse Funding Recommendations of the Ventura County Continuum of Care; and Ratify and Authorize the County Executive Officer or Designee to Enter into HHAP-3 2022 Contracts for the Term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026, with the State and Entities Recommended for Funding Following Review and Approval by County Counsel

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that your Board adopt the following:

- 1. Authorize the acceptance of HHAP-3 2022 funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$4,829,424.43;
- 2. Endorse the recommended funding allocations of the Ventura County Continuum of Care Board approved on July 13, 2022, and September 14, 2022; and,
- 3. Ratify and authorize the County Executive Officer, or her designee, to enter into HHAP-3 2022 contracts with the State and entities recommended for funding for the term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026, including any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as subrecipient agreements required for implementation of the HHAP-3 program, following review and approval of such documents by County Counsel.

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:

Mandatory:

No

Source of Funding:

California Homeless Housing, Assistance, and

Prevention Program

Funding Match Required:

No

Impact on Other Departments:

Yes; collaboration with County agencies in

collaborating with the Ventura County Continuum of Care to develop an updated homelessness plan with

quantifiable outcomes

Summary	of Revenues and Costs:	FY 2022-23		FY2023-24	
Revenues:		\$ 4,82	9,424	\$	0
Costs:				\$	0
	Direct	\$ 4,82	9,424	\$	0
	Indirect-Dept	\$	0	\$	0
	Indirect-County CAP	\$	0	\$	0
	Total Cost	\$ 4,829,424		\$	0
	Net County Cost	\$	0	\$	0
	Recovered Indirect Costs	\$	0	\$	0

FY 2022-23 Budget Projection for Homeless Housing, Assistance, & Prevention Program – Division 1250								
	Adopted	Adjusted	Projected	Estimated				
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Savings/(Deficit)				
Appropriations	\$ 0	\$ 8,831,194	\$ 8,831,194	\$ 0				
Revenue	\$ 0	\$ 8,831,194	\$ 8,831,194	\$ 0				
Net Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0				

^{*}Sufficient appropriations are included in the FY23 budget.

DISCUSSION

On October 12, 2021, your Board established appropriations and authorized the County Executive Officer (CEO) to apply for \$4,829,424.43 in one-time grant funding from the California Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BSCH) on behalf of both the County and the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VCCoC). The HHAP-3 program was authorized by Assembly Bill 140 (Health & Safety Code § 50218.6, et seq.), which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 19, 2021. One billion dollars in California HHAP-3 funding has been made available to support building regional coordination and a unified response to reduce homelessness across California. The funds available in this third round of HHAP funding is greater than rounds one and two combined. Collectively, the BSCH has allocated the County and VCCoC \$4,829,424.43

in local funding to support program administration (\$338,059.70) and programs (\$4,491,364.73) that align with HHAP-3 objectives. The VCCoC Board finalized funding recommendations for the combined project allocation at its July 13, 2022, and September 14, 2022, board meetings. The recommended projects include rapid-rehousing, operating subsidies, delivery of permanent housing, homeless prevention and shelter diversion and youth specific services, which include homeless prevention and interim sheltering. As the administrative entity for the VCCoC, the CEO will award and execute contracts with Human Services Agency, Spirit of Santa Paula, Health Care Agency Whole Person Care, Mercy House, Turning Point Foundation, California State University Channel Islands and Oxnard College for the grant term from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026, following review and approval by County Counsel and administer funds on behalf of VCCoC.

In addition to the award of \$4,829,424.43, the BSCH further indicated that additional bonus funding may be available if funding obligations and outcome goals requirements are met, but exact amounts are unknown at this time. Should additional funding become available, we will return to your Board for additional appropriations and other approvals related to that request.

Administrative Entities (AEs) are responsible for awarding State HHAP funds locally for eligible activities within their region. State HHAP regulations require that AEs select qualified service providers through a process that meets the following requirements:

- 1. Is a fair and open competition which avoids conflicts of interest;
- 2. Follows procurement requirements of Part 84 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations;
- 3. Evaluates provider capacity and experience, including the ability to deliver services in non-entitlement areas;
- 4. Evaluates eligibility and quality of services, including adherence to "Core Practices" pursuant to Section 50217 of the Health and Safety Code of the State HHAP program regulations;
- 5. Utilizes data and considers community input to identify unmet needs;
- 6. Prioritizes activities that address the highest unmet need, considering other available funding and system-wide performance measures;
- 7. Considers project-level performance measures when evaluating proposals; and,
- 8. Collaborates with other Continuum of Care entities tasked by Housing and Urban Development to administer homeless prevention funding.

In addition, AEs must ensure that funded activities comply with the following requirements:

9. A minimum of 10 percent of the funds awarded must be used for Youth Setaside activities and a maximum of 7 percent of the funds awarded may be used to support administration of the program.

By serving as the AE, our non-profit and community partners can secure funding from the BSCH that they would not otherwise be entitled to receive. In accordance with the state requirements, a solicitation was conducted for HHAP-3 funds that will be passed through the County as the AE. The following represents the VCCoC recommended funding allocation:

Applicant	Project Title	Service Area	Requested	Funding Recommendation
HSA - Homeless Services	Delivery of Permanent Housing	Countywide	\$2,167,187.00	\$1,876,700.00
Spirit of Santa Paula	Interim Sheltering	Countywide	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
HCA - Whole Person Care	Interim Sheltering/ Recuperative Care	Countywide	\$2,740,650.00	\$1,500,000.00
Mercy House	Housing Navigation/ Location Services	Oxnard/ Ventura	\$666,076.00	\$358,576.17
Turning Point Foundation	Rapid Re-housing	Countywide	\$227,484.00	\$183,146.13
California State University Channel Islands	CSUCI Emergency Housing Program (Youth Set-aside 18- 24)	CSUCI Students	\$378,284	\$263,425.43
Oxnard College	Homeless Prevention (Youth Set-aside 18-24)	Oxnard College Students	\$219,517	\$219,517.00
County CEO	Administration			\$338,059.70
	TOTAL	-	=	\$4,829,424.43

In the event that the BSCH makes subsequent minor changes (up to 10%) of the funding amount in the final allocation, it is requested that staff be authorized to make administrative adjustments consistent with review and ranking criteria to align with the final award.

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

Sr. Deputy Executive Officer

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