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December 13, 2022

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

**SUBJECT: Ratification of the Ventura County Behavioral Health Director's Acceptance of California Department of Social Services Community Care Expansion Preservation Program Non-Competitive Funds, in the Amount of \$2,096,756, for Implementation of a Capital Project Program and Operating Subsidy Payment Program to Assist with the Preservation of Ventura County Licensed Adult Residential Facilities.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Ratification of the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) Director's acceptance of California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program non-competitive funds for implementation of a Capital Project (CP) Program and Operating Subsidy Payment (OSP) Program to assist with the preservation of licensed adult residential facilities in Ventura County, in the amount of \$2,096,756 (of which \$563,367 is for the OSP Program and \$1,533,389 is for the CP Program. (Exhibit 1).

**REASON FOR RATIFICATION:**

CDSS notified VCBH of the available non-competitive funds on July 5, 2022, and the deadline to accept the funding was July 15, 2022. Therefore, this timeframe did not leave sufficient time for VCBH to obtain approval from your Board prior to accepting these funds. VCBH notified the County Executive Office (CEO) of the availability of funds and VCBH's intent to accept the funding. VCBH is now presenting this item for Board approval at the earliest opportunity.

**FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:**

**MHSA Division #3260-3273 (ADULT Services)**

Mandatory: No ☒ Yes ☐ Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: CCE Preservation Grant and Proposition 63 (Mental Health Services Act)

Funding Match Required: Yes, MHSA funds

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$ 58,432	\$ 302,512
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$ 58,432	\$ 302,512
Indirect – Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 58,432	\$ 302,512
Net County Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

<b>FY 2022-23 Adjusted Budget for MHSA Services BU #3273</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Actual</b>	<b>Estimated Savings/(Deficit)</b>
Appropriations	\$62,296,650	\$62,879,542	\$62,879,542	0
Revenue	\$57,560,508	\$57,560,508	\$57,560,508	0
Net Cost	\$4,736,142	\$5,319,034	\$5,319,034	0

Note: Sufficient appropriations are included in the FY 2022-23 adjusted budget for MHS Division #3260

**MHL Division #3200-3203 (Adult Services)**

Mandatory: No ☒ Yes ☐ Cite Authority:

Source of Funding: CCE Preservation Grant and 1991 Realignment (Trust N520-717C).

Funding Match Required: Yes, MHSA funds

Impact on Other Department(s): None

	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>	<u>FY 2023-2024</u>
Summary of Revenue and Total Costs		
Revenue:	\$ 58,432	\$ 302,512
Costs:		
Direct Cost	\$ 58,432	\$ 302,512
Indirect – Dept.	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Costs	\$ 58,432	\$ 302,512
Net County Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0

<b>FY 2022-23 Adjusted Budget for MHL Services BU #3203</b>				
	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Projected Actual</b>	<b>Estimated Savings/(Deficit)</b>
Appropriations	\$28,679,340	\$30,265,965	\$30,265,965	0
Revenue	\$26,697,992	\$26,697,992	\$26,697,992	0
Net Cost	\$1,981,348	\$3,567,973	\$3,567,973	0

Note: Sufficient appropriations are included in the FY 2022-23 adjusted budget for MHL Division #3200

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **Recommendations #1:**

California has a shortage of licensed adult and senior care facilities that accept individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP). Adult Residential Facilities or "ARF" include both Board and Care for adults ages 18-59 and Residential Care for the Elderly (RCFE) for people ages 60 plus. These facilities are commonly known as assisted living facilities and can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per month for a private room. Licensed ARFs provide 24-hour care for clients in need of a high level of support but who do not yet require skilled nursing services. Licensed ARFs provide room and board, all meals and snacks, medication management, social and recreational activities and transportation to residents. VCBH contracts with eight (8) licensed ARFs that accept SSI/SSP clients for a total available bed count of 231 beds. The contracted facilities accept people receiving SSI and SSP who endorse their monthly payment to the ARF operator in the amount of \$1,060 per month to cover room and board in addition to all living expenses. Not only is there a shortage of licensed ARFs that accept SSI and SSP, but existing facilities are closing at an alarming rate due to these low payments from high needs residents. Many licensed ARF operators in Ventura County have closed in the last ten years choosing instead to sell their properties.


The CDSS CCE Preservation Program is one part of the total \$805 million CCE program, which was established through Assembly Bill 172, passed by the Legislature in 2021. Funds have been allocated by the State to county governments through a non-competitive award process. Counties are tasked with designing and implementing local programs that will preserve existing licensed adult and senior care facilities and disbursing funds accordingly. Specifically, CCE Preservation Program will fund construction and rehabilitation projects and provide operating subsidies to preserve existing licensed ARFs throughout the State.

On July 5, 2022, VCBH received notice from the CDSS that it was being awarded \$2,096,756 in CCE Preservation Program non-competitive funds, with \$1,533,389 available for CP Program expenses for the period starting August 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026, and \$563,367 available for OSP Program expenses for the period starting August 15, 2022 through June 30, 2029. These funds will be utilized to improve licensed ARFs in Ventura County serving residents who are recipients of SSI/SSP.

The CCE Preservation Program requires VCBH to submit an implementation plan for the utilization and prioritization of CCE Preservation funding by January 15, 2023. VCBH is in the process of developing that implementation plan that is due to CDSS by January 15, 2023.

VCBH recommends ratification of the VCBH Director's acceptance of CDSS CCE Program non-competitive funds for implementation of the CP Program and the OSP Program to assist with the preservation of licensed adult residential facilities in Ventura County, in the combined amount of \$2,096,756 (of which \$563,367 is for the OSP Program and \$1,533,389 is for the CP Program).

This Board Letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor-Controller's Office, County Counsel and Human Resources. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact VCBH Director Scott Gilman at (805) 981-2214 or HCA Assistant Chief Financial Officer Narcisa Egan at (805) 973-5357.

  
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Attachment:

Exhibit 1 – CCE Preservation Program Award Letter