The County of Yuba
Health and Human Services Department

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution authorizing the Director to accept funding from the California Department of Social Services for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program

DATE: November 8, 2022

NUMBER: 571/2022

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Resolution of the Board:

1. Authorizing the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Director to submit a Director’s Certification to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for Yuba County’s Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Noncompetitive Allocation funding and any subsequent funds allocated; and

2. Authorizing the HHSD Director to submit an Application to CDSS for HDAP Targeted Strategic Investment funding and any subsequent funds made available; and

3. Authorizing the HHSD Director to: execute, subject to review and approval of County Counsel, all documents as required by the Certifications/Applications and the resultant allocations/awards for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 including subsequently extended term; execute agreements, memorandums of understanding (MOUs) or amendments developed under HDAP, including but not limited to amendments for additional or lesser funding; and accept, transfer and allocate all HDAP funds and any subsequent funds allocated/awarded for the stated period.

Background:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has made funds available to establish, continue, and expand housing and homelessness assistance through the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP). The HDAP is a locally administered program that provides housing supports and disability benefit application assistance and advocacy to people likely eligible for disability benefits and
experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. HDAP is intended to support participants in meeting two important goals – securing disability benefits and stabilizing in permanent housing.

Grantees must offer all four of the following core components of HDAP:

1. **Outreach**: Identifying need, targeting resources, and/or connecting likely eligible individuals to HDAP services, including screening and assessment activities.

2. **Case Management**: Care coordination intended to help clients navigate and address barriers to housing and disability benefits, including connections to Medi-Cal, CalFresh, behavioral health agencies, legal aid, etc.

3. **Disability Benefits Advocacy**: Seeking any and all disability benefits the client may be eligible to receive as appropriate, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Social Security Retirement or Survivors Benefits, Veterans’ Disability Compensation benefits, and the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI).

4. **Housing Assistance**: Finding and securing interim and permanent housing, maintaining current housing, and stabilizing in new housing. Activities include direct financial assistance such as rental subsidies rental arrearages, interim housing, landlord mediation, landlord incentives, landlord outreach, and housing identification and search activities.

**Discussion:**

The CDSS has Noncompetitive Allocation funding available for all fifty-eight (58) counties and two (2) continuing tribes. Counties and two continuing tribes must sign and submit a Director’s Certification to accept these funds, which do not have a match requirement and must be expended by June 30, 2025. The CDSS also has Targeted Strategic Investment funding available for all counties and tribes that can be used to target a program area the grantee plans to improve, expand, enhance or pilot. Counties and tribes must submit an Application to receive the Targeted Strategic Investment funds, which requires a dollar-for-dollar match and must be expended by June 30, 2024.

In the current fiscal year, Yuba County HDAP has supported ten (10) clients, and by receiving the non-competitive HDAP allocation, HHSD anticipates providing outreach, case management, disability income advocacy, and housing assistance to stabilize ten (10) additional clients. If awarded additional dollars through the TSI, HHSD will enhance client service delivery by exploring and implementing new best practices in housing.

**Committee Action:**

The Human Services Committee was by-passed as this is a routine request.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The CDSS has allocated $292,042 of HDAP FY 2022-23 Noncompetitive Allocation funding to Yuba County and HHSD seeks to submit a Director’s Certification to accept this funding. Additionally, HHSD seeks to submit an Application for and be awarded HDAP Targeted Strategic Investment (TSI) funding in the amount of $200,000. If the TSI funding is awarded, this will require a county match of
$200,000. To meet this requirement, HHSD has identified $50,000 from our General Assistance/General Relief budget, and $150,000 from Adult Protective Services, Title XIX funding.

General Fund: The grant requires a County Match component which is included in the approved HHSD budget, and identified for this purpose: $50,000 GAGR Agency Admin (Acct#100-5400-453-53-02)

Non-General Fund: $642,042
Source of Funds: State and Federal Funds

Attachments:

571/2022 Resolution for CDSS Housing and Disability Advocacy Program
571/2022 ACWDL for CDSS Programs - requirements