

# The County of Yuba

## Health and Human Services Department

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Jennifer Vasquez, Director  
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Health and Human Services Department

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

**DATE:** February 13, 2024

**NUMBER:** 35/2024

### ***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 and other required documents to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for Yuba County's Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Noncompetitive Allocation funding and any subsequent funds allocated; and
2. Authorizing the HHSD Director to: execute, subject to review and approval of County Counsel, all documents as required by the Certifications and the resultant allocations for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 including subsequently extended term; execute amendments developed under HDAP, including but not limited to amendments for additional or lesser funding; and accept, transfer and administer all HDAP funds and any subsequent funds allocated 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 seventeen (17) continuing tribes. Counties and continuing tribes must sign and submit a Director's Certification along with other required documents to accept these funds, which have a dollar-for-dollar match requirement and must be expended by June 30, 2025.

The CDSS has allocated \$100,000 of HDAP FY 2023-24 Noncompetitive Allocation funding to Yuba County and HHSD seeks to submit a Director's Certification to accept this funding. To meet the County match required, HHSD has identified \$100,000 from General Assistance/General Relief budget. Because this year the Budget Act of 2023 only provides for the annual ongoing HDAP funding and does not include the significant one-time funding augmentations that were provided in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23, the County's allocation is approximately one-third of what it was last year. Therefore, HHSD is requesting additional funds in the amount of \$100,000 from CDSS, if available, beyond what HHSD has been allocated. If this additional funding is allocated, it will require a \$100,000 County match. To meet this requirement, HHSD has identified \$100,000 from Adult Protective Services, Title XIX funding.

Last fiscal year, Yuba County HDAP supported ten (10) clients in obtaining and retaining permanent housing and disability benefits and an additional fourteen (14) clients with outreach, case management, and disability income advocacy. By receiving the non-competitive HDAP allocation, HHSD anticipates providing these services to this current caseload plus an additional five (5) clients.

***Committee Action:***

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

***Fiscal Impact:***

Budget

- Board Approved FY 2023-24 Budget Appropriations

Total Projected Cost

- Up to \$200,000 from state + up to \$200,000 for County match = \$400,000

Source of Funds

- General Assistance: \$100,000
  - General Assistance/General Relief (County match requirement for allocation)
- Non-General Fund: \$300,000 State and Federal Funding
  - California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)
  - Adult Protective Services, Title XIX funding (County match requirement for requested additional funds)

***Attachments:***

35-2024 Resolution for CDSS Housing and Disability Advocacy Program

30-2024 ACWDL (dated 11-6-23) for CDSS Housing and Disability Advocacy Program