



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HOUSING

File #: 16-469

Board Meeting Date: 8/8/2017

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Ken Cole, Director, Department of Housing
Subject: 2017 State of California Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing:

- A) The Department of Housing to accept \$362,272 in State ESG Funding and to award that funding to qualified service providers through a NOFA process that meets the requirements of State ESG Regulations; and
- B) The Director of the Department of Housing, or the Director's designee, to execute a Standard Agreement with the State and any subsequent amendments, documents, and modifications that are related to the ESG Program or Funds.

BACKGROUND:

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD or Department) administers the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program with funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The federal ESG program provides funding to (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) increase the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents; and (5) prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

The State of California 2016-17 budget authorized funding for the new California Emergency Solutions Grants (CA ESG) program (SB 837 Section 72). The CA ESG program generally will be administered by the State of California HCD in a manner consistent with the federal ESG program as listed above, and in addition, the CA ESG program may facilitate technical assistance activities to improve the capacity of grantees and the Continuum of Care to end homelessness.

HCD released the 2017 Notice of Funding Availability for the Continuum of Care Allocation (State NOFA) on June 6, 2017, which included funds for both federal ESG and CA ESG. The ESG

allocation for San Mateo County is \$362,272, of which \$349,490 is available for distribution and \$12,782 is available for direct administrative or program costs. As part of the application requirements for the State NOFA, HCD is requiring applicants to obtain a Governing Board Authorizing Resolution that must substantially conform to the sample resolution provided by HCD. In accordance with said application requirements, the accompanying resolution also includes an Attachment A that is formatted in a way that differs from the standard County resolution in order to comply with this application requirements of the State NOFA and which must be executed contemporaneously with the standard County resolution.

DISCUSSION:

The Department of Housing (DOH) currently administers ESG funding directly allocated to the County by HUD. The development of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the County's ESG Entitlement funding from HUD and allocation recommendations of ESG funding has been done in collaboration with the County of San Mateo Human Services Agency (HSA). HSA is the lead agency for the local Continuum of Care and brings that group together to prioritize funding needs. DOH issues the NOFA, gathers responses and works with CoC, through HSA, to review and score applications, select recipients, and determine funding levels. The methodology for awarding the County ESG Entitlement funding was expanded in the most recent NOFA to include State ESG funding specified in the CA ESG Program.

On December 6, 2016, the DOH issued a NOFA inviting applications from qualified service providers to provide eligible activities to address homelessness under the federal ESG and CA ESG programs. A total of \$349,490 is available. Under State Regulation (25 CCR § 8403(i)) as an Administrative Entity, San Mateo County is required to award no less than 40% of available State ESG funding to rapid re-housing activities. The remaining funds will be available to fund the following eligible activities: (1) to operate emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families and/or (2) to increase number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families. DOH received six (6) responses to the ESG funding category. Staff from DOH and HSA evaluated all the applications and made the following funding recommendations:

Estimated State ESG funding will be allocated as set out in the table below:

| Funding Category | Name of Provider | Recommended Funding |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Shelter Services | CORA | \$28,105.50 |
| Shelter Services | Home & Hope | \$85,488.50 |
| Shelter Services | Samaritan House | \$57,994.50 |
| Shelter Services | StarVista | \$38,105.50 |
| Shelter Services SUBTOTAL | | \$209,694 |
| Rapid Re-Housing | LifeMoves | \$139,796 |
| State ESG Funding for Distribution TOTAL | | \$349,490 |

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Approval of these actions contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community in that they enable the receipt of funding critical to a spectrum of activities that help vulnerable residents

achieve a sustainable quality of life.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

| Measure | FY 2016-17 Actual | FY 2017-18 Projected |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| # of households sheltered | N/A | TBD |
| # of households re-housed | N/A | TBD |

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no net County cost. State ESG funds are pass-through federal funding that will be administered by DOH.