



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 19-522

Board Meeting Date: 6/4/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Nicole Pollack, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Acceptance of United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
Continuum of Care Planning Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, accepting grant funds to be used towards Continuum of Care homeless system planning and coordination in the amount of \$256,339 for a 12-month period.

BACKGROUND:

The Human Services Agency (HSA) coordinates homeless services, in collaboration with County and community partners, in alignment with the County's Strategic Plan to End Homelessness.

HSA has been designated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as the lead Continuum of Care (CoC) agency for San Mateo County. As the CoC lead agency, HSA ensures compliance with HUD CoC regulations, implements and oversees the Coordinated Entry System, completes federal reporting, and coordinates the community's annual grant application to HUD for CoC funding to support homeless services in the community.

HSA applied for a CoC grant in the 2017 CoC funding competition and was awarded grant funds. HUD has provided the grant agreement for signature, and the 12-month award period will be determined by HUD and HSA upon grant execution.

DISCUSSION:

This grant will be utilized to support staff time and technical assistance services to meet HUD CoC requirements and to coordinate the system of homeless services in the community. Funded activities include completing the annual CoC funding competition to maximize the amount of HUD CoC funding awarded to programs in San Mateo County, data analysis and submission of federal reports, implementing the Coordinated Entry System, maintenance of the required CoC community committees, and conducting the bi-annual One Day Homeless Count. The annual CoC funding

competition brings more than \$12 million in HUD CoC funds to community-based programs in San Mateo County that provide permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and interim housing services.

HSA plans to continue to apply for these funds on an annual basis to continue to support staff and consultant costs related to CoC planning activities and requirements.

Acceptance of this CoC grant contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing funding to support planning and coordination of the homeless crisis response system and working to maximize the amount of HUD CoC funding received by programs within San Mateo County.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY2019-20 Target
Anticipated HUD CoC funding awarded to programs in San Mateo County via the competitive HUD CoC application process	\$12.7 million

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a revenue generating agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 2017 Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant. Budgetary appropriation for this revenue agreement is included in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 Recommended Budgets. There is no Net County Cost associated with this agreement.