June 7, 2022

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Whole Person Care report regarding draft Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 3 (HHAP-3) goals.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:
1. Accept report regarding Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 3 draft goals.

SUMMARY: On January 25, 2022, your Board authorized the Department to accept a $2,991,986 multi-year grant through June 30, 2026 in Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program grant funds from the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC).

This award of $2,991,986, represents a $1,444,407 County allocation and a $1,547,579 Continuum of Care allocation must be distributed in collaboration with the Homeless Policy Steering Committee (HPSC), Marin’s Continuum of Care board. A requirement of the HHAP-3 funding is to develop strategic outcome goals based on landscape analysis. Per the terms of the grant, the draft version of these goals must be agendized at a regular meeting of the governing body, allowing the public an opportunity to provide input.

The HPSC has identified the following draft goals for its $1,547,579 Continuum of Care allocation (which were also included in the January 2022 Board letter):

- Additional street outreach (in the amount of $500,000)
- Family case management (in the amount of $562,436, over 5 years)
- Acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of permanent housing, with bonus points in the request for proposal (RFP) for projects serving families (in the amount of $330,385)
- Projects to serve homeless transition-age youth (in the amount of $154,758 – required 10% youth set-aside)

The Department will review and consider the comments received regarding the draft goals from both your Board and the public, finalize the goals, and proceed with grant implementation to address homelessness in our community, returning to your Board as needed for approval of related contacts. Achieving the goals will allow the Department to be eligible for potential additional funds.
COMMUNITY BENEFITS: Presenting these draft goals developed by the Homelessness Policy Steering Committee allows the community to provide input to ensure these goals are both ambitious and achievable. The HHAP grant funding provides additional funding for homeless housing in Marin. Clients are prioritized for the funded program(s) through Marin's Coordinated Entry program, ensuring that the most vulnerable, highest-needs people experiencing homelessness would be prioritized, in alignment with your Board’s commitment to Housing First.

EQUITY IMPACT: African Americans and Latinx people face many barriers that ensure they remain on the lowest end of the economic spectrum and are therefore significantly overrepresented in Marin’s homeless population. Providing resources for homeless families, who are disproportionately African American and Latinx even compared to the general homeless population, directly addresses this inequity by providing case management and support in finding permanent housing, dramatically reducing the risk of generational homelessness and trauma for the children. All the HHAP-3 goals being presented today will include an equity component.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal component associated with this item. All programming is supported by grant funding awarded.

Reviewed By:

- County Administrator [X] N/A [ ]
- Department of Finance [ ] N/A [X]
- County Counsel [ ] N/A [X]
- Human Resources [ ] N/A [X]

Respectfully submitted,

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