



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Staci Chastain PHONE: 559-624-8000				

SUBJECT: Approve a grant from Capture Cares Foundation

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the submission of a grant application retroactive from June 5, 2019 to the Capture Cares Foundation in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 in funding to be used for the local homeless population. This application is retroactive due the grant being released May 10, 2019 and time needed to develop a plan and work with external partners, during the development of the grant, making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to the June 5, 2019 submission;
2. Find that the Board had authority to submit this application as of June 5, 2019, and that it was in the County's best interest to submit it on that date;
3. Ratify and authorize the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee's authorization to submit the grant application;
4. Approve a grant from the Capture Cares Foundation to accept one-time funding in the amount of \$25,000 to initiate the Tulare County P.A.C.K. (Project Access Care Kit) effort to provide supply kits to the local homeless population effective from September 30, 2019 through March 31, 2020;
5. Approve the necessary budget adjustment per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required); and

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6. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign four (4) copies of agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Public Health Branch recognizes the value of addressing the needs of Tulare County's homeless population and providing this population with preventive services. Homelessness is steadily rising within Tulare County with annual Point in Time Count numbers revealing an increase in total homeless population by over 40% since 2013. As of 2019, 70% of Tulare County's homeless population was unsheltered. While there are longstanding efforts locally to connect the homeless population with current resources, many homeless are unwilling to leave their most valuable possessions behind and many will choose not to seek services in order to safeguard belongings, eventually leading to poorer health and social outcomes.

Working in partnership with the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance and HHSA homeless coordinator, Tulare County Public Health will leverage networks in place to implement a project to provide resources to individuals experiencing homelessness. Funds secured through the receipt of the Capture Cares Foundation grant will be used to purchase backpacks and other tangible items for individuals experiencing homelessness. Items to be included in the backpacks have been selected to address hygiene, safety, and public health concerns. Additionally, the Public Health Branch will work with community partners to include resource information in effort to increase access to care.

Capture Cares, a non-profit entity, released a funding opportunity on May 10, 2019 that allowed eligible agencies to develop a project that aligns with the Agency's Mission Statement of, "Healthy children and adults, supportive families, thriving communities". The proposed project strengthens our ability to support individuals experiencing homelessness. Due to the time it took to develop a plan and coordinate with external partners, it was not possible for us to get the grant application to the board prior to submission due date of June 15, 2019.

HHSA plans to distribute supplies purchased through the Tulare County PACK program at a range of outreach efforts throughout Tulare County. HHSA hopes this distribution plan will increase attendance at Project Homeless Connect events and allow for more effective outreach and engagement through HHSA's newly formed Multidisciplinary Homeless Outreach team. This engagement will allow for the Branch to address access to care by ensuring backpack recipients are currently enrolled in healthcare plans and have a primary care provider. If they are not enrolled/do not have a primary care provider, Medi-Cal eligibility will be determined and assist in the selection of a primary care provider. Outreach initiatives will connect participants with enabling services, warming shelters, and street nursing outreach. This program is anticipated to provide backpacks to over 500 homeless residents of Tulare County.

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The following terms deviate substantially from the County's standard boilerplate: 1) The Grant Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Texas; 2) Any legal proceedings or actions arising from the Grant Agreement must be heard in the State or Federal courts in Texas; 3) Grantor may terminate the grant and withhold payments for cause in its sole discretion; and 4) The County will sign first.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Capture Cares Community Mission Grant will provide a one-time payment of \$25,000 to be distributed during Fiscal Year 2019/2020 to be used for the Tulare County PACK initiative.

The purpose of the attached AUD 308 is to increase the fiscal year appropriation Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget by \$25,000, which incorporates the projects revenues and expenses. There is no net cost to the County General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative that promotes public health and welfare, educational opportunities, natural resources management and continued improvement of environmental quality. This project will serve Tulare County's homeless population by connecting individuals to services and to improve health and social outcomes.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Karen M. Elliott
Public Health Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement
Grant Application
AUD 308

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN
AGREEMENT WITH CAPTURE
CARES FOUNDATION**

) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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