



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: February 11, 2020 REVISED

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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Charles Felix PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Redirect Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program allocation to the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance for grant administration

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution redirecting the County of Tulare's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program allocation to the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance for the purposes of grant administration and making the funding available to local cities and homeless service providers through a competitive grant application.
2. Authorize the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee to sign the intent to redirect program allocation form.

SUMMARY:

The California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council has made available a \$650 million block grant to Continuum of Care, county, and large city applicants through the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program (HHAP). Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is requesting authorization to redirect the County of Tulare HHAP allocation to the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance (Homeless Alliance) – the bi-county continuum of care – for grant administration.

HHAP direct allocations are based on annually conducted Point-in-Time counts, which function as the local homeless census. The County of Tulare has been

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allocated \$894,561.67 through HHAP, while the Homeless Alliance has been allocated \$1,253,397.58. In total, by pooling funding with the Homeless Alliance, HHSA hopes to make available \$2,147,959.25 to cities and homeless service providers through a local competition for new and existing homeless projects.

HHSA believes pooling the County of Tulare HHAP allocation with the Homeless Alliance's allocation is optimal for the community for a number reasons, including the Homeless Alliance's proven expertise in homeless program administration. A core function of the Homeless Alliance as the federally-designated continuum of care is to administer local homeless funding. For over a decade, the Homeless Alliance has overseen federal, state, and local grants that function as the backbone for the County of Tulare Homeless system. In recent years, the role of the Homeless Alliance has expanded tremendously, as an increasing number of new programs like the State's Homeless Emergency Aid Program and California Emergency Solutions and Housing program earmark the local continuum care as the administrative entity for funding. Even with this significant growth, the Homeless Alliance has continually demonstrated the capacity to successfully oversee funding for the local homeless system.

Furthermore, HHSA has had success previously pooling homeless funding with the Homeless Alliance. In 2019, HHSA co-developed the Pool for Homeless Initiatives Locally, an integrated funding platform that serves as a one-stop application for local homeless funding opportunities. Through this platform, HHSA made available its State Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation together with a number of allocations to the Homeless Alliance to successfully fund projects that required financing from multiple sources to be financially viable, including first-of-their-kind low-barrier housing projects in Visalia and Porterville. This platform was recognized for its innovation and potential during the 2019 California State Association of Counties Challenge Awards competition.

To help ensure projects funded with the County of Tulare HHAP allocation are congruent with local needs, HHSA collected feedback from the Task Force on Homelessness and worked with the Homeless Alliance to distribute a survey on funding priorities. Identified priorities are: i) Landlord incentives; ii) Operating subsidies (for existing interim housing projects that do not have a source on ongoing funding); iii) Outreach & Coordination (to assist vulnerable populations in accessing permanent housing and to promote housing stability in supportive housing); and iv) Systems support (for activities necessary to create partnerships and maintain a functioning homeless and housing delivery system).

HHSA hopes cities and homeless service providers use this opportunity to implement the objectives identified in *Pathway Home*, the countywide homeless strategic plan. To help ensure funding priorities are carried forward, HHSA plans to work in tandem with the Homeless Alliance to create the application for receiving and scoring project proposals, and also to participate in the committee that will select projects that are awarded funding through this opportunity.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no application or administrative fee associated with this program. This program is 100% state funded with no local match requirement. There is no additional 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 to promote public health and welfare for all individuals in Tulare County. Redirecting the County of Tulare HHAP allocation allows stakeholders increased resources to develop programs improving the welfare of the local homeless community.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Timothy Lutz
Agency Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Resolution redirecting HHAP Program allocation
Power Point presentation
Allocation Form

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

IN THE MATTER OF REDIRECT THE)
HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND) Resolution No. _____
PREVENTION PROGRAM ALLOCATION TO) Agreement No. _____
KINGS/TULARE HOMELESS ALLIANCE)
FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION

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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1. Adopted the attached resolution redirecting the County of Tulare's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program allocation to the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance for the purpose of making the funding available to cities and homeless service providers through a local competitive grant application.
2. Authorized the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency Director or designee to sign the intent to redirect program allocation form.

WHEREAS, homelessness has reached crisis-level in the nation, state, and the County of Tulare; and

WHEREAS, effective coordination is a hallmark of a functioning homeless response system; and

WHEREAS, the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance, as the local continuum of care, has extensive experience administering grants for homeless programs; and

WHEREAS, the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council has made available \$650 million to counties, large cities, and continuum of care applicants – including the County of Tulare and Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance – through the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program (HHAP); and

WHEREAS, local homeless efforts would be facilitated through the County of Tulare and Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance coordinating their respective HHAP allocations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare redirects the County of Tulare's HHAP allocation to the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance for grant administration and making the funding available to interested parties through a competitive grant application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20____, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTENTIONS: _____

ABSENT: _____

Signature of County Attesting Officer:

[Signature]

Printed Name and Title of County Attesting Officer:

Signature of County Board of Supervisors Chairman:

Signature of Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance

Authorized Representative:

Printed Name and Title of Kings/Tulare Homeless

Alliance Authorized Representative:



CALIFORNIA HOMELESS COORDINATING AND FINANCING COUNCIL

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Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) Intent to Redirect Program Allocation

The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) is requesting all eligible applicants that wish to redirect their program applications to another eligible jurisdiction submit their intent to do so by November 1, 2019. Eligible applicants will be allowed to redirect their HHAP program allocation to the Continuum of Care (CoC), large city, or county that serves the same region it is connected to in lieu of directly applying for their program allocation. Eligible applicants who are giving and receiving the program allocation will need to submit a binding resolution or agreement that redirects the funds from one entity to the other and is signed by both jurisdictions. Evidence of such an agreement/resolution must be submitted by midnight on February 15, 2020.

By submitting this form, you are notifying HCFC of your **intent** to redirect your HHAP program allocation to your partnering CoC, large city (if applicable), or county. In addition, you acknowledge the following program requirements:

1. The jurisdiction must redirect their entire HHAP program allocation to a single CoC, large city (if applicable), or county that serves the same region.
2. Redirected funds shall be used in the jurisdiction entitled to the funds or to provide regional housing or services that serve the population living in the jurisdiction entitled to the funds.
3. The eligible applicant receiving funds must clearly identify the intended use of the redirected funds in their program application.
4. The eligible applicant receiving funds must comply with the expenditure deadlines as stated in Health and Safety Code § 50220(a-e). For example, if a large city receives funds from a county, the entire county program allocation must be contractually obligated by May 31, 2023. Funds not contractually obligated by this date would then revert to the CoC serving that region.
5. Eligible applicants who are giving and receiving the program allocation will also need to submit a binding resolution or agreement that redirects the funds from one entity to the other and is signed by both jurisdictions. Evidence of such an agreement/resolution must be submitted by midnight on February 15, 2020.

Eligible Applicant redirecting funds:

- ☐ CoC: _____
- ☐ Large City: _____
- ☒ County: County of Tulare

Eligible Applicant receiving funds:

- ☒ CoC: Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance
- ☐ Large City: _____
- ☐ County: _____

I certify that the signature(s) below are of the individuals authorized to sign for all applicable documents for the HHAP grant.

Timothy W. Lutz

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program

February 11, 2020



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Introduction

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- Rationale for Pooling Allocation
- Funding Objectives
- Next Steps



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Background

- Summary
 - \$650 million to “address immediate homelessness challenges”
- Recipients
 - Continuum of Care (\$190 million)
 - Counties (\$275 million)
 - Large Cities (\$175 million)



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Background

- Eligible Uses
 - Evidence-based practices
 - 8% Youth set-aside
- Local Allocations
 - Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance (\$1,253,397.58)
 - County of Tulare (\$888,348.78)



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Background

- Key Dates
 - Application deadline 2/15/20
 - Awards disbursed ~60 days following submission
- Program Option
 - Redirect allocation
 - Recommended action: allocation to Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance for administration



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Rationale for Pooling Allocation

- Role of Alliance
- Expertise
- Increased Coordination



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Rationale for Pooling Allocation

- Previous Fund Pooling
 - Pool for Homeless Initiatives Locally (PHIL)
 - Eden House (Visalia) & Porterville Welcome Center
 - Both utilized KTHA/HHSA funding sources through pool



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Funding Objectives

- Local homeless funding for cities and providers
 - Homeless plan implementation
- Identified funding priorities
 - Landlord incentives
 - Operating subsidies
 - Outreach & Coordination
 - Systems support



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Next Steps

- Redirect allocation
- Design application for receiving proposals
 - Set benchmarks
 - Award projects
- Monitor performance/outcomes



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Request

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2. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services Agency or designee to sign the associated agreements, subsequent amendments, and related documentation.



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Questions?



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