

## ATTACHMENT A

### IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE ALLOCATIONS OF THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Option A: *Participate in the State's Conforming Program and direct its federal allocation through the State Program. Directs \$70,693,048 to the State for benefit of Contra Costa residents; County retains \$514,445 for local community engagement and program outreach***

Summary: In this scenario, the County provides the State with the County's Federal direct ERAP allocation and the State, along with its contractor network, runs the State Conforming ERAP program on behalf of the County;

- Pros:
1. Pools County allocation with State allocation
  2. Single point of contact for impacted residents across the State
  3. Streamlines reporting/compliance requirements
  4. Creation of statewide dataset and reduces potential of duplication of efforts/claims
  5. More efficient distribution of funds to ensure compliance with Federal requirement to obligate 65% of funds by September 30, 2021
  6. County keeps 1.5% of its Federal allocation, approximately \$514,445, for local community engagement and program outreach
  7. State to include County and local partners in County specific outreach campaign

- Cons:
1. State requirements stricter than Federal direct allocation
  2. No opportunity for local policy input on eligibility criteria
  3. Less ability to assist with case-by-case issues/solve problems
  4. No ability for County to ensure performance of State or its contractors

**Option B: *Conform to the State's Conforming Program, self-administer its federal allocation and receive a block grant allocation (based on population size) from the State's Conforming Program. Directs full \$71,207,493 to County for benefit of Contra Costa residents***

Summary: In this scenario, the County received additional ERAP funds as a block grant from the State and runs the State Conforming Program on behalf of the State. The County must spend its State ERAP block grant amount (\$36 million) by August 1, 2021, or it will be recaptured by the State and reallocated to another County.

- Pros:
1. Pools County allocation with State allocation.
  2. County has ability to directly control implementation of Federal and State programs
  3. County has the ability to build upon Federal and State eligibility and priority requirements
  4. Potential for more inclusion of local community-based organizations

- Cons:
1. County does not have the existing infrastructure or non-profit to administrator this size of program.
  2. County operated program not as streamlined as State program in Option A
  3. More customer confusion to access benefits due to competing outreach efforts
  4. Redirection of scarce County resources to stand up massive program in short amount of time
  5. Not clear whether County and community-based organizations have capacity to scale program in short timeframe
  6. County must spend State allocation by August 1, 2021 or have it redirected outside of Contra Costa County

**Option C: Choose not to conform to the State's Conforming Program rules, self-administer its federal allocation, acknowledge that the state will serve its population via the State's Conforming Program, and accepts responsibility for duplication of benefits checks between the two programs. County retains \$34,296,331 Federal share and State directs \$36,911,162 for benefit of Contra Costa residents.**

Summary: Under this scenario, the State runs the State Conforming Program within the County and the County runs a second, locally developed program within the County.

- Pros:
1. Allows most control over implementation of the Federal allocation only
  2. Allows local control to build upon the eligibility criteria for the Federal allocation only
  3. Potential for more inclusion of local community-based organizations

- Cons:
1. Builds two separate, standalone programs to meet one service need resulting in duplication of costs
  2. Most confusion to impacted residents accessing benefits
  3. Redirection of scarce County resources to stand up massive program in short amount of time
  4. Not clear whether County and community-based organizations have capacity to scale program in short timeframe
  5. County responsible for ensuring non-duplication of benefits
  6. County responsible for compliance with Federal requirement to obligate 65% of funds by September 30, 2021