



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: William Walker, M.D., Health Services Director  
Date: July 21, 2015

Subject: Grant Award #29-536-2 with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Approve and authorize the Health Services Director, or his designee, to execute, on behalf of the County, Grant Award #29 536-2 (CA1070L9T0513002) with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to pay County up to \$175,596 in funding, for the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project, for the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of this award will result in up to \$175,596 in funding, payable to the County from HUD McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Funds. 25% County match required.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Contra Costa County Homeless Program administers the HMIS project in Contra Costa Homeless Continuum of Care which is a mandated project for jurisdictions that receive homeless assistance funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The County began its HMIS implementation in 2004 with five (5) agencies and twelve (12) programs. The project is steadily growing and now includes 13 agencies and 60 homeless services and housing programs within Contra

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/21/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: July 21, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Cynthia Belon  
(957-5201)



### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Costa. The HMIS Policy Committee of the Inter-jurisdictional Council on Homelessness, which is the central planning body for design and implementation of our HMIS, has determined that with the growing needs of our HMIS community, additional funding would help us provide better analysis of our aggregate data and utilize the HMIS to its fullest potential. These funds will allow us to upgrade our software system, purchase licenses to accommodate additional service providers, and pay for staff time needed to analyze the data and implement data-driven decision making and progress-tracking.

The County's expanded HMIS project will better assess homeless needs in our community, allow for a more targeted allocation of resources, and coordinate services more efficiently and effectively to better facilitate meeting the goals of our plan to end homelessness. Additionally, it will allow the Continuum to engage other homeless and mainstream service providers who are not currently participating in the HMIS. The ability to share information with other providers such as the local Office of Education, Workforce Development Department, regional office of the Social Security Administration and the Veterans Administration will greatly enhance service delivery and encourage opportunities for formal partnerships.

Approval of Grant Award #29-536-2, will allow the County to receive funding for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project through June 30, 2015

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this award is not accepted, the County will not receive funding to support the HMIS project.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

NOT APPLICABLE