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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: June 26, 2018

Subject: Resolution endorsing the Richmond/Contra Costa Continuum of Care Homeless Coordinated Entry System

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2018/237 endorsing the Richmond/Contra Costa Continuum of Care Homeless Coordinated Entry System (CES) as a “Qualified Coordinated Entry System” in order to permit affordable housing project sponsors with units in Contra Costa County set aside for homeless individuals to take referrals from the Contra Costa CES under California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

The HCD recognizes the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities receiving Federal Continuum of Care (CoC) funding to establish a CES. The purpose of a CES is to ensure that all people experiencing homelessness are assessed for assistance using a fair, consistent, and coordinated process across a region. It is also designed to help prioritize those with histories of homelessness and higher barriers to getting housing for permanent supportive housing.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/26/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
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: June 26, 2018

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

HCD supports and encourages affordable housing project sponsors with units set-aside for homeless individuals to take referrals from a qualified CES. HCD will permit a CES referral approach for all projects in a CoC region with a qualified CES provided both the CES and the project comply with the criteria listed below. A qualified CES can be utilized in lieu of previously approved tenant selection plans.

According to HCD, to be considered a “Qualified Coordinated Entry System” the CES must:

- 1) Meet the requirements of the CoC Interim Rule 24 CFR 578, or its successor regulations, and all Notices issued by HUD regarding establishing and operating a coordinated entry system, and
- 2) Be endorsed or approved through a resolution by the local government entity covering the region in which the CES operates (typically a County Board of Supervisors or City Council.) The resolution does not have to be specific to a single housing project or mention the specific project but must cover the geography in which both the project and the CES are located.
- 3) The resolution must identify the body or organization with oversight responsibility for the coordinated entry system, and the manner in which compliance with HUD requirements is assured.

The Contra Costa CES currently meets the requirements of the CoC Interim Rule 24 CFR 578, or its successor regulations, and all Notices issued by HUD regarding establishing and operating a CES.

This Board Order seeks to meet the remaining two requirements by asking the Board of Supervisors to approve the CES through a resolution. The attached resolution covers the geography in which both the project and the CES are located and identifies Contra Costa Health, Housing, and Homeless Services Division (H3) as the body or organization with oversight responsibility for the CES, and the manner in which compliance with HUD requirements is assured.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Affordable housing project sponsors with units set-aside for homeless individuals may not be able to take referrals from the Contra Costa CES.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2018/237