



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: December 11, 2018

Subject: California Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Bureau Gant Funding

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, on behalf of its Aging and Adult Services Bureau, to apply for and accept funding from the California Department of Health and Human Services, Housing Bureau in an amount not to exceed \$1,088,351 for the Adult Protective Services Home Safe Program for the period of January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$1,088,351 over a two and a half year period, January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, from the California Department of Health and Human Services. The required 1:1 match will be from cash, or in-kind 2011 Adult Protective Services (APS) Realignment Funds.

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **12/11/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: 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: December 11, 2018

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

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Elaine Burres 608-4960

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## BACKGROUND:

The goal of the Home Safe Program is to support the safety and housing stability of individuals involved in Adult Protective Services (APS) by providing housing-related assistance grounded in evidence-based practices for homeless assistance and prevention. Home Safe will serve APS clients that are experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness due to elder or dependent adult abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation. APS clients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, as determined by APS, are eligible to receive Home Safe Program services. Clients must also voluntarily agree to participate in the program. The grant funding will be used to:

1. Support short-term housing interventions, including case management paired with one time, short term or shared housing assistance consistent with evidence-based practices;
2. Address program gaps and build capacity in areas needed to support partnerships between APS, coordinated entry systems, and local homelessness systems; and
3. Strengthen linkages & working relationships among agency partners working with APS clients to better meet the needs of vulnerable and homeless older adults at risk of homelessness.

Employment and Human Services, Aging and Adult Services Bureau, will partner with Contra Costa County Health Services, Health Housing and Homelessness Services (H3), and contracted partners to deliver housing prevention and intervention services.

The pros and cons of the grant are as follows:

Pros:

- Leverages existing APS services and housing partners to address steps of services to homeless older adults who are victims of crime, elder abuse, neglect, self-neglect or financial exploitation.
- Focuses on prevention in order for older adults to remain safely in their homes and avert homelessness and entry into shelters and other systems of care.
- Builds capacity for the County's housing and homelessness systems as part of state Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) to leverage Health Housing and Homelessness (H3) funding streams.

Cons:

- Sustainability of the program funding beyond the end of the grant funding term, June 30, 2021.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without funding, the Adult Protective Services programs will continue to face an increasing number of vulnerable older adults clients becoming homeless without prevention or diversion activities to mitigate the rising costs of affordable housing, loss of housing subsidies, and lack of appropriate short-term housing options.