



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: May 26, 2020

Subject: California Housing and Community Development Housing Navigators Program

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

ADOPT Resolution No. 2020/140 to approve and authorize the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, on behalf of the Children and Family Services (CFS) Bureau, to accept a grant award in the amount of \$115,000 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the Housing Navigators Program for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

County to receive an amount not to exceed \$115,000 from the California Department of Housing and Community Development for a two year grant period, to fund the Housing Navigators Program. Funding is 100% State, with no County match required.

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **05/26/2020** ☒ 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: May 26, 2020

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Elaine Burres  
608-4960

cc:

## **BACKGROUND:**

The State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development issued an Allocation Acceptance form, dated February 7, 2020 under the Housing Navigators Program (“HNP” or “Program”) for \$5 million authorized by item 2240-103-0001 of section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2019, as amended by Section 16 of Chapter 363 of the Statutes of 2019 (SB 109).

Funds will be used for the support of housing navigators to help young adults aged 18 years and up to 21 years secure and maintain housing, with priority given to young adults in the foster care system. The Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) will use the funding to provide housing navigation services directly or through a contract with other housing assistance programs in the County. EHSD will coordinate with the Contra Costa Health, Housing, and Homelessness (H3) as the local Continuum of Care to foster communication and collaboration.

The Allocation Acceptance form relates to the availability of HOUSING NAVIGATORS Allocation funds; and EHSD was mentioned in the Allocation Acceptance form dated February 7, 2020.

This Board Order will replace the Board Order approved March 31, 2020 (C.50) because the State required a Resolution to indicate official authorization.

## **Pros and cons of request:**

Pros:

- Leverages existing Coordinated Entry System services and community-based partners to address gaps in housing services for homeless youth.
- Focuses on prevention in order for youth adults to remain safely in their homes and avert homelessness and entry into shelters and foster care system.
- Builds capacity for the County’s housing & homelessness systems to further leverage H3 funding streams.

Cons: - Sustainability of program funding beyond end of grant term, June 30, 2022.

## **CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Without funding, the County will continue to face an increasing number of homeless and runaway youth without access to housing and preventative services.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution 2020/140

Housing Navigators Program Allocation Acceptance Form Signed