



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: June 23, 2020

Subject: Grant Award #28-921 with the State of California Health and Human Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to accept Grant Award #28-921 with the State of California Health and Human Services, Department of Social Services (CDSS) to pay the County an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000, to provide emergency housing for immediate protection to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for Project Roomkey, for the period from March 18, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of the Grant Award will result in payment to the County up to \$1,700,000 in funding from the State of California Health and Human Services. No County match required.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of Project Roomkey is to provide non-congregate shelter options for people experiencing homelessness, to protect human life, and minimize strain on health care system capacity. California has demonstrated the need for hotel and motel rooms around the State to immediately provide non-congregate shelter options for the sick and medically vulnerable. Individuals lacking stable housing are more likely to use hospital emergency

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/23/2020** ☒ 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: June 23, 2020

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

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rooms. In some places, individuals experiencing homelessness made up 20%

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

to 30% of all adult hospital emergency room visits. Patients experiencing homelessness are admitted to inpatient units 5 times more often, and have average lengths of stay that are longer than people who have stable housing. Protecting individuals experiencing homelessness will relieve pressure on the hospital system by separating high-risk individuals who are homeless from COVID-19 positive or persons under investigation, in order to protect public health and safety for the duration of this Public Health Emergency.

Approval of Grant Award #28-921 will allow the County to provide emergency homelessness funds to expand immediate shelter and isolation capacity and provide COVID-19 prevention to the homeless population, through June 30, 2020.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this grant is not approved, Contra Costa County will not be able to provide non-congregate shelter for the homeless population causing an increase in deaths due to COVID-19.