



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: September 22, 2020

Subject: 2020 CARES Act Program, Low Energy Assistance Program Funding

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2020/245 to approve and authorize the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to accept Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Security (CARES) Act grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$1,115,537 for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) services for the period July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

County to receive total funding in the amount of \$1,115,537. Revenue is 100% Federal through the California Department of Community Services and Development, State Agreement Number 20U-2554. No County match is required. CFDA # 93.568.

BACKGROUND:

On July 8, 2020, the County received funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development to provide energy bill assistance payments and weatherization services to county residents who are financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through the CARES

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/22/2020** ☒ 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: September 22, 2020

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Act Program Contract under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP). Energy saving measures may provide homes with hot water heaters, furnaces, refrigerators, microwaves, doors, windows, energy-saving light bulbs, weather stripping, ceiling fans, and attic insulation. Homes with gas appliances receive a combustion appliance safety test that checks for carbon monoxide gas leakage and are provided with a carbon monoxide alarm. Residents can also qualify for the Home Energy Assistance Program, which provides a credit on their energy bills. First priority are for income eligible households that have suffered an employment impact in meeting their home energy needs, particularly those that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy and whose household includes a member of the Vulnerable Populations defined as elderly individuals, disabled individuals or children five years and under. Second priority are to those households which have the lowest incomes and the highest energy costs or needs in relation to income.

The funding is to help prevent, prepare for or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, County may not receive funding to operate CARES Act Program for LIHEAP.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The LIHEAP funding supports one of the community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card, #4 "Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing" by the provision of home energy assistance to keep households warm in winter and to increase household energy efficiency.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2020/245