



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: March 2, 2021

Subject: Grant Application #28-950 with California Health Facilities Financing Authority

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee, to submit Grant Application #28-950 to the California Health Facilities Financing Authority's (CHFFA) Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth for funding in the amount of \$2,775,635 payable to the County, to support renovations, furniture and equipment for a children's crisis stabilization unit to be located at a County-owned property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, County will receive funds in the amount of \$2,775,635 from the State of California Health Facilities Financing Authority for the renovation and furnishing of a facility to house a children's crisis stabilization unit. Ongoing program costs are projected to \$4,550,134 annually to be offset by Mental Health Realignment funds, Federal Medi-Cal, and private insurance billing.

BACKGROUND:

For many years staff and community stakeholders have identified the need for a crisis stabilization unit to serve children and youth in an emotional crisis. Currently young people are brought to the County's Psychiatric Emergency Service (PES) unit when they are

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/02/2021** ☒ 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: March 2, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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experiencing an emotional crisis. PES accepts every individual in need of care, however, it does not currently have the capacity to separate children and youth from adult patients at its entrance, waiting room, triage, or treatment area. The result is that young patients are often in the presence of adults experiencing acute psychiatric needs. This exposure

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

would be difficult for any young person but is particularly traumatic for emotionally vulnerable children and youth experiencing a mental health crisis. Furthermore, children and adolescents have developmentally distinct needs that require tailored approaches to stabilization, discharge planning, and transition to appropriate longer-term services. By seeking funding from CHFFA, the Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) hopes to create a free-standing crisis stabilization unit to better support the needs of the community and the long-term therapeutic outcomes of the children and youth in need of therapeutic crisis support services.

If awarded, BHSD will return to the Board for final acceptance and approval of the CHFFA award and program design.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this application is not approved, County will not be able to apply for funds to renovate a facility to provide crisis stabilization services to youth and children experiencing and emotional crisis.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This recommendation supports the following children's outcome: Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood.