



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Anna Roth, Health Services Director
Date: October 19, 2021

Subject: Grant Agreement #28-950-1 with California Health Facilities Financing Authority

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Health Services Director, or designee (Suzanne Tavano, Ph.D.), to execute Grant Agreement #28-950-1 (Grantor #CY CC-01) including indemnification with the California Health Facilities Financing Authority's (CHFFA) Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth, to pay the County up to \$2,322,572 to support renovations, furniture and equipment for a children's crisis stabilization unit to be located at a County owned property, for the period from April 29, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This grant agreement will allow the County to receive funds of up to \$2,322,572 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. No County match is required.

BACKGROUND:

For many years staff and community stakeholders have identified the need for a crisis stabilization unit to serving 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: **10/19/2021** ☒ 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: October 19, 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

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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 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.

On May 18, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved acceptance of grant funding from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority. Approval of this Board Order will allow Health Services Department to execute the subsequent Grant Agreement #28-950-1 through December 31, 2024. In accordance with this agreement, the County agrees to indemnify and hold the State harmless for claims arising out of the County's performance under the agreement.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this grant agreement is not approved, the County will not be able to receive funds to renovate a facility to provide crisis stabilization services to youth and children experiencing an emotional crisis.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

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