

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY**

DEPT: Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

BOARD AGENDA: 6.B.2
AGENDA DATE: September 18, 2018

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to Apply for a One-Time Funding Allocation from the California Department of Health Care Services for the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0460

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

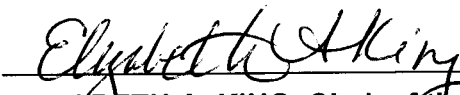
Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION: This Item was removed from the consent calendar for discussion and consideration.

ATTEST: 
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

DEPT: Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

BOARD AGENDA:6.B.2

AGENDA DATE: September 18, 2018

CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to Apply for a One-Time Funding Allocation from the California Department of Health Care Services for the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt a Resolution to authorize the Behavioral Health Director, or his designee, to apply for a one-time allocation of \$770,000 from the California Department of Health Care Services for the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program funding.
2. Authorize the Behavioral Health Director, or his designee, to submit a letter of interest and a Board resolution to the California Department of Health Care Services to participate in the funding opportunity as well as authorize Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to submit all documents necessary to secure and accept the funding.

DISCUSSION:

The State of California has recognized the need to allocate significant investments in mental health services and homelessness. The Governor's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 May Revision Budget Act authorized a set of actions and funding augmentations aimed at alleviating homelessness. Included in the package, is a one-time statewide allocation of \$50 million of General Fund support for California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to distribute grants to counties to fund multidisciplinary teams engaged in intensive outreach, treatment, and related services for homeless persons with mental illness.

This one-time funding allocation, known as the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program, is designed to provide additional flexible funding for county activities involving individuals with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. All counties are eligible to receive this funding. Counties are encouraged to leverage this funding with other funding sources and initiatives, including Whole Person Care pilots and efforts to address mental illness among populations with a high likelihood of homelessness, including those with recent involvement in the criminal justice system or release from incarceration.

The statewide program includes various formulas for distribution of the funds among the counties and several cities, with Los Angeles County receiving \$15 million of the total \$50 million in funding. The remaining counties will divide the balance of funds based on their percentage of homeless within that group of counties using the 2017 Point-in-Time count. All funds must be encumbered or expended no later than June 30, 2020.

On behalf of Stanislaus County, the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) requests authority to submit the application for the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program one-time funding allocation in the pre-determined amount of \$770,000. A Board of Supervisors' resolution is required as well as a letter of interest from BHRS, in order to establish a completed application to DHCS.

BHRS would use this funding to help support and expand existing local efforts to address the unmet needs of individuals with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.

It is anticipated that the funds would be used to pay for a variety of additional housing options including, up to one month stays, for as many as 250 clients, in a safe and supported living environment in co-occurring clean and sober living, transitional short-term, emergency and crisis respite facilities. Approximately \$200,000 of this one-time funding will be set-aside for this purpose.

BHRS also would leverage other funding sources such as the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding from the City of Turlock as well as the BHRS Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funding to contribute toward the opening of a transitional living house for women who struggle with serious mental illness and/or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. Approximately \$380,000 of the one-time funding would be set-aside for this purpose.

These are additional one-time funds. Once these one-time funds are spent, if no additional funding continues, these expanded services will downsize back to the level of services currently in place.

BHRS plans to allocate a portion of this funding to purchase one vehicle (\$40,000) to provide intensive outreach efforts for persons in hard to reach areas and provide transportation to individuals to and from appointments for accessing care and services. BHRS plans to allocate an additional \$150,000 of these funds to provide support to qualifying individuals with their basic needs. The funds could be used for incidentals such as medications, food, clothing and temporary shelters.

The funds allocated will be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2020. Counties that receive the allocation are required to report to DHCS within 90

days after the full expenditure of funding pursuant to this grant. This report shall include the disposition of the funds, the services provided, and the number of individuals receiving services. BHRS has the resources and is prepared to fulfill this reporting requirement.

Stanislaus County continues to make the reduction of homelessness, one of the four levers of change in the Focus on Prevention initiative, a priority.

POLICY ISSUE:

To receive these one-time funds, BHRS must submit a letter of interest and a Board of Supervisors' resolution to DHCS by September 25, 2018, affirming the County's intent to participate in the funding opportunity. In addition, the Board of Supervisors approval is required to apply for, enter into, and sign grant applications and agreements related to the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is expected that the County will receive \$770,000 in one-time funding from the DHCS that shall be encumbered and expended prior to June 30, 2020. If the funding application is approved, appropriations and estimated revenue will be included in subsequent budget cycles. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended actions are consistent with the Board of Supervisors' priorities of *Supporting Community Health* by accessing funding opportunities to provide treatment, housing and other services to homeless persons with mental illness.

STAFFING IMPACT:

The activities required for this funding will be carried out by existing staff in Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. No additional staffing will be required.

CONTACT PERSON:

Cherie Dockery	Behavioral Health Assistant Director	209-525-6225
Mandip Dhillon	Behavioral Health Assistant Director	209-525-6222

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach Treatment Funding Opportunity

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA 2018-0460

Date: September 18, 2018

On motion of Supervisor Monteith Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

Item # 6.B.2

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

**THAT THE STANISLAUS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, PARTICIPATES IN AND ACCEPTS THE ONE-TIME HOMELESS
MENTALLY ILL OUTREACH AND TREATMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE
AS A RESULT OF SB 840 (Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018).**

WHEREAS, California's Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the California Legislature have recognized the critical need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The Governor, Legislature, and this County recognize the need for outreach and treatment to those who are living with a severe mental illness who are also homeless or at immediate risk of being homeless, including persons participating in Whole Person Care pilots or who have had recent involvement with the criminal justice system or release from incarceration, as well as other special populations within the county; and

WHEREAS, to help these populations, the Governor and Legislature have allocated \$50 million dollars in one-time funding for Fiscal Year 2018-19 to counties and four eligible cities for the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature have directed counties to leverage other available funding, including federal grants, for this purpose and prohibited any supplantation of existing funding or services in order to maximize the impact of Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation dollars locally; and

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature require counties that receive Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation funding to expend the funding no later than June 30, 2020, and further require counties to report to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) the disposition of funds, the services provided, and the number of individuals who received services no later than 90 days after the full expenditure of funding; and

WHEREAS, the County of Stanislaus affirms the County's commitment to combatting homelessness and improving outreach and treatment for those living with severe mental illness in our communities pursuant to the provisions of SB 840 and the receipt of Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment funding; and


WHEREAS, the County of Stanislaus designates the Stanislaus County Behavioral Health Director, or his designee, as the single point of contact to the DHCS for the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the County's participation in the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment allocation in Fiscal Year 2018-19; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors directs the Stanislaus County Behavioral Health Director to submit a Letter of Interest to DHCS indicating that the County intends to use the funds for the purpose outlined in the provisions of SB 840. The Behavioral Health Director shall attach a copy of this Resolution to the Letter of Interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors directs the Stanislaus County Behavioral Health Services take all actions necessary to obtain and comply with the terms of that funding.

ATTEST: ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California



File No.