

## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** December 5, 2023

**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar {{item.number}}

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a resolution which authorizes acceptance of the County's allocation award under the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the Transitional Housing Program and the Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program.

**DEPARTMENT:** Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** All

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Miguel Rodriguez, Director of Mental Health, Behavioral Health and Social Services Branch (530) 225-5705

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Miguel Rodriguez, HHSA Branch Director

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b>
Simple Majority Vote	No General Fund Impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a resolution which: (1) Authorizes Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to accept the Transitional Housing Program (THP) Round 5 Allocation award and the Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program (HNMP) Round 2 Allocation award, as detailed in the Allocation Acceptance form, in an amount not to exceed \$159,840 for THP and an amount not to exceed \$87,201 for HNMP from the date of approval from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) through June 30, 2026; (2) authorizes the HHSA Director of Mental Health or Behavioral Health and Social Services (BHSS) Branch Director or Deputy Branch Director to accept additional THP funds and HNMP funds, if HCD determines there are additional funds available, in an amount authorized by HCD not to exceed \$319,680 for THP and not to exceed \$174,402 for HNMP; (3) authorizes the HHSA Director of Mental Health or BHSS Branch Director or Deputy Branch Director to enter into, execute, and deliver any and all documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to be awarded the THP and HNMP Allocation awards, including additional funds if awarded, and all agreements and amendments thereto that do not result in a substantial or functional change to the original intent of the agreement, including retroactive, with HCD to provide housing support and services for adult foster youth from the date of approval from HCD through June 30, 2026, so long as they have been reviewed by County Counsel and Risk Management and otherwise comply with Shasta County Contracts Manual, *Administrative Policy 6-101*; and (4) certifies HHSA will use the THP and HNMP Allocation award funds in accordance with the Allocation Acceptance forms, other applicable rules and laws, the THP and HNMP Program Documents, and any and all THP and HNMP requirements.

### **DISCUSSION**

On March 24, 2020, October 20, 2020, November 16, 2021, and May 30, 2023, the Board authorized HHSA, Behavioral Health and Social Services Branch to apply for Previous rounds of HNP, HNMP and THP allocation awards. All the applications were successful, and the funding received. The funding received has been used to assist youth in finding permanent housing, including finding permanent housing for 57 youth.

The Round 5 THP allocation authorizes an additional \$159,840 for the Transitional Housing Program and the Round 2 HNMP allocation authorizes an additional \$87,201 to the County for the Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program. Eligible applicants for Round 2 HNMP funds are county child welfare agencies that demonstrate the need to provide housing for young adults aged 18 to 21 years. Funds are to be used to help young adults, aged 18-24, secure and maintain housing. Funds may be used for identifying and assisting housing services, helping secure and maintain housing, improving coordination of services and linkages to community resources within the child welfare system, and providing outreach and targeting to serve those with the most severe needs. Eligible applicants for Round 5 THP funds are county child welfare agencies that demonstrate the need to help young adults aged 18 to 24 years secure and maintain housing. Funds may be used to identify and assist youth aged 18-24, with priority given to those youth

in the foster care or probation systems, secure and maintain housing.

Submission to HCD for the allocated awards includes a resolution authorizing application and acceptance of the County allocation awards under the HCD THP and HNMP. The resolutions would also allow the acceptance of additional THP and HNMP funds, if funds remain available for allocation after the deadline for submitting a signed Allocation Acceptance Form, and if HCD advises the County that the County is eligible for an additional THP or HNMP allocation from the remaining funds up to the amount authorized by HCD, up to a maximum of \$319,680 for THP and \$174,402 for HNMP.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board could decline to approve the recommendation. Should the Board not approve the recommendation, the County of Shasta would not receive the THP Round 5 funding or the HNMP Round 2 Funding, and this valuable program for our young adults would terminate two years early in June 2024.

#### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

The Recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office. The Resolution has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Round 5 THP allocation is \$159,840. The Round 2 HNMP allocation is \$87,201. The fiscal year 2023-24 budget for social services child welfare has sufficient budget authority to cover these allocations, if awarded.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1: Resolution – THP Allocation