

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 17, 2023

CATEGORY: Consent Calendar 9

SUBJECT: Take the following actions: (1) Ratify the signature on the California Department of Health Care Services for Providing Access and Transferring Health (PATH) capacity building funds to support the Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative application; (2) accept the grant award in the amount of \$1,009,888; and (3) designate authority to sign the online Terms and Conditions, prospective and retroactive amendments, and other related documents specific to PATH.

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

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Miguel Rodriguez, Director of Mental Health, HHSA-Behavioral Health and Social Services (530) 225-5900

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Laura Burch, HHSA Director

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

RECOMMENDATION

Take the following actions: (1) Ratify the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Behavioral Health and Social Services Branch Director's signature on the California Department of Health Care Services Providing Access and Transferring Health (PATH) capacity building funds to support the Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative application; (2) accept the total grant award in the amount of \$1,009,888; (3) approve and authorize the HHSA Director or their designee to sign the online Terms and Conditions necessary to accept the award; and (4) designate and authorize HHSA Director, or their designee, to sign prospective and retroactive amendments to the agreement and other related documents that do not otherwise result in a substantial or functional change to the intent of the original agreement, as long as they comply with Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*.

DISCUSSION

Providing Access and Transferring Health (PATH) capacity building funds to support the Justice-Involved (JI) Reentry Initiative will provide funding to support planning and implementation of behavioral health linkages as required by California Assembly Bill 133 (AB 133). This is part of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) 1115 Demonstration to support the Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative. PATH funds will support investments in personnel, capacity, and/or IT systems needed to collaborate and implement pre-release services as required by the Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS). These capacity building funds will be distributed based on meeting performance milestones. County Behavioral Health Agencies will be required to submit an Implementation Plan within 180 days after receipt of initial funds which will demonstrate the plan for implementing behavioral health linkages.

This grant provides funding to plan and implement mandated changes from DHCS, pursuant to AB 133 that will be rolling out starting April 2024. These changes must be implemented by March 31, 2026. Grant funds will be used to support the planning for and implementation of the following operational processes that must be met: 1) Medi-Cal Application Processes in county jails; 2) 90-Day Pre-Release Eligibility Screening; 3) 90-Day Pre-Release Service Delivery; 4) Reentry Planning and Coordination; and 5) Oversight and Project Management.

The County will receive 10 percent of the grant amount within 90 days of final application approval. This initial \$100,988 will be utilized to develop an implementation plan which must be submitted within 180 days of application approval. HHSA will work with the Shasta County Sheriff's Office (SO) and may contract for additional professional services related to development of the

implantation plan.

The application was due to DHCS on July 31, 2023, and a conditional award was provided on August 7, 2023; due to the timeline and available Board meeting dates, the HHSA Behavioral Health and Social Services Branch Director signed the application. Board ratification of their signature on the application is requested.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to approve the application or accept the funding, approve only individual actions described in the recommendation, or defer consideration to a future date. These actions are not recommended because they would make Shasta County ineligible to receive this grant funding from DHCS, while simultaneously requiring the HHSA to produce and implement mandated changes associated with AB 133.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

HHSA is coordinating with the SO on this grant funding. County Counsel has approved the grant terms and conditions as to form. Risk Management and the Chief Information Officer have approved the grant terms and conditions. The Recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

This funding will support the CalAIM initiative as required by DHCS in Shasta County in fiscal year (FY) 2023-24. The funding source will be distributed based on meeting performance milestones and there is no County match required. Since implementation is anticipated to occur over several FYs, future budget requests from HHSA-BHSS (BU 410) will include sufficient appropriations to recognize this revenue.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1: Terms and Conditions
- 2: Bank Form
- 3: Signed Application