



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

Short Name/Subject Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) – Scattered Site Designation	Board Meeting Date July 23, 2019	Agenda Number 22
Dept: Health and Human Services Agency Contact: Kristin Stranger Phone: (209) 754-6525	Supervisory District Number Countywide	Regular Agenda
Published Notice Required? No Public Hearing Required? No		Estimated Time: 10 Minutes
Type of Document? Action Item PowerPoint Presentation Included? No Budget Transfer Included (Must be signed by Auditor)? No Complete Agreement Required? No Position Allocation Change? No		

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve utilization of a portion of Government Center property located between the Behavioral Health Clinic and the Library at 891 Mountain Ranch Road for the purpose of operating as one of two sites (the other in West Point) in the scattered site emergency shelter pilot project.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

During the December 4, 2018, Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting, the Calaveras County Homeless Task Force (Task Force) presented an informational item to update the Board on the efforts to address the needs of those community members that lack stable housing. During the presentation, the Task Force shared that it was pursuing a number of State funding opportunities to address homelessness. This included the one-time Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding, in partnership with the four-county Central Sierra Continuum of Care (COC), to address the immediate emergency needs of homeless individuals and individuals at imminent risk of homelessness. The COC was successful in its joint application for approximately \$1.2 million dollars.

During the March 12, 2019, Board meeting, the Board approved a recommendation by the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to: 1) Authorize the Board Chair to execute an Agreement with the Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency and accept revenue in an amount not to exceed \$302,412; 2) Authorize the Director of the HHSA to make modifications to the Agreement so long as it does not affect the not to exceed amount; and 3) Approve a Budget Transfer requiring a 4/5 affirmative vote. The Agreement provides for the receipt of Calaveras' portion of the HEAP funding to roll out the Task Force developed scattered site emergency shelter pilot project and other eligible resources/programs.

During the May 28, 2019, Board meeting, the HHSA presented the following items to the Board:

1. (Item 32) Receive a presentation from the Calaveras County Homeless Task Force;
2. (Item 33) Adopt a Resolution declaring a Shelter Crisis in Calaveras County pursuant to Government Code § 8698 et seq.; and
3. (Item 34) Pursuant to 17.86.020(B), direct staff to initiate a zoning amendment for Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 008-018-003, owned by the Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth and

Families and located at 174 Spink Road in West Point, from U (Unclassified) to C-2 (General Commercial) to accommodate a County-sponsored emergency homeless shelter pilot project.

The Board received Item 32 and approved Items 33 and 34. In the staff report for Item 33, staff detailed the following: “The shelter crisis will be particularly beneficial in the implementation of the Task Force developed HEAP funded scattered site emergency shelter project, for which the Board approved the revenue agreement at its March 12, 2019, meeting.”

The Homeless Task Force is progressing on implementation of the scattered site emergency shelter pilot project. One of the identified sites for the scattered site emergency shelter pilot is located at 174 Spink Road, West Point, CA 95255, Assessor’s Parcel Number (APN) 008-018-003, which is owned by the Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth and Families (BMCYF). BMCYF has been an active member of the Homeless Task Force and has agreed to be a pilot site for a few units for the scattered site emergency shelter project. BMCYF is currently moving through the zoning amendment process pursuant to Item 34 detailed above. The other site identified for the scattered site emergency shelter pilot project is located at 891 Mountain Ranch Road (between the Behavioral Health Clinic and Library).

The HEAP scattered site emergency shelter project is a pilot project where approximately 10 tiny houses, complete with shower, bathroom, and small kitchen area, will serve as small single emergency shelters for residents of Calaveras County who lack stable housing. Individuals temporarily placed through a coordinated entry system in the scattered site emergency shelter units will receive intensive case management support utilizing the Housing First Model. The pilot project involves locating approximately three to six single units at each of the two aforementioned pilot project locations in the County. Case management and oversight will be provided through a collaborative effort between County staff and community partners.

Several policies in the Housing Element of the general plan support providing assistance to the development of affordable and special needs housing and the use of this site for that purpose. These include distributing housing throughout the County (H 2.4), facilitating the construction of special needs housing (H 3.2), reducing fees (H-1B), providing financial assistance for affordable housing (H-2D and H-2E) and funding emergency shelters (H-3C).

FINANCING:

The funding for the scattered site emergency shelter pilot is State-funded HEAP funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose to do any of the following:

- a) Uphold the Departmental recommendation; or
- b) Continue the item to another date for further consideration. This option is not recommended unless the Board specifically requests additional information which cannot be obtained during this meeting;
- c) Recommend that HEAP funding be used for a different project or at a different location; this is not recommended because the concept for the scattered site emergency shelter project was developed by the diverse Homeless Task Force.

- d) Deny the request. This is not recommended given the funding associated with the scattered site emergency shelter project is one-time revenue from the State to add resources to the community.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Administrative Office (including Economic Development and Facilities), Library, Planning Department, Probation Department, Sherriff's Department

APPROVED BY:


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7/5/2019


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7/13/2019