

**MEMORANDUM**  
**PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Adult System of Care**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services  
Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care  
**DATE:** November 4, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Approve a renewal grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive funds for Permanent Supportive Housing in the amount of \$381,102 (plus a required match of \$95,275 which will be met through in-kind services provided by Adult System of Care and Placer County Medical Clinic) for a 12-month term, beginning December 1, 2014.

**BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Permanent Supportive Housing grant provides rental subsidies for housing and support services such as employment and community resources to assist persons to become self-sufficient. These subsidies and support services help to reduce homelessness for those with mental illness in Placer County. Placer County's Adult System of Care has successfully implemented these grants since 2004.

Participants of the Permanent Supportive Housing program pay up to 30 percent of their income toward their rent. During FY 2013-14, we served 42 adults and nine children. Four single adults left the program to move out of the State, went to live with family/friends, or graduated to the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program. The average length of stay for our current participants is nearly five years. Mental Health Services Act, Full Service Partnership, Case Management services were introduced to assist participants who were at risk of losing their housing due to their severe and chronic mental illness to remain housed in the Supportive Housing program.

During this year, the Permanent Supportive Housing program exceeded the proposed number of beds utilized to house chronically homeless individuals. Originally proposed to have two beds for the chronically homeless, the program served 14 chronically homeless participants this year.

Through the renewal of this grant, support services will continue to assist these clients in leading healthy and productive lives. People who are both homeless and mentally ill have a significant impact on local resources. Their unstable situation causes them to overuse emergency room services and inpatient psychiatric services, as well as impacting the criminal justice system. This HUD grant is able to significantly reduce this impact in Placer County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The HUD Permanent Supportive Housing grant has decreased by \$7,168 from the previous grant year due to a mandatory cut in federal funding, for a total grant award of \$381,102 and a total required match of \$95,275. The Department's FY 2014-15 Final Budget includes \$222,310 in grant funds and the required match of \$39,237 in Federal and State funds and \$16,340 required County General Funds. The grant balance of \$158,792 and a required match of \$28,027 Federal and State funds and \$11,671 in County General Funds will be included in the Department's FY 2015-16 Requested Budget.

This Grant Agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

