

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

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 and Medical Clinics
DATE: August 4, 2015
SUBJECT: Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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 \$366,606 (plus a required match of \$91,652 which will be met through in-kind services provided by Adult System of Care and Placer County Medical Clinic) for the period of December 1, 2015 to November 30, 2016, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement.
2. Approve a renewal grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive funds for Shelter Plus Care in the amount of \$273,092 (plus a required match of \$68,273 in services provided by a community partner for their clients who receive a housing subsidy) for the period of June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the agreement.

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. This program serves only those persons who are literally homeless or homeless prior to entering treatment or transitional living. It is one part of the current matrix of services assisting persons who are homeless in this 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, 56 adults and 11 children were served. Six single adults left the program to move out of the State, live with family/friends, or graduate to the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program. The average length of stay for current participants is nearly six years. Mental Health Services Act, Full Service Partnership, case management services were provided to participants who were at risk of losing their housing due to severe and chronic mental illness and allowed these individuals to remain housed.

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 17 chronically homeless participants.

The **Shelter Plus Care** grant provides rental subsidies to Placer County residents with mental illness and other disabilities to help reduce homelessness. Special consideration is given to those who are seriously mentally ill, have a chronic substance abuse issue and/or have HIV/AIDS or other related diseases. Participants of the program pay 30 percent of their income toward rent, and they must be involved in support services such as employment, case management or treatment. ASOC has successfully implemented the Shelter Plus Care grant since 2003.

During FY 2014-15, 52 adults and 10 children were served with 85 percent of these individuals achieving housing stability and 17 percent obtaining paid work. The program serves slightly more women than men, with ages between 19 and 77. Twenty-nine of the individuals were chronically homeless.

The renewal of these grants will support services that will assist these clients in leading healthy and productive lives, reducing their use of inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services and decreasing future incarcerations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The HUD Permanent Supportive Housing grant has decreased by \$14,496 from the previous grant year due to a mandatory cut in federal funding for a total grant award of \$366,606 and a total required match of \$91,652. The Department's FY 2015-16 Final Budget includes \$213,854 in grant funds and the required match of \$37,424 in Federal and State funds and \$16,039 required County General Funds. The grant balance of \$152,752 and a required match of \$26,732 Federal and State funds and \$11,457 in County General Funds will be included in the Department's FY 2016-17 Requested Budget.

The Shelter Plus Care grant decreased by \$31,418 from the prior year as a result of a mandatory cut in federal funding for a total grant award of \$273,092. This program has a match requirement of \$68,273 for the provision of supportive services, which is provided through the services of a community partner for their clients who receive a housing subsidy. These program costs and grant revenue are included in the Department's FY 2015-16 Proposed Budget.

These Grant Agreements are on file with Clerk of the Board for review.