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HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: April 21, 2020

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, MPH, MSW, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Budget Revision for COVID-19 crisis response increased expenditures and grant revenues
within Health and Human Services Public Health Cost Center

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve a Budget Revision in the amount of \$419,304 for expenditures with offsetting revenue from the California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Crisis Response Grant.
2. Approve a Budget Revision in the amount of \$230,867 for expenditures with offsetting revenue from the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding for the Continuum of Care (COC) and Placer County Allocations.

BACKGROUND

On March 6, 2020, the President signed into law the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-123) (Coronavirus Supplemental). This act provides funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The COVID-19 Crisis Response Grant funding is intended for state, local, territorial, and tribal health departments to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities.

On March 20, 2020, Placer County received an award allocation letter from the California Department of Public Health that the Emergency Preparedness Office allocated \$419,304 to Placer County to support its greatest response needs to prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19. Placer County is already in receipt of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention pass-through funds from the State of California.

In addition to the Crisis Response Grant, Governor Newsom, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and to protect the health and safety of people experiencing homelessness, signed SB 89 on March 17, 2020 allocating funding to help protect this vulnerable population. Placer County received an allocation amount of \$230,867.

The purpose of this new funding is to protect the health and safety of people experiencing homelessness and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak. This award is intended for investments into COVID-19 prevention and containment efforts for shelters, including, but not limited to, medically indicated services and supplies, such as testing and handwashing stations, and enhancements to existing shelter facilities. This will allow for proper social distancing and isolation to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Public Health Cost Center, Communicable Disease Program will see an increase in expenditures and revenues due to COVID-19. The Crisis Response Grant from the California Department of Public Health of \$419,304 will have no effect on the General Fund. Similarly, the Emergency Homelessness Funding from

California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council totaling \$230,867 for the COC allocation of \$120,242 and the Placer County Allocation of \$110,625 will have no effect on the General Fund.