



M E M O R A N D U M
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: March 9, 2021

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Emergency Rental Assistance to Placer County Housing Authority and City of Roseville

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve a grant agreement with the City of Roseville to administer emergency rental assistance to the benefit of Roseville residents consistent with County and Federal guidelines in an amount not to exceed \$5,128,073.61 from March 10, 2021, through March 31, 2022, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to execute the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments up to \$100,000, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.
2. Approve a grant agreement with the Placer County Housing Authority to administer emergency rental assistance to the benefit of Placer County residents, excluding the City of Roseville, consistent with City and Federal guidelines in an amount not to exceed \$6,714,939.29 from March 10, 2021, through March 31, 2022, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to execute the agreement with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments up to \$100,000, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

On January 21, 2021, Placer County received \$11,843,012.90 from the Federal Treasury Department to administer the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) grant.

At the January 26, 2021, BOS meeting, your Board, ratified a grant agreement with the United States Department of Treasury to receive funds for emergency rental and utility assistance for Placer County residents. This funding was made available as part of the December 2020 COVID-19 relief package and omnibus spending bill. These funds were made available to assist tenants that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds should be used to provide assistance to eligible tenants through existing or newly created rental assistance programs. Specifically, funding will assist tenants at or below 80% of the area median income unable to pay rent and/or utilities due to loss of income from the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding was made for immediate distribution but with some minor exceptions and must be used by December 31, 2021.

This funding was not made available to the City of Roseville, as the Treasury offered funding only to counties, cities, and states with populations greater than 200,000. However, in recognition of the large portion of the population residing in Roseville and of the effectiveness of their administration of housing programs, Placer County Health and Human Services contacted City of Roseville and determined they would be interested in administering the funding portion for Roseville residents through the Roseville Housing Authority.

Placer County Health and Human Services is proposing that the Placer County Housing Authority (PCHA) administer the larger portion of the funding to serve citizens outside of the city limits of Roseville and the City of Roseville will administer the funds for the citizens inside the city.

The grant contracts being proposed would authorize the department to provide PCHA with \$6,714,939.29 to administer its' portion of the ERA grant and provide the City of Roseville with grant funding in the amount of \$5,128,073.61 to operate its' portion of ERA grant. Administration costs shall not exceed 10% per Treasury Department guidelines. The Placer County Housing Authority and City of Roseville agree to

abide by all the rules and regulations as put forth by the Department of Treasury and provide monthly reporting to the County in accordance with Treasury requirements. Should funding not be expended in its entirety by 12/31/2021, the Placer County Housing Authority and City of Roseville agree to return the funding to Placer County.

The program will allow for rental and utility arrears to be paid back in full to March 13, 2020. There is not a limit on the amount per tenant, save for funding, and the intention is to have the tenant completely caught up so as to ensure the tenant can remain housed. Once all arrearages for the tenant are paid off, the tenant will be eligible to future rent and utility payments. These will be made month by month, and will be for three months at a time, and will cover full rent and utility costs. If further assistance is required after the initial three months, the tenant will need to reapply by way of a streamlined reapplication process, and may be eligible for an additional three months at a time, through March 31, 2022. The Treasury Department program guidelines provides for priority application processing for tenants that meet specific preferences. These are tenants that are at or below 50% of Area Median Income and those with a tenant that has been unemployed for 90 days or more at the time of application. During the initial application period, these tenants will be prioritized and processed first, while those not meeting these will be initially waitlisted. Placer County and the City of Roseville will work together to ensure consistency in program implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT

The grant dollars will be included in the Department's FY 2020-21 Budget and FY 2021-22 if necessary.

The agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.