



**MEMORANDUM**  
**PLACER COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
County of Placer

TO: Placer County Housing Authority Board  
FROM: Amanda Sharp, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Emergency Rental Assistance

DATE: July 6, 2021

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Approve an amendment to a grant agreement with the County of Placer, through its Department of Health and Human Services, to accept and administer the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) grant to the benefit of Placer County residents, excluding the City of Roseville, consistent with county and federal guidelines for an increase of \$1,958,501.78 for an overall amount not to exceed \$8,673,441.07 from March 10, 2021, through March 31, 2022, and authorize the Executive Director of the Placer County Housing Authority to execute the amendment 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. Authorize the Executive Director of the Placer County Housing Authority to execute further amendments to the grant agreement with County of Placer, through its Department of Health and Human Services to administer emergency rental assistance to the benefit of all Placer County residents in an amount up to \$6,917,900.59 through March 31, 2022, in the event that the City of Roseville is no longer able to accept these emergency rental assistance funds and participate in the program.

**BACKGROUND**

The Placer County Housing Authority (PCHA) provides rental assistance to more than 579 very low-income Placer County residents who may also be elderly, homeless, veterans and/or disabled through its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, the Mainstream Voucher program and HUD-VASH. In 2020, in partnership with the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency (CDRA), PCHA began administering rental assistance to very low-income individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic through the California Department of Housing and Community Development HOME Program's emergency Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). All these programs have served the citizens of Placer County outside the city limits of Roseville, as the City of Roseville's residents are served by the City.

On January 21, 2021, Placer County received \$11,843,012.90 from the Department of Treasury (DOT) to administer the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) grant. Specifically, this funding will assist renter 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.

On March 9, 2021, the Placer County Board of Supervisors approved a plan for the two housing authorities to administer the Emergency Rental Assistance program. PCHA has since administered the larger portion of the funding to serve citizens outside of the city limits of Roseville and the City of Roseville has administered the funds for the citizens inside the Roseville city limits. As of June 15, over \$4 Million in rental and utility arrears and future payments has been paid or is obligated for payment by the two housing authorities.

On May 17, 2021, the DOT granted Placer County a further \$3,748,328.76 for the ERA program, with terms that expanded the eligibility of recipients from 15 to 18 months maximum.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

The amendments are on file with the Clerk of the Board.