



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** September 28, 2021
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Project Roomkey and Rehousing Strategy FY 2021-22 existing Placer County Roomkey Project

ACTION REQUESTED

Ratify the Director's certification to accept from the California Department of Social Services the RoomKey Project and Rehousing Strategy allocation in its total allocated amount of \$906,712 to continue the rehousing efforts for FY 2021-22 for Placer County's RoomKey Project.

BACKGROUND

In March 2020, communities across California began operating locally driven and state supported Project Roomkey (PRK) initiatives to provide emergency non-congregate shelter (NCS) protective placements (e.g., hotel/motels) for people experiencing homelessness for public health-related reasons associated with COVID-19. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) utilized a \$50 million state general fund (GF) appropriation to provide funds to counties and tribes to secure trailers, motels, and hotels to initiate and operate PRK. CDSS allocated an additional \$59 million in one-time state GF in December 2020 to support continued PRK operations while increasing the focus and resources to transition participants to permanent housing. The need for Project Roomkey and Rehousing remains critical to continue to keep people experiencing homelessness and their communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Placer County has been operating a Roomkey Project since the Spring of 2020. At any point in time the project serves up to 65 guests, single adults and families who are homeless and have one of the CDC medical risk factors that increase their risk for COVID-19. The project also provides COVID-19 positive and COVID-19 exposed individuals room to isolate/quarantine for the duration of the contagious period. HHS ASOC works with Public Health for the proper referral and intake of COVID-19/exposed cases. Guests work with case managers on applying for permanent housing vouchers, SSI income benefits, mental health services, IHSS services, amongst others. This allocation will be used for the guests at the RoomKey Project towards minimizing their barriers to homelessness; rental payments, deposits, household items, application fees, hiring housing coordinators and case managers.

FISCAL IMPACT

All revenue and associated expenditures from this agreement are provided by 100% Federal & State funds with no County match required and will be included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget through a budget revision at the end of Quarter One.

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ATTACHMENTS

None

The Project Roomkey And Rehousing Strategy FY 2021-22 Director's Certification is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.