



LASSEN COUNTY

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Date: July 23, 2019

To: Jeff Hemphill, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

From: Barbara Longo, Director
Health & Social Services

Subject: No Place Like Home Program Non-Competitive Allocation
Acceptance

Background:

On July 1, 2016, Governor Brown signed legislation enacting the No Place Like Home program (NPLH) to dedicate up to \$2 billion in bond proceeds to invest in the development of permanent supportive housing for persons experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or who are at risk of chronic homelessness, and who also have a serious mental health condition. The bonds are repaid by funding from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).

The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the state agency responsible for the dissemination and administration of the NPLH funding, and counties are the eligible applicants. There are two types of allocations available, a Non-Competitive Allocation and a Competitive Allocation. Each small county (counties with a population of less than 200,000 people) has been allocated a share of the Non-Competitive funds which is \$500,000.

While counties are the eligible applicants for the NPLH funding, it is expected that counties will partner with a Development Sponsor who will develop, own and manage the housing units. The County functions as a "pass through" partner for the NPLH funding. The Development Sponsor, typically a nonprofit affordable housing developer, will be financially responsible for the NPLH loan which is ultimately issued by HCD. The Development Sponsor will also be responsible for determining what other sources of funding will be needed in order for the housing development to be feasible, including whether or not Competitive NPLH funds may be necessary. Each County that applies for the NPLH funds must commit to providing Behavioral Health support services to the tenants of the assisted housing for a minimum of 20 years, as well as helping to facilitate their access to other community support services for physical health care, accessing benefits and basic housing retention skills.

The Permanent Supportive Housing Development

The NPLH funds must be used to develop or support Permanent Supportive Housing Units for the target population. Permanent Supportive Housing is a form of affordable housing designed for those who lack housing and face a multitude of complex medical, mental health and/or substance use issues that are co-occurring. Some key features of Permanent Supportive Housing:

- Permanent housing with no time limit on residency
- Residents have a regular lease where they pay rent and have the same rights and responsibilities of anyone renting housing
- Residents are linked to intensive case management and voluntary life-improving and stabilization social and community services
- Provides low-barrier access to housing without pre-conditions such as abstention from alcohol or drugs
- Is shown to decrease use of shelters, hospitals, emergency rooms, jails and prisons

NPLH funds could be used for new construction, or to acquire and rehabilitate a property that serves only NPLH-eligible tenants, if it is a development with 20 or fewer units. The funds can also be used to subsidize certain units within a new larger affordable housing development that serves other tenants as well. The eventual Housing Development model and size has not yet been determined, nor has the County selected a Development Sponsor. Recommendations on these decisions will be forthcoming over the next 12 months, and will be informed by additional work to be provided by the County's consultant for the NPLH funds. Decisions on these items are not needed in order for the County to accept or reserve its Non-Competitive Allocation. Once the County has made a decision on the Housing Development model and size and selected a Development Sponsor, the next steps would include the submittal of a Project Application to HCD in partnership with the Development Sponsor.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no impact to County General Fund.

Action Requested:

State HCD requires that all counties who wish to accept their Non-Competitive Allocation must do so by August 15, 2019. This requires the submittal of certain documentation to HCD by this date as follows:

1. Board Resolution accepting the Non-Competitive Allocation of \$500,000;
2. Non-Competitive Allocation Threshold Certification

Counties that fail to submit the above documents by August 15, 2019 will have their un-awarded Non-Competitive Allocation funds transferred into the NPLH Competitive Allocation for award by HCD in future Competitive Allocation NOFAs. These un-awarded Non-Competitive Allocation funds will no longer be set aside for use by the County.

An additional threshold requirement, not subject to the August 15, 2019 due date, is the County's Homeless Plan which meets certain NPLH-required criteria. The County's consultant for the NPLH funds has begun the planning process for the development of this Plan with community stakeholders and will continue this community engagement in the months of August and September. A draft Plan to be considered by the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for the month of October 2019.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LASSEN
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY NONCOMPETITIVE ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER
THE NO PLACE LIKE HOME PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) issued a Notice of Funding Availability, dated August 15, 2018, as amended on October 30, 2018 (“NOFA”), under the No Place Like Home Program (“NPLH” or “Program”) for approximately \$190 million authorized by Government Code section 15463, Part 3.9 of Division 5 (commencing with Section 5849.1) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and Welfare and Institutions Code section 5890;

WHEREAS, the NOFA relates to the availability of Noncompetitive Allocation funds under the NPLH Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lassen (“County”) is a County and an Applicant, as those terms are defined in the NPLH Program Guidelines, dated July 17, 2017 (“Guidelines”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for Lassen County does hereby determine and declare as follows:

SECTION 1. That County is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and accept their NPLH Noncompetitive Allocation award, as detailed in the NOFA, up to the amount authorized by Section 102 of the Guidelines and applicable state law.

SECTION 2. That the County Administrative Officer or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to act on behalf of County in connection with the NPLH Noncompetitive Allocation award, and to enter into, execute, and deliver any and all documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to be awarded the NPLH Noncompetitive Allocation award, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the “NPLH Noncompetitive Allocation Award Documents”).

SECTION 3. That County shall be subject to the terms and conditions that are specified in the NPLH Noncompetitive Allocation Award Documents and that County will use the NPLH Noncompetitive Allocation award funds in accordance with the Guidelines, other applicable rules and laws, the NPLH Program Documents, and any and all NPLH Program requirements.

SECTION 4. For Projects funded under Article II of the Guidelines, that County is hereby authorized and directed to submit one or more Project applications within 30 months of the issuance of the Department’s NOFA, proposing to utilize any Noncompetitive Allocation funds awarded to the County.

SECTION 5: For Shared Housing Projects proposed under Articles III or IV of the Guidelines, if designated by the Department to administer funds for Shared Housing, the County is hereby authorized and directed to accept applications utilizing Noncompetitive Allocation funds no later than 30 months from the issuance of the Department’s NOFA.

SECTION 6. That County will make mental health supportive services available to a project’s NPLH tenants for at least 20 years, and will coordinate the provision of or referral to other services (including, but not limited to, substance use services) in accordance with the County’s relevant supportive services plan, in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 5849.9 (a).

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, held on the 23rd day of July 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Jeff Hemphill
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Lassen, State of California

ATTEST:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of July 2019.

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Lassen