

CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (“Authority”)

Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program (“IMHWGP”) – 5th Round

Amendment to Resolution Number MH 2016-09

County of San Bernardino

October 26, 2017

PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST:

The County of San Bernardino (the “County”) is requesting the Authority approve an amendment to Resolution Number MH 2016-09 (fifth funding round) to extend the grant period and resolution expiration date to February 28, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

On May 26, 2016, the Authority approved a Final Allocation for the County in an amount not to exceed 7,931,040 to establish a 10-adult bed Crisis Residential Treatment program (“CRT”) in the Morongo Basin, a 20-bed (16 adult beds and 4 youth beds) Crisis Stabilization Unit program (“CSU”) in Fontana, and an 8-vehicle Mobile Crisis Support Team program (“MCST”) as part of the fifth funding round. Grant funds were approved for costs associated with construction, renovation, and the purchase of furnishings and equipment.

The total cost of the CRT, CSU, and MCST projects is approximately \$13,602,000. The County will use other sources of funds (Mental Health Services Act funds and County funds) to complete the three projects. The County began construction on the CSU in April of this year and the CRT in August of this year. The County has also completed the purchase of eight vehicles for its MCST. The eight vehicles are all in operation to provide MCST services.

ISSUE:

The County will be unable to have the CRT and CSU operational by the December 31, 2017 grant period and resolution expiration date due to delays. There are two primary reasons for the delays.

First, the County’s Board of Supervisors approvals in the procurement process of executing construction contracts took longer than the County anticipated (5 months longer for the CSU and 3 months longer for the CRT), resulting in a delay in the execution of the construction contract (both executed on February 14, 2017).

Secondly, the California Environmental Quality Act Initial Study conducted on the County’s CRT property identified the potential presence of four (4) species listed as either threatened or endangered with the State and Federal governments, including the burrowing owl, desert tortoise, desert kit fox, and LeConte’s Thrasher. In accordance with State and Federal regulations, biological studies were conducted between February 25, 2017 and June 18, 2017. Construction for the CRT began on June 19, 2017, upon receipt of confirmation that no endangered or threatened species were located on the property during the required survey periods.

The County anticipates that the construction of the CRT will be completed by July 31, 2018 and will be fully operational on or before January 31, 2019. The County also anticipates the CSU will be complete and operational by July 31, 2018. However, the County is requesting an extension of the resolution and grant period end date to February 28, 2019 to allow for unforeseen contingencies and request disbursement of grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Authority approve an Amendment to Resolution Number MH 2016-09 to extend the resolution and grant period expiration date to February 28, 2019 with the following conditions:

1. The County must provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff demonstrating (a) completion of construction on the CRT and CSU by September 30, 2018, and (b) the CRT and CSU shall be operational by January 31, 2019.
2. Funds shall not be disbursed if the County is unable to provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff that the CRT and CSU are on track to be operational on or before January 31, 2019.
3. The County must submit all grant disbursement requests, including required supporting documentation, to the Authority no later than January 31, 2019.

All other conditions in the Resolution shall remain the same and in full effect.

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. MH 2016-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY APPROVING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS GRANT PROGRAM TO THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

WHEREAS, The California Health Facilities Financing Authority (the “Authority”), a public instrumentality of the State of California, is authorized by the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5848.5, the “Act”) and implementing regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 10, Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 7113)) to award grants for capital funding and personnel funding to finance eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, Authority staff reviewed the application submitted by County of San Bernardino (“Grantee”) against the eligibility requirements of the Act and implementing regulations, and pursuant to the Act and implementing regulations, recommends approval of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$7,931,040.00 for the eligible project (the “Project”), which consists of no more than \$4,605,681.00 for crisis residential treatment capital costs, no more than \$3,050,000.00 for crisis stabilization capital costs, and no more than \$275,359.00 mobile crisis capital costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority as follows:

Section 1. The Authority hereby approves a grant in a total amount not to exceed \$7,931,040.00 to complete the Project as described in the Grantee’s application and as more particularly described in Exhibit A to this Resolution (Exhibit A is hereby incorporated by reference) within a project period that ends on ~~December 31, 2017~~ February 28, 2019. Within this project period, Grantee shall provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff demonstrating (a) completion of construction on the Crisis Residential Treatment Facility (“CRT”) and Crisis Stabilization Unit (“CSU”) by September 30, 2018 and (b) the Project shall be operational on or before January 31, 2019. Funds shall not be disbursed if Grantee is unable to provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff that the CRT and CSU are on track to be operational on or before January 31, 2019. Grantee must submit all disbursement requests, including required supporting documentation, to the Authority no later than January 31, 2019. The Grantee must also demonstrate readiness within nine months of Final Allocation as provided in California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Section 7119(a)(4).

Section 2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Authority, to approve any minor, non-material changes in the Project described in the application submitted to the Authority ~~and extend the project period completion date identified in Section 1 as authorized under the Act and implementing regulations~~. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to require the Authority to provide any additional funding, even if more grants are approved than there is available funding. Any notice to the Grantee shall indicate that the Authority shall not be liable to the Grantee in any manner whatsoever should such funding not be completed for any reason whatsoever.

Section 3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to disburse funds not to exceed those amounts approved by the Authority for the Grantee. The Executive Director is further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver to the Grantee any and all documents necessary to complete the disbursement of funds that are consistent with the Act and implementing regulations.

Section 4. The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things and to execute and deliver any and all documents which the Executive Director deems necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 5. This Resolution expires ~~December 31, 2017~~ February 28, 2019.

Date Approved: _____

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proceeds of the grant will be used by the County of San Bernardino as follows:

Crisis Residential Treatment Program:

The County of San Bernardino (the “County”) will develop a new 10-bed Crisis Residential Treatment (“CRT”) Program for County residents 18 and older. The CRT Program will provide structured, recovery-based, enriched treatment services and activities to include housing, psychiatric/medication support, comprehensive clinical assessments and therapies, life skills coaching, peer and family support networks, coping techniques, recovery education, and linkages to community resources in a home-like environment. The CRT Program will operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week and is expected to provide services for more than 3,285 stays per year, while serving about 234 unique individuals. Grant funds will be used for construction or renovation, the purchase of furnishings and equipment, and information technology costs.

Crisis Stabilization Program:

The County will develop a new 20-bed Crisis Stabilization (“CS”) Program. The CS program will have the operation capacity to serve up to 20 individuals, which includes up to 16 adults ages 18 and over and 4 adolescents ages 13 to 17. The County will ensure the adult and adolescent populations are separate at all times. The CS Program will offer voluntary peer-to-peer enriched engagement and support in addition to urgent mental health services, including crisis intervention, crisis risk assessments, medication evaluation and management, short-term case management, integrated substance use disorder services case management, therapeutic interventions, referral and linkage to appropriate services, family support and education, transportation, and crisis stabilization for individuals experiencing a psychiatric emergency. The CS Program expects to provide services to at least 4,600 individuals annually and will provide intake and assessment capacity 24 hours a day with the ability to accept persons with high levels of acuity. Grant funds will be used for construction or renovation, the purchase of furnishings and equipment, and information technology costs.

Mobile Crisis Support Team Program:

The County will increase access for individuals in a crisis by adding an additional eight vehicles to increase transportation capabilities within the crisis system of care. The addition of eight vehicles for the mobile crisis response will expand access and timely connection to services throughout the county as public transportation is limited particularly in remote regions of the county. The vehicles will be used by the County’s Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT- the County’s Mobile Crisis Support Team program), which provides services including: crisis evaluation and intervention, linkage and consultation to resources, transportation to hospitals, and first response for trauma incidents in the community. During Fiscal Year 2014-15, the County’s CCRT received 5,848 calls and responded to 3,888 of those calls in person. The County anticipates an increase of 2,000 additional responses with the addition of the eight vehicles. Grant funds will be used for the purchase of eight vehicles.

Summary of Amounts:

Program	Approved Grant Amount
Crisis Residential Treatment	\$ 4,605,681.00
Crisis Stabilization	\$ 3,050,000.00
Mobile Crisis Support Team	\$ 275,359.00
Total	\$ 7,931,040.00