

CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (“Authority”)

Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program (“IMHWGP”)

County of Mendocino Update

February 28, 2019

On June 25, 2015, the Authority approved a grant for the County of Mendocino (“the County”) in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to implement a 10-bed Crisis Residential Treatment (“CRT”) program. On May 24, 2018, the Authority approved an extension and third amendment to Resolution Number MH 2015-03. The County requested the extension due to a delay in securing the remaining funding needed for its CRT project. The County purchased property in June 2017 and plans to co-locate the CRT project in the same building with a Crisis Stabilization Unit (“CSU”) project. The grant will fund approximately 10 percent of the total project budget of \$5,160,000 with the remainder of the funds to come from other sources. In May 2018, the County had informed the Authority that they were pursuing the City of Ukiah and County of Mendocino Community Development Block Grants (“CDBG”) to fund the CRT and CSU project. The CDBG would have been the source of the remainder of the needed funds to complete the project. As a condition of approval, the Authority required the County to provide an update no later than February 2019 detailing the progress toward meeting its first milestone of securing sufficient funds by July 31, 2019. The following is a summary of the update provided by the County.

In June 2018, the County was notified that the priority for the CDBG awards will be given to fire response and recovery activities, so the County did not apply for those grants and decided to explore its other options for securing funding to complete the project.

Another funding source potentially available to the County is Measure B¹ funding, which the County is currently in the process of acquiring. During a January 2019 meeting, the Measure B Oversight Committee recommended that the County’s Board of Supervisors (“BOS”) move forward with pursuing a CRT facility for the County. On February 5, 2019, the County’s BOS voted unanimously to direct the County’s Health and Human Services Agency to go through a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) process for a CRT facility, a CSU, and Psychiatric Health Facility. The County and Redwood Community Services (“RCS”), the County’s non-profit service provider, are waiting for the opening of the RFP, at which time a proposal will be submitted by RCS for the development of the 10-bed CRT facility as well as the co-located CSU. The amount of funding the County could receive through Measure B is not yet known and will be determined as a result of the RFP process.

According to the County, if Measure B funding is not secured through the RFP process to sufficiently fund the County’s CRT and CSU projects, then the County and RCS will explore other funding options, such as another CDBG opportunity in May 2019.

The County and RCS continue to work diligently toward meeting the current milestones and project deadlines. The County also is aware that it may have to forfeit grant funds if it is unable to meet the milestones and project deadlines.

¹ Measure B, which was passed in Mendocino County on November 7, 2017, raised the County’s sales tax rate to help fund the construction of psychiatric and behavioral health facilities, operation costs, and services to treat mental illness and addiction for the first five years.