COMMENTS

This purpose of this budget is to track various grants the county has received to address homelessness as well as to describe the collective efforts aimed at making homelessness brief and non-reoccurring for Madera County. Homelessness is a complicated issue and while funding to address it has increased in recent years, the manner of how they are delivered and administered is often convoluted and uncoordinated. Majority of funding to address homelessness come from the United Stated Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) homeless assistance grants programs. This funding flows through various Continuum of Care (CoC) organizations, who are tasked to administer these funds via a competitive grant process. CoCs, as an organization, are structured differently between counties or groups of counties in a particular region and are determined by HUD. Madera County belongs to the Fresno-Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), which is the collaborative tasked to meet HUD requirements and coordinate programs and activities to address homelessness in both Fresno and Madera County. As FMCoC is a non-JPA collaborative, Fresno County acts as the "administrative entity" for purposes of administering competitive bidding and management of federal funding awards to various entities.

More recently, the State of California created the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP), which has so far provided three rounds of funding to counties and cities to supplement each jurisdictions HUD resources at addressing homelessness. HHAP grant funds and their uses are described below. In addition, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) provides various funding sources to county human services agencies to address homeless prevention and housing preservation needs for clients of the various programs they serve.

Strategic Plan Development

Due to the complicated and systemic nature of the homelessness crisis, the County will be working with a consultant to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to help make homelessness a temporary and non-reoccurring issue in the county. Funding for this strategic plan was provided to the County by the FMCoC; the plan is expected to be completed by the 3rd quarter of Fiscal Year 2022-23 and will have a countywide focus at addressing homelessness in all areas, including the two incorporated cities. The strategic plan will be coordinated with Housing the Homeless Committee, which is collaborative formed to coordinate various local agency response to the homelessness crisis and aimed to ensure that programs created are complementary instead of duplicative.

Affordable Housing & Shelter Needs

The County, in partnership with the Madera Rescue Mission (MRM) and the Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC). is currently working on establishing a 7-bed low-barrier triage shelter at MRM. This facility, once completed, will be the first of its kind in the County and will allow CAPMC case managers to stabilize unsheltered individuals, get them document ready, and link them to services to increase their chances of achieving permanent housing.

Homelessness Funding HHAP-1 Grant

On July 31, 2019, Governor Newsom signed into law the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) (AB 101, Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019). The HHAP program is a block grant program designed to provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges informed by a best-practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing.

The eligible applicants for the HHAP program funds are the CoC, as identified by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), large cities (with a population of 300,000 or more), and counties. Successful applicants were awarded HHAP program funds after entering into a contract with the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSH). Eligible applicants are expected to administer their own funds separately; however, they are expected to demonstrate regional coordination as outlined in the HHAP program guidance. One of the threshold requirements is that the eligible applicants must submit a plan specifying alignment of funds and goals, strategies, and services, both short-term and long-term, to reduce homelessness and make it non-recurring.

The total Statewide funding for this program is \$640,000,000. The set aside for Counties is \$175,000,000. Awards were based on the county's proportionate share of the total homeless population of region served by the Madera-Fresno Continuum of Care.

In Fiscal Year 2019-20, the County of Madera was awarded \$411,434 as part of the HHAP Round 1 Grant. The funding was received by the County on July 6, 2020, and deposited to the Behavioral Health Org 61740. As part of the grant, an agreement was established between the Behavioral Health Department (BHS) and Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC). Under this agreement, CAPMC is to provide outreach services in the County for homelessness assistance and prevention. In December 2021, management of the program shifted from BHS to County Administration.

Homelessness Funding HHAP-2 Grant

The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) made available \$300 million in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 2 (HHAP-2) block grant funding program authorized by AB 83. HHAP-2 is intended to support local jurisdictions in their unified regional response to reduce and end homelessness. HHAP-2 prioritizes enabling people experiencing literal homelessness move into safe, stable housing, and either funds permanent housing interventions directly or, if used for shelter or street outreach, clear pathways to connect people to permanent housing options. The HHAP-2 Grant was fully spent in Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Under the HHAP-2 Program, Madera County will collaborate with Community Action Partnership Madera County (CAPMC) and the Madera Rescue Mission to pursue a project under the HHAP-2 funding categories of Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach, and New Navigation Centers/Emergency Shelters to support the new homeless housing expansion project located at the Madera Rescue Mission.

Homelessness Funding HHAP-3 Grant

On December 17, 2021, the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) announced the availability of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 3 grant funding. HHAP Round 3 is a \$1 billion block grant program authorized by AB140, which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 19, 2021.

HHAP Round 3 is designed to build on regional coordination developed through previous rounds of HCFC Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), HHAP, and COVID-19 funding. Round 3 funds are to be used to continue building regional coordination and a unified regional response to reduce and end homelessness informed by a best-practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing.

Homelessness Funding HHAP-4 Grant

The State of California established the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 4 (HHAP-4) pursuant to Chapter 6 of Part 1 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code. HHAP-4 is administered by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH); It provides grant funds to counties to build on the regional coordination created through previous Cal ICH grant funding and support local jurisdictions in their unified regional responses to reduce and end homelessness.

The County of Madera was awarded \$346,710 as part of HHAP-4. Under the HHAP-4 Program, the County will collaborate with Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC) to pursue a project under the HHAP-4 funding categories of Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach, and Operating Subsidies.

Homelessness Funding HHAP-5 Grant

On September 29, 2023, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) announced the availability of the Regionally Coordinated Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 5 (HHAP-5) grant funding. The legislature appropriated \$1 billion to fund HHAP-5. HHAP-5 was established for the purpose of organizing and deploying the full array of homelessness programs and resources comprehensively and effectively, and to sustain existing federal, state, and local investments towards long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services.

To be considered eligible for HHAP-5 base allocations, eligible applicants were required to apply as part of a region and be a signatory to a Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan which had to be approved by the Council. The County of Madera, along with the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, and Fresno Madera Continuum of Care (FMCoC), entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on March 19, 2024. The purpose of the MOU is to commit each jurisdiction to participate in, and to comply with the regionally coordinated homeless action plan.

In addition to the base allocation of \$939,524.14, the FMCoC has agreed to assign \$840,000 of the FMCoC's allocation to Madera County.

Department:

Function: Activity: Fund:

CAO Homelessness

(13170)

Public Assistance Homelessness Prevention General

	ACTUAL 2022-23	BOARD APPROVED 2023-24	DEPARTMENT REQUEST 2024-25	CAO RECOMMENDED <u>2024-25</u>
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	116,960	159,921		
ESTIMATED REVENUES:				
OTHER REVENUE 640101 INTEREST	8,296	2,500	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>8,296</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE 654000 ST-OTHER	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>8,296</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
SERVICES & SUPPLIES 721400 Professional & Specialized Services	116,960	159,921	0	0
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	116,960	159,921	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>116,960</u>	<u>159,921</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Department:

Function: Activity: Fund:

CAO Homelessness

(13171)

Public Assistance Homelessness Prevention General

	ACTUAL 2022-23	BOARD APPROVED <u>2023-24</u>	DEPARTMENT REQUEST 2024-25	CAO RECOMMENDED <u>2024-25</u>
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED REVENUES:				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE 654000 ST-OTHER	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
SERVICES & SUPPLIES 721400 Professional & Specialized Services 750000 Operating Transfers Out	60,360 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	60,360	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	60,360	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	<u>60,360</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Department: CA

CAO Homelessness

(13172)

Function: Activity:

Fund:

Public Assistance Homelessness Prevention

General

	ACTUAL 2022-23	BOARD APPROVED 2023-24	DEPARTMENT REQUEST <u>2024-25</u>	CAO RECOMMENDED <u>2024-25</u>
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	0	526,637	175,500	175,500
ESTIMATED REVENUES:				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE 654000 ST-OTHER	421,309	0	0	0
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	421,309	0	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>421,309</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
SERVICES & SUPPLIES 721400 Professional & Specialized Services	0	526,637	175,500	175,500
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	0	526,637	175,500	175,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>o</u>	<u>526,637</u>	<u>175,500</u>	<u>175,500</u>
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	<u>(421,309)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>

Department: CAO Homelessness

(13174)

Homelessness Prevention

Function: Public Assistance

Activity: Fund:

General

	ACTUAL 2022-23	BOARD APPROVED 2023-24	DEPARTMENT REQUEST 2024-25	CAO RECOMMENDED <u>2024-25</u>
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	0	0	346,710	346,710
ESTIMATED REVENUES:				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE 654000 ST-OTHER	0	346,710	0	0
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	0	346,710	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>o</u>	<u>346,710</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
SERVICES & SUPPLIES 721400 Professional & Specialized Services	0	346,710	346,710	346,710
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	0	346,710	346,710	346,710
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>o</u>	<u>346,710</u>	<u>346,710</u>	<u>346,710</u>
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Department: CAO Homelessness

(13175)

Function: Public Assistance

Activity: Homelessness Prevention

Fund: General

	ACTUAL 2022-23	BOARD APPROVED 2023-24	DEPARTMENT REQUEST 2024-25	CAO RECOMMENDED <u>2024-25</u>
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	0	0	498,952	498,952
ESTIMATED REVENUES:				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE 654000 ST-OTHER	0	600,000	0	0
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	0	600,000	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>o</u>	600,000	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
SERVICES & SUPPLIES 721400 Professional & Specialized Services	0	600,000	498,952	498,952
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	0	600,000	498,952	498,952
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>o</u>	600,000	<u>498,952</u>	<u>498,952</u>
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>

Department:

CAO Homelessness

(13176)

Function: Activity: Fund: Public Assistance

Homelessness Prevention General

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	ACTUAL 2022-23	BOARD APPROVED <u>2023-24</u>	DEPARTMENT REQUEST <u>2024-25</u>	CAO RECOMMENDED <u>2024-25</u>
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED REVENUES:				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE 654000 ST-OTHER 659001 OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	0	0	939,524 840,000	939,524 840,000
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	0	0	1,779,524	1,779,524
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>1,779,524</u>	<u>1,779,524</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
SERVICES & SUPPLIES 721400 Professional & Specialized Services	0	0	1,779,524	1,779,524
TOTAL SERVICES & SUPPLIES	0	0	1,779,524	1,779,524
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>	1,779,524	1,779,524
Income Over / (Under) Expenses	<u>o</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>o</u>