



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: **AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A STANDARD AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES MATCHING FUNDS THROUGH THE COUNTY WHOLE PERSON CARE PROGRAM FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS AND HOUSING PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Standard Agreement (Agreement) with the County of Monterey (County) to accept and administer California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) matching funds, accessed through the County Whole Person Care (WPC) Program, for the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Community Development Department (CDD) recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the County to accept and administer DHCS matching funds, accessed through the County WPC Program for the HCD CESH Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

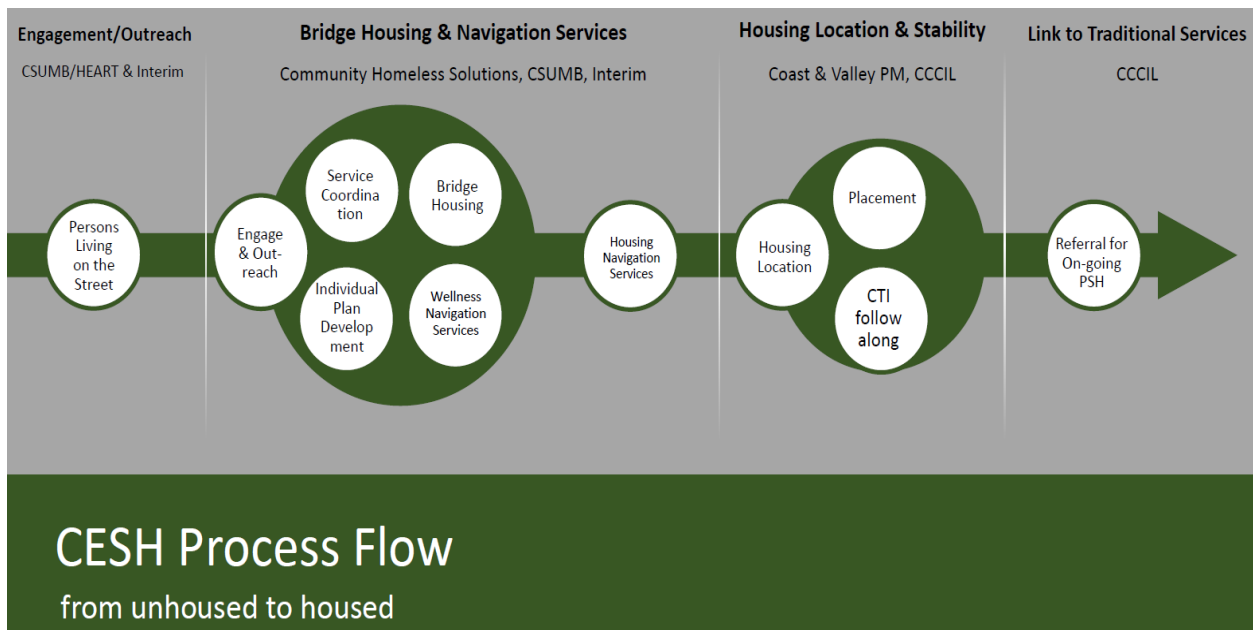
HCD issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the first round of CESH Program grant funding on August 15, 2018. Shortly thereafter, the City of Salinas (City) Community Development Department (CDD) Housing Division applied for the first round of CESH Program funding and was awarded a total of \$1,027,285 on January 11, 2019. The City received a fully executed first round CESH Standard Agreement (Grant Contract) in the amount of \$1,027,285 on July 25, 2019 from HCD. The City collaborated with the County early on during the City CESH NOFA, rating and ranking and public outreach process. During this process, the County Health Department notified the City that it would seek approval from the DHCS to utilize CESH funds as a dollar-for-dollar match to access DHCS funds for certain eligible CESH activities. On October 8, 2019, the County received said approval from the DHCS. As a result, the City will be able to

leverage an additional \$439,099 in DHCS matching funds to provide greater funding levels to awarded subrecipients and achieve greater results for the overall CESH program including the Chinatown and Downtown Pilot Program.

BACKGROUND:

CESH Program funding can be utilized within Monterey and San Benito Counties. First round CESH Program funding within Monterey County will be targeted toward an innovative Chinatown and Downtown Pilot Program to address the largest concentration of chronic homelessness in the region and in the City, and to effectively leverage funds to expand existing resources. In addition, DHCS matching funds accessed through the County WPC Program will provide wellness services and engage beneficiaries in activities in support of their goals to attain safe and stable housing.

The diagram below illustrates the proposed CESH model.



Note: It will be critical to the long-term success of the CESH Program to train County and Service Provider staff in the evidence-based practice of Critical Time Intervention (CTI) to fortify retention in permanent housing

DISCUSSION:

Under agreed upon terms in this Agreement, the County, via a pass-through of DHCS funds, will facilitate the City's access to a total of \$439,099 of DHCS matching funds to the City's first round CESH Program for certain eligible activities. The table below details the DHCS matching dollar amounts along with the agencies and activities that are proposed to receive this funding.

Proposed DHCS Matching Funds (Accessed through County WPC Program)		
Agency	Activity	Dollar Amount
City of Salinas	Administration Funds for CESH Program Manager	\$51,364
Central Coast Center for Independent Living (CCCIL)	Housing Locator(s)/ Landlord Engagement	\$159,836
Community Homeless Solutions (Monterey County)	Navigation Center	\$172,628
Interim, Inc.	Salinas Site Specific Outreach	\$55,271
Total		\$439,099

When combined with the DHCS matching funds, the City will be able to allocate a total of \$1,466,384 of funding toward the first round CESH Program. The table below shows the total proposed first round CESH Program funding allocations along with the agencies and activities.

Proposed CESH Program (Round 1) Allocations			
Activity	City CESH	DHCS Matching Funds Through WPC Program	Totals
City of Salinas Administration Funds	\$51,364	\$51,364	\$102,728
Central Coast Center for Independent Living (CCCIL)	\$515,921	\$159,836	\$675,757
Community Homeless Solutions (San Benito County)	\$150,000	-	\$150,000
Community Homeless Solutions (Monterey County)	\$204,728	\$172,628	\$377,356
Interim, Inc.	\$55,272	\$55,271	\$110,543
Homeless Plan	\$50,000	-	\$50,00
Totals	\$1,027,285	\$439,099	\$1,466,384

Below is a brief description of the proposed first round CESH Program activities.

City of Salinas Administration Funds (\$102,728) – Secure consulting and advisory services for a CESH Program Manager and Homeless Outreach Coordinator. To provide oversight, direction and management of CESH Program funding. To provide direct support and continued collaboration across multiple City departments and representation at targeted homeless meetings.

CCCIL (\$675,757) – Provide engagement for behavioral health, housing navigation and housing location. Provide flexible housing subsidies for permanent housing placement for up to 48 months.

Community Homeless Solutions (San Benito County) (\$150,000) – Provide operating support for the San Benito County year-round emergency shelter.

Community Homeless Solutions (Monterey County) (\$377,356) – Provide operating support for a Navigation Center including bridge housing to permanent housing.

Interim, Inc. (\$110,543) – Provide street outreach staffing for Downtown and Chinatown districts with an emphasis at the Steinbeck Library and First United Methodist Church locations.

Homeless Plan (Lead Me Home) (\$50,000) – Leverage funding with the County to complete a comprehensive update of the existing Monterey and San Benito Counties Lead Me Home Plan (Plan). By completing a comprehensive update of the Plan this will increase funding opportunities.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The City has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Guidelines Section 15378. CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This Agreement will help advance the following City Council strategic goals: 1) Economic Diversity and Prosperity; 2) Safe, Livable Community; 3) Effective, Sustainable Government and 4) Quality of Life.

DEPARTMENT COORDINATION:

This agenda item is solely administered by the City’s CDD Housing Division. However, other City departments that contributed with their staff time and resources included Finance and Legal. The CDD Housing Division also collaborated with the County Health Department.

Department	Contribution
Finance	Assists in helping manage expenditures related to the Professional Services Agreement.
Legal	Provides legal guidance on all contracts and legal documents related to this agenda item.
County Health Department	Providing access to WPC Program matching funds.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Funding for this Agreement will derive from DHCS matching funds, accessed through the County WPC Program, in the amount of \$439,099. There is no proposed General Fund impact associated with this agenda item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution
- Standard Agreement