

Agenda Item 1.5

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

Topic: Homeless Resolution Services Grant

Presented by: Kat Douglas, Housing, Economic and Employment Services

Division Director

Date: 9/10/2024

For Information

For Discussion/Board Direction

Consent to
Place on Business/
Hearing Agenda

Issue: Approval of application for homeless resolution services funding from Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and authorization to accept funds if awarded.

Background: Recent 2024 Point-In-Time Data shows a 20% increase in Jefferson County's unhoused population compared to 2023. While some progress is demonstrated in the data, it is evident that continued solutions are needed.

Discussion: DOLA has combined federal, state and Proposition 123 funds for this application round. Jefferson County's application would include a request for up to \$1.5 million to support homelessness prevention, outreach services, and shelter services. Homelessness prevention and outreach services would support adult individuals as well as families. The shelter services would support the family sheltering needs within Jefferson County.

Fiscal Impact: yes no

- Year of impact: 2025-2026
- TABOR impact: Yes, up to \$500,000.
- Existing grant or project: No, new grant opportunity
- New grant or project: N/A.
- Requested in adopted budget: No, a supplemental will be needed
- Ongoing or one-time: One-time, requires annual application
- General Fund impact: While funds will be received in and expended from the Community Development Fund, any excess TABOR revenue would impact the General Fund by increasing the total TABOR refund amount.
- Staffing impact: If awarded, funding will support existing staff, no new Full Time Employees (FTE's) are needed
- ARPA impact: N/A
- Match requirements: 50% will be met with 2025 Rescue Plan Project Fund, General Assistance and Emergency Rental Assistance Program
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: N/A

Revenue Limits Impact: yes no

DOLA has combined state funds with federal funds for this application. Application will

request only federal funds or Proposition 123 funds which will not impact county revenue limits; however, it is possible some state funds will be awarded and will impact revenue limits.

SPA Review: SPA supports with concerns regarding the TABOR revenue limits.

County Attorney Review: Jean Biondi, 8/28/24

Facilities Review: No Fiscal Impact

BIT Review: No Fiscal Impact

Fleet Review: No Fiscal Impact

Human Resources Review (new FTE only): N/A

Recommendations: That the Board of County Commissioners place on a future Hearing Agenda to (a) authorize the Department of Human Services to apply for and, if awarded, accept a Homelessness Resolution Grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs in an amount up to \$1.5 million, following approval as to form by the County Attorney's Office; (b) direct that any Homelessness Resolution Grant funds awarded be included in a supplemental appropriation to Human Services' budget; and (c) authorize the Department of Human Services Executive Director to sign the grant agreement and any amendments thereto that would not increase the award amount, following approval as to form by the County Attorney's Office.

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