**County of Fresno Report for FMCoC General Membership Meeting: April 11, 2024**

**For Approval**

1. The county is requesting FMCoC input on the Program Year 2024 HUD Emergency Solutions Grants funding plan. The county receives an annual entitlement allocation of HUD Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), which is administered by the Department of Social Services. This purpose of this funding is to engage homeless individuals and families living on the street, improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, help operate these shelters, provide essential services to shelter residents, rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families, and prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless. The funding must be used in one or more of the five categories:

* Street Outreach
* Emergency Shelter
* Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
* HMIS
* Administration

The county is preparing the Annual Action Plan for year five of the five-year Consolidated Plan; Program Year 2024. For this final year of the current plan, the county will utilize the 2024 funds for rapid rehousing to provide case management, financial assistance, rental assistance, security deposits, moving costs, and supportive services to Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) clients. This will be coupled with State HDAP funding and serve to provide the required State match, to ensure the program is able to continue to serve chronically homeless individuals who are likely eligible for disability benefits, but need advocacy and other services to obtain benefits and transition to permanent housing. The ESG match will not be met with HDAP funding, as there are activities, such as advocacy, that are not ESG-eligible. The county plans to use HHAP-4 Rapid Rehousing funding to provide this match.

Although the 2024 allocations have not been released, the numbers below are estimates based on the 2023 award amount. The actuals will be adjusted according to the percentages indicated below.

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| Rapid Rehousing (92.5%) | $258,657 |
| Admin (7.5%) | $20,972 |
| **Total** | **$279,629** |

This funding plan will be presented in the ESG section of the County Annual Action plan, which includes HOME, and CDBG as well, administered by the Department of Public Works and Planning. The entire plan is anticipated to go before the BOS in next month and will be open for public comment for 30 days prior to the Board date. A final Board date has not been set as the final allocations have not yet been released from HUD. Once the date is determined, the FMCoC will be informed and a link to view the plan will be provided. Later this year, planning efforts will commence to develop the county’s next five-year Consolidated Plan.