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AGENDA _____ November 20, 2012

October 22, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: PATH (Federal McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) Budget Year 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

- Accept the Federal McKinney Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant award in the amount of \$275,914 for homeless services provided by the current Mobile Team under Crisis Response Program.

DISCUSSION/FINDINGS:

In August of 1988, your Board approved the award to the County of homeless funds granted by the State Department of Mental Health through the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act as authorized under Public Law 100-77. These funds have been replaced by the PATH Formula Grant Program authorized under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendment Act of 1990 (*PL 101-645, Title V, Subtitle B*). Funds for this program have been obligated by the State in the amount of \$275,914.

The PATH grant award continues this program as originally approved by your Board on November 1, 1988, (File 3909). It continually builds upon existing services to the homeless mentally ill citizens in Alameda County by the Mobile Team under Crisis Response Program whose primary goal is to provide outreach and referral services to help eliminate and/or defer involuntary hospitalization (5150) and refer clients to appropriate services. The utilization of three (3) FTE Psychiatric Social Workers II allow the Program to conduct street outreach, to engage in crisis response activities during the daytime hours, to provide case management services, and to coordinate access to existing housing services.

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The allocation will also provide direct assistance to homeless and at-risk of homelessness veterans with serious mental issues. Those determined as in need of assistance to stabilize their housing and enhance their access to Veteran's Administration (VA) health care services will be served.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Not applicable.

FINANCING:

Funds are included in the currently approved budget. There is no additional net County cost.

Very truly yours,



Alex Briseoe, Director
Health Care Services Agency

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cc: Auditor-Controller
County Administrator
County Counsel