

CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (Authority)

Investment in Mental Health Wellness Program for Children and Youth

First Amendment to Resolution No. CY 2022-06 (Fourth Funding Round)

County of Fresno

January 25, 2024

PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST:

The County of Fresno (County) is requesting the Authority approve an amendment to Resolution Number CY 2022-06 to amend the milestone conditions and extend the grant period expiration date for its Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (Welf. & Inst. Code, §5848.5) (CY) project.

ISSUE:

The County will not be able to meet the milestone condition deadlines of being open and operational by January 31, 2024, and of submitting all disbursement documentation by April 30, 2024.

The County is establishing eight new mobile crisis support teams (MCST) that will provide behavioral health crisis intervention services for children and youth ages five to 19. Initially, the execution of the CHFFA grant agreement was delayed due to prolonged discussions with CHFFA to validate compliance with the County's vehicle ownership approach, consisting of the selected service provider being the purchaser and owner of MCST vehicles and the County being the lienholder. Subsequently, the County had to allocate staffing resources to finalize the Implementation Plan for the Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis Services Benefit, as mandated by the Department of Health Care Services before it was able to proceed with the implementation of the MCST. The County has identified a service provider and anticipates approval of the service provider contract by the County's Board of Supervisors at the March 2024 meeting. The County anticipates that the service provider will acquire the eight MCST vehicles by May 2024 and begin providing services by August 2024.

The County has submitted an updated timeline and is requesting to amend its milestone condition deadlines of being open and operational from January 31, 2024 to August 31, 2024, and of submitting all disbursement documentation from April 30, 2024 to November 30, 2024. The County is also requesting to extend the grant period expiration date from July 31, 2024 to April 30, 2025. This extension will give the County the time needed to execute the service provider contract and for the service provider to purchase eight MCST vehicles, hire and train staff, and begin providing services.

BACKGROUND:

The Authority approved a final allocation on December 1, 2022, awarding the County grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,371,806.00, to develop two new Mobile Crisis Support Teams (MCST), consisting of eight vehicles and eight full-time equivalent staff. Of the total approved grant moneys, \$586,982.00 is for capital funding and \$784,824.00 is for annual

personnel funding for up to five years subject to the availability of appropriations for this purpose in the Legislature's annual Budget Act. The MCST is expected to serve children and youth five to 19 years of age by providing field-based mental health crisis services to approximately 562 clients annually. Resolution Number CY 2022-06 was approved, with a grant period expiration date of July 31, 2024, and the following milestones conditions: (1) the County shall provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff demonstrating that the project shall be operational on or before January 31, 2024; (2) funds shall not be disbursed if the County is unable to provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff that the project is on track to be operational on or before January 31, 2024; and (3) the County must submit all capital cost disbursement requests, including required supporting documentation, to the Authority no later than April 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Authority approve an amendment to Resolution Number CY 2022-06 to amend the milestones conditions deadlines and extend the grant period expiration date to April 30, 2025, subject to the following amended milestone conditions:

- 1) The County shall provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff demonstrating the Project shall be open and operational by August 31, 2024, and funds shall not be disbursed if the County is unable to provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff.
- 2) The County shall submit all capital cost disbursement requests, including required supporting documentation, to the Authority by November 30, 2024.

All other conditions in the Resolution shall remain the same and in full effect.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. CY 2022-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH
FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY APPROVING
EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF GRANT FUNDING UNDER
THE INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS
GRANT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
TO THE COUNTY OF FRESNO**

WHEREAS, The California Health Facilities Financing Authority (the “Authority”), a public instrumentality of the State of California, is authorized by the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (Welf. & Inst. Code, § 5848.5) to implement the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 4 § 7313 et seq.) (“Children and Youth Program”) to award grants for capital funding and personnel funding to expand local resources for the development, capital, equipment acquisition, and applicable program startup or expansion costs to increase capacity for client assistance and services for children and youth 21 years of age and under; and

WHEREAS, The County of Fresno (“Grantee”) qualifies as an eligible entity under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5848.5(f); and

WHEREAS, Authority staff reviewed the Grantee’s application against the eligibility requirements of the Children and Youth Program, and pursuant to the Children and Youth Program, recommends the approval of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$586,982.00 of one-time capital funding and \$784,824.00 of annual mobile crisis support team personnel funding for up to five years for the eligible project (the “Project”), as described in the Grantee’s application; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature may continue to appropriate funding for mobile crisis support team personnel costs in future fiscal years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority as follows:

Section 1. The Authority hereby approves a grant for capital costs in a total amount not to exceed \$586,982.00 to the Grantee to complete the Project as described in the Children and Youth Program application and Exhibit A to this Resolution (Exhibit A is here by incorporated by reference), by ~~July 31, 2024~~, April 30, 2025, the end of the grant period. Within this grant period, Grantee shall provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff demonstrating the Project shall be open and operational by ~~January 31, 2024~~ August 31, 2024, and funding shall not be disbursed if the Grantee is unable to provide evidence acceptable to Authority staff. The Grantee shall submit all capital cost disbursement requests, including required supporting documentation, to the Authority by ~~April 30, 2024~~ November 30, 2024.

Section 2. The Authority hereby approves a grant for mobile crisis support team personnel costs in the annual amount not to exceed \$784,824.00 for the Project, as described in the Children and Youth Program application and Exhibit A to this Resolution, for up to five years. Annual grant amounts subsequent to the initial amount granted are subject to annual Budget Act appropriations enacted by the Legislature. The Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director are hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to continue to disburse that funding as may be available under the annual Budget Act for each fiscal year.

Section 3. For and on behalf of the Authority, the Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director are hereby authorized and directed to do all of the following:

(a) Approve any minor, non-material changes in the Project described in the application submitted to the Authority. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to require the Authority to provide additional funding, even if more grants are approved, exceeding available funding. Any notice to the Grantee shall indicate that the Authority shall not be liable to the Grantee in any manner whatsoever should that funding not be available for any reason whatsoever.

(b) Allocate funding not to exceed those amounts approved by the Authority for the Grantee.

(c) Execute and deliver to the Grantee any and all documents necessary to complete the transfer of moneys that are consistent with the Children and Youth Program.

(d) Do any and all things and to execute and deliver any and all documents that the Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director, deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 4. All funding from this grant shall be used in support of the Grantee's mobile crisis support team program for children and youth, as described in the Children and Youth Program application and Exhibit A to this Resolution.

Date Approved: _____

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proceeds of the grant will be used by the County of Fresno (Grantee) as follows:

Mobile Crisis Support Team

The Grantee will add at least eight new mobile crisis support teams by purchasing eight new vehicles and hiring eight full-time equivalent staff that may include four full-time clinicians and four full-time case managers. The Grantee may use the grant funding, consistent with California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 7315 of the Children and Youth Program regulations, to finance eligible costs in support of the Grantee's mobile crisis support team program for children and youth.

Summary of Amounts:

| Program | Approved Grant Amount |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Mobile Crisis Support Team – Capital Funding | \$ 586,982.00 |
| Mobile Crisis Support Team – Personnel Funding | \$ 784,824.00 |
| Total | \$ 1,371,806.00 |