

# COUNTY OF EL DORADO

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Director



## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 10, 2019  
To: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
From: Daniel Del Monte, M.P.A., Deputy Director  
RE: Homeless Emergency Aid Program Update

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the State of California funding stream, Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

As referenced in my memo to the Board of Supervisors dated December 10, 2018, The Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) is authorized by SB 850 and is administered by the State Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC). The notice of funding availability for HEAP was announced on September 5, 2018, referencing a \$500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities, counties and CoCs to address the homelessness crisis throughout California.

A HEAP application was submitted by HHSA, on behalf of the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care (EDOK), per state requirements on December 14, 2018. On January 9, 2019, HHSA received an award letter from the HCFC to announce that EDOK has been awarded the full amount of \$1,448,323.63. It is anticipated that HHSA will receive the full disbursement of funds after the standard agreement with the State is fully executed.

### **Next Steps:**

Over the next 90 days, contracts will be processed with the identified agencies that have the depth to comply with HEAP requirements. It is anticipated that contracts will be fully executed before or by July 1, 2019, and all funds must be expended by June 30, 2021.

Programs That Impact Transitional Age Youth: Three providers will offer transitional and permanent housing with supportive services for homeless youth ages 18 to 24. The three providers are: Tahoe Youth and Family Services, Whole Person Learning, and Lilliput.

Programs That Impact Chronic Homelessness: The Probation Department will provide transitional and permanent housing with supportive services to the reentry population. Funds will be utilized to rent a home where those reentering the community can seamlessly move into a transitional house until a permanent unit is located. HEAP funding will additionally support rent, deposit, and other remedies to ensure access to a permanent unit while helping to reduce perceived risk to landlords renting to this population.

Sheltering / Purchase of Property or Rehab: EDOK will be seeking to contribute the remainder of HEAP funds for the purchase or rehab of a property that can be dedicated to sheltering. At this time, no specific project or agency has been identified, however these funds will be reserved for these purposes. EDOK does not currently have a year-round shelter for the

homeless population. Based upon the current gap of shelter services, reserving these dollars to support the development of a shelter through local strategic planning would ensure resources are available as discussions between local cities, El Dorado County, and EDOK occur.

**HEAP Funded Activities:**

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| \$1.448 million | Total Amount Available                         |
| \$72,400        | 5% for HHSA Admin Expenses                     |
| \$325,000       | Homeless Youth Program Set-Aside               |
| \$200,000       | Probation Department Project                   |
| \$850,912.03    | Sheltering / Purchase of Property and/or Rehab |

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Cc: Don Ashton, M.P.A., Chief Administrative Officer  
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