



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** October 24, 2023

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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**SUBJECT:** Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance to provide access and enhance the continuum of care, effective from October 24, 2023 and shall continue until terminated by either party. There is no cost associated with this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

**SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance (KTHA) and Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (TC HHSA) is to agree to collaborate in the use of the Coordinated Entry System, which is the state methodology for addressing the issues of homelessness. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) is California's largest series of grants. A requirement of utilizing the HHAP grant requires utilizing the Coordinated Entry System and an MOU between the governing body over the Continuum of Care, which in Tulare County is KTHA. Other responsibilities are that TC HHSA and KTHA will work together on technical assistance and other requirements required by the HHAP grant.

The California Legislature has authorized five rounds of HHAP funding, with HHAP Round 5 having an expenditure deadline of June 30, 2028. Tulare County has applied for all rounds of HHAP except the first round. Tulare County applied for HHAP 2 on April 20, 2021, and was awarded \$406,102. Tulare County applied for HHAP 3 on June 14,

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2022, and was awarded \$1,137,086.44. Tulare County applied for HHAP 4 on November 8, 2022, and was awarded \$1,149,877.02. Tulare County has obligated \$68,000 to KTHA to assist their program in funding a housing navigator. This MOU will expire June 30, 2028, unless the legislature has authorized additional rounds or extensions to HHAP funding.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) The agreement is evergreen; 2) either party may terminate the MOU with (30) thirty days written notice; and 3) The County must sign first.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no cost associated with this MOU, therefore, there is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality-of-Life initiative to promote public health and welfare for all individuals in Tulare County. Furthermore, this action will help support all five goals of Pathway Home, the county's adopted strategic plan to address homelessness (Resolution No. 2020-0035). This agreement increases the ability of the County's efforts to be able to provide permanent housing opportunities for those experiencing homelessness and to help improve overall health outcomes within the community.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Anita Ortiz

Anita Ortiz

Associate Agency Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding