

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 1**

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING FOR THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AND ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATION AWARDS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well-Being Transitional Housing Program (THP) is comprised of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) and the Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP NMD). Both programs improve outcomes for youth entering adulthood from the foster care system. Over the past two decades, the California legislature has made strides in addressing the transitional age youth housing crisis for those involved in the child welfare and probation systems. In 2001, California Assembly Bill 427 established the THP-Plus, which provides affordable housing and supportive services for aged out youth ages 18 to 24 years for up to 24 months as they transition out of foster care. Between 2001 and 2012, there have been numerous State laws, allowing for funding of THP that support youth in identifying and preventing homelessness. Most recently, in 2022, California Senate Bill 154 extended transitional housing services up to age 25 and provided 36 months of support for all youth involved.

Today's actions request the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorize the application for and acceptance of funding for the THP, Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program, and Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program, adopt a resolution authorizing application for and acceptance of allocation awards, and apply for future funding for transitional age youth housing.

Today's item supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by enhancing the coordination of upstream prevention strategies and services between community resources and the child welfare system to ensure transitional age youth receive services and supports to secure and maintain a safe environment. Additionally, this item aligns with the County Framework for Ending Homelessness and the Housing Blueprint, promoting prevention and housing stability through equitable access to safe, affordable housing for current and former foster youth, helping to address youth homelessness.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$1,545,738 in Transitional Housing Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the anticipated funding period of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 through FY 2026-27 to reduce youth homelessness and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human

Services Agency, to execute all required allocation award documents, including all amendments thereto.

2. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$413,630 in Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, for the anticipated funding period of FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27 to help youth secure and maintain housing, and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required allocation award documents, including all amendments thereto.
3. Authorize the application for and acceptance of \$1,032,773 in Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, for the anticipated funding period of FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27 to help meet increasing housing needs and cost of rent demands, and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required allocation award documents, including all amendments thereto.
4. Adopt a resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER ROUND 6 OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, ROUND 3 OF THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND ROUND 4 OF THE THP - PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.
5. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to apply for future funding, including grants, supplemental funding and other funding to support transitional housing for youth and support youth secure and maintain housing and avoid homelessness.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Child and Family Well- Being (CFWB) Transitional Housing Program (THP), inclusive of Transitional Housing Program- Plus (THP-Plus) and Transitional Housing Placement Program for Non-Minor Dependents (THPP NMD), provides up to 36 cumulative months of subsidized housing for current and former foster youth ages 18-25 years. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24, 389 youth were served under the THP and 75% maintained and exited to safe and sustainable housing. In any given month, there are approximately 329 unduplicated youth participating in the THP. The goal of the THP is for participants and subgroups within to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color, native Spanish speakers, and LGBTQ+ youth, to secure safe and stable housing by program graduation, and make progress towards life goals, including educational attainment or employment achievement, physical and mental well-being, and connections to community. The ethnicity breakdown for the 389 youth served under the THP in FY 2023-24 includes: 27% African American; 1.5% Asian; 18% Caucasian; 38.5% Hispanic; 0.5% Native American; 0.5% Other Ethnicities/Unknown; and 14% Bi or Multi-Racial.

CFWB partners with nonprofit entities to provide housing opportunities and services in the six County service regions to ensure youth in underserved communities have greater opportunities and access to safe and affordable housing. CFWB engages with program participants and providers to collect data and evaluate service outcomes to ensure positive outcomes for youth transitioning to adulthood and help them maintain safe and stable housing. Participating youth complete surveys quarterly, which identify areas within the program that are both beneficial and need improvement. The surveys provide information on the effectiveness and satisfaction of the program service delivery to ensure equitable service delivery and programming. Recent data show that in FY 2023-24, approximately 83% of youth surveyed within all available THPs reported being satisfied with the program services.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal #2 of providing just and equitable access by expanding the availability of affordable housing to transitional age youth. Investments in concrete supports, such as housing, reduces economic and personal hardships on youth and provides the supports needed for youth to build resilience, independence, and long-term skills, which will lead to a reduction in youth homelessness and recurrence of generational maltreatment, and associated costs.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

#### **Recommendation 1: Authorize the Application for and Acceptance of Transitional Housing Program Funds**

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2024-25, estimated costs and revenue of \$772,869 in FY 2025-26 and \$772,869 in FY 2026-27, for a total costs and revenue of \$1,545,738 from FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27 for the Transitional Housing Program. The funding source is Transitional Housing Program allocation of State General Funds. Funds for subsequent years will be included in future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **Recommendation 2: Authorize the Application for and Acceptance of Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program Funds**

Funds for this request are included in the FY 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2024-25, estimated costs and revenue of \$206,815 in FY 2025-26 and \$206,815 in FY 2026-27, for total costs and revenue of \$413,630 from FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27 for the Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program. The funding source is Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program allocation of State General Funds. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **Recommendation 3: Authorize the Application for and Acceptance of Transitional Housing Program- Plus Housing Supplement Funds**

Funds for this request are not included in the FY 2024-26 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in no costs and revenue in FY 2024-25 and estimated costs and revenue of \$1,032,773 in FY 2025-26 for the Transitional Housing Program-Plus. The funding source is the Transitional Housing Program-Plus Housing Supplement Program allocation of State General Funds. Funds for subsequent years will be included in future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 25-002, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER ROUND 6 OF THE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM, ROUND 3 OF THE HOUSING NAVIGATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, AND ROUND 4 OF THE THP-PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

State of California)  
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**  
**by** Andrew Potter