

CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY
Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program
STAFF SUMMARY

Designated	County of Los Angeles	Application Number:	MH-05-58-002
Lead Grantee:	Department of Mental Health	Authority Meeting Date:	April 24, 2014
	550 S. Vermont Avenue, 12th Floor	Resolution Number:	MH 2014-06
	Los Angeles, CA 90020	Total Recommended Amount:	\$40,892,700.49
County to be Served:	Los Angeles		

Project Title: Los Angeles County Expansion of Mental Health Crisis Services

- Crisis Residential Treatment Program:** 560 new beds
- Crisis Stabilization Treatment Program:** 72 new beds
- Mobile Crisis Support Team:** 5 new vehicles and 17 new staff

Summary of Programs:

Crisis Residential

The County of Los Angeles (the “County”), will expand its current continuum of care by implementing 35 new Crisis Residential Treatment Programs (“CRTPs”) with a capacity of 16 residents each located throughout the county for a total of 560 new beds to serve adults with mental illness in psychiatric crisis, including those with co-occurring substance abuse disorders. CRTPs will be located throughout the County, and provide a safe home-like environment with an average length of stay of 10-14 days and a maximum stay of 21 days. The County estimates this program will reduce disposition time for visits to emergency rooms and psychiatric inpatient utilization rates, as well as reduce law enforcement involvement on mental health crisis calls. The funds will be used to purchase land, construct furnish and equip a building, finance information technology and finance three months of startup costs. The project appears to have the capacity to generate sufficient revenue to sustain its activities.

Crisis Stabilization

The County will expand its current continuum of care by establishing four additional Crisis Stabilization Units aka Urgent Care Centers (“UCCs”) to areas that do not have UCCs at this time. The four new UCCs will expand access and capacity throughout the region and will be located in the San Gabriel Valley/Tri City area, and the South Bay/Harbor area. Each UCC will provide services for 12 adults and six adolescent beds with the ability to treat up to 45 individuals per day whose problems can be met with short-term (under 24 hours), immediate care and connections to community-based resources. The program will emulate the four existing UCCs, providing 24 hour stabilization services, 365 days a year in a home-like environment and will add 72 new Crisis Stabilization beds. The County estimates this program will reduce disposition time for visits to emergency rooms and psychiatric inpatient utilization rates, as well as reduce law enforcement involvement on mental health crisis calls. The funds will be used to purchase land, construct, furnish and equip a building, finance information technology and finance three months of startup costs. The project appears to have the capacity to generate sufficient revenue to sustain its activities.

Mobile Crisis Support

The County proposes establishing 16 Mobile Crisis Support teams to provide field based crisis intervention services to children, adolescents, and adults throughout the county. The Mobile Crisis Support Teams will expand the County’s current continuum of care and will be an enhancement of the current Law Enforcement Teams (“LETs”) and the Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (“PMRTs”). The program’s objectives are to expand access and capacity throughout the region, which decreases the need for inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations by providing immediate field based services. The LETs will consist of a partnership with law enforcement agencies throughout the county to where a law enforcement officer, along with one licensed clinician, will respond to 911 calls for assistance involving persons experiencing a mental illness. Currently, in the LET program, the County will partner with two law enforcement agencies. This program will partner with nine additional law enforcement agencies. Also the law enforcement agencies, in collaboration efforts, will contribute unmarked police vehicles (for the teams to respond to calls), office space, furniture, training, and personnel to partner with licensed clinicians. The PMRTs will provide two licensed mental health clinicians to respond to community calls to persons of all ages with various acute mental health issues. In 2013, LETs and PMRTs responded to over 20,000 crisis calls. The expansion of these programs will allow for a greater focus of underserved areas while reducing unnecessary incarceration and hospitalizations. The project will be operational by March 2015. The funds will be used to purchase five vehicles, information technology equipment, three months of program expansion costs, and to hire the new personnel. Staff has evaluated the plan and determined it is likely both feasible and sustainable.

Summary of Amounts:

Program	Amount Requested	Eligible Amounts	Recommended Amounts	Expected Federal Financial Participation¹
Crisis Residential	\$ 35,000,000.00	\$ 35,000,000.00	\$ 35,000,000.00	
Crisis Stabilization	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 4,210,526.31 ²	\$ 4,210,526.31	
Mobile Crisis Capital	\$ 559,233.00	\$ 559,233.00	\$ 559,233.00	
Mobile Crisis Personnel	\$ 1,314,082.00	\$ 1,122,941.18 ³	\$ 1,122,941.18	\$ 784,561.65
Total	\$ 41,873,315.00	\$ 40,892,700.49	\$ 40,892,700.49	

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Authority approve a Final Allocation not to exceed the recommended amounts in this report for the County.

¹ Senate Bill 82 suggests that each county may seek through California Department of Health Care Services to recover 41% of total annual operating costs for its Mobile Crisis Support Team from Medi-Cal Federal Financial Participation.

² This is the regional maximum available for crisis stabilization funding in Los Angeles County.

³ This is the regional maximum available for personnel funding in Los Angeles County.

RESOLUTION NO. MH 2014-06

**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
TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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 (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5848.5, “Act”) and implementing regulations (California Code of Regulations Title 4, Division 10, Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 7113)) to award grants for capital funding and personnel funding to finance eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, Authority staff reviewed the application submitted by County of Los Angeles (“Grantee”) against the eligibility requirements of the Act and implementing regulations and, pursuant to the Act and implementing regulations, recommends approval of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$40,892,700.49 for the eligible project (the “Project”), which consists of no more than \$35,000,000.00 for crisis residential treatment capital costs, \$4,210,526.31 for crisis stabilization capital costs, \$559,233.00 for mobile crisis capital costs, and \$1,122,941.18 for mobile crisis personnel costs;

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

Section 1. The Authority hereby approves a grant in a total amount not to exceed \$40,892,700.49 to complete the Project as described in the Grantee’s application and as more particularly described in Exhibit A to this Resolution (Exhibit A is hereby incorporated by reference) within a project period that ends on April 24, 2016.

Section 2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the Authority to approve any minor, non-material changes in the Project described in the application submitted to the Authority and extend the project period completion date identified in Section 1 as authorized under the Act and implementing regulations. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to require the Authority to provide any additional funding, even if more grants are approved than there is available funding. Any notice to the Grantee shall indicate that the Authority shall not be liable to the Grantee in any manner whatsoever should such funding not be completed for any reason whatsoever.

Section 3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to disburse funds not to exceed those amounts approved by the Authority for the Grantee. The Executive Director is further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver to the Grantee any and all documents necessary to complete the disbursement of funds that are consistent with the Act and implementing regulations.

Section 4. The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things and to execute and deliver any and all documents which the Executive Director deems necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 5. This Resolution expires April 24, 2016.

Date Approved: _____

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proceeds of the grant will be used by the County of Los Angeles as follows:

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