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Michael P. Victorino 7/20/22
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Gabe Johnson, Chair
Affordable Housing Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Johnson:

SUBJECT: HOMELESS PROGRAMS AND RELATED MATTERS (AH-19)

The Department received your correspondence dated July 7, 2022 regarding the supplemental Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) issued by HUD. The following is the Department's response to your inquiry:

1. Please provide an outline of the Department's plans to apply.

As noted in HUD's announcements, this supplemental funding is being made available through the Continuum of Care (CoC) program. Therefore, the Balance of State CoC known as Bridging the Gap (BTG), has the authority to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) in order to solicit potential programs from Maui, Kauai and Hawaii Counties for competitive granting of funds. The County of Maui does not have the authority/ability to independently apply for funds directly from HUD. Like our sister counties, we must wait for Bridging the Gap to issue the RFP, then submit proposals for the funds. The Department has met several times with BTG and the other Counties to address the need for the RFP to be developed, and a process established for the CoC to submit the required consolidated proposal to HUD in response to the NOFO. At present, the Department is determining a source of payment to contribute to the cost of the RFP development/administration of funds which has been estimated to be \$18,000. We expect that the Collaborative Applicant for BTG, Ka Mana o Na Helu, will be contracted

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for this work. We are projecting that the contractor will be engaged and that the RFP will be issued by the CoC by mid-August, 2022.

Further, the County of Maui does not meet HUD's criteria for the "Rural Set Aside" funding, therefore, the COM is only eligible to seek funds from the "Unsheltered Homelessness set aside". This funding is capped at \$1,817,341 for the three Counties noted above.

2. "...please provide a corresponding timeline and any other relevant information"

Projected timeline:

- a. August 1, 2022 - Contract executed with Ka Mana O Na Helu to develop RFP on behalf of BTG
- b. August 15, 2022 – RFP issued by BTG
- c. September 1, 2022 – County submits proposals to BTG
- d. September 15, 2022 – BTG scores and selects projects to be submitted to HUD as the CoC.

The Department has been working diligently over the past 6-8 months on program development for a medical street outreach program to address unsheltered homeless individuals with severe mental health and physical health needs. We have engaged partners, explored specific training, and also worked with the University of Hawaii's Center for the Family to conduct a formal evaluation of the program to demonstrate efficacy. The Department is hopeful that we can make further progress in order to submit an application for possible funding to the CoC for this demonstration project which aligns with HUD's focus on unsheltered homelessness, street outreach, coordination among community partners, use of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and an adherence to Housing First.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information to the Committee. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me Ext. 7805.

Sincerely,



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