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RE: Funding recommendations for affordable housing, planning, and economic assistance

This memo summarizes funding opportunities that Consero Solutions (“Consero”), in consultation with Joan Planell, recommends Solano County (“County”) pursue. Consero organized this memo in order of short-, medium-, and long-term options so the County may strategically plan its affordable housing projects around funding availability. In preparing this document, Consero reviewed grant guidelines from the state (Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)), corporations like the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and health care providers such as Kaiser Permanente, conducted outreach to grant managers, reviewed the 2018 Homelessness Task Force Report and the 2019-20 state budget, and interviewed experts in the field of affordable housing, homelessness, and social services, such as Ms. Planell. Consero will provide separate documents summarizing grant guidelines for the short-term opportunities.

Table 1, on the following page, includes all the short-, medium-, and long-term funding opportunities presented in the memo.

Table 1: Summary of Short-, Medium-, and Long-Term Funding Opportunities

Funding Program	Timing	Application deadline (if applicable)
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SB 2 Planning Grant <i>(New)</i>	Short-term	Mar 28 through Nov 30, 2019
Emergency Solutions Grant	Short-term	May 30, 2019
California Emergency Solutions and Housing	Short-term	Jun 28, 2019
Housing for a Healthy California	Short-term	Aug 13, 2019
No Place Like Home (Noncompetitive)	Short-term	Aug 15, 2019
Whole Person Care Pilots	Short-term	Sept 23, 2019
Permanent Local Housing Allocation <i>(New)</i>	Short-term	Final guidelines expected Sept 2019
Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities	Short-term	Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) expected Oct 2019
Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program	Short-term	NOFA expected Nov 2019
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	Short-term	Nov 2019
No Place Like Home (Competitive)	Short-term	Nov 2019
Infill Infrastructure Grant Program	Short-term	Dec 2019
Community Development Block Grants	Medium-term	NOFA expected Jan 2020
Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program	Medium-term	Feb 2020
Local Government Planning Support Grants	Medium-term	July 2020
Kaiser Community Benefits Grant Program	Medium-term	March 2020
Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco Affordable Housing Program	Medium-term	March 2020
NorthBay Hospital	Long-term	Ongoing
Sutter Health	Long-term	Ongoing
One Bay Area Grant	Long-term	Mid to late 2021
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	Long-term	Ongoing
Proposition 47	Long-term	2021

SHORT-TERM OPPORTUNITIES (APRIL-DECEMBER 2019)

Table 2 presents a chronological summary of short-term funding opportunities, with more detailed descriptions to follow.

Table 2: Summary of Short-Term Funding Opportunities

Funding Program	Application deadline	Applicant
SB 2 Planning Grant <i>(New)</i>	Mar 28 through Nov 30, 2019	Solano County
Emergency Solutions Grant	May 30, 2019	CAP Solano JPA
California Emergency Solutions and Housing	Jun 28, 2019	CAP Solano JPA
Housing for a Healthy California	Aug 13, 2019	Solano County (through one-time SB 2 portion)
No Place Like Home (Noncompetitive)	Aug 15, 2019	Solano County
Whole Person Care Pilots	Sept 23, 2019	Solano County
Permanent Local Housing Allocation <i>(New)</i>	Final guidelines expected Sept 2019	Solano County
Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities	Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) expected Oct 2019	Solano County
Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program	NOFA expected Nov 2019	Developer
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	Nov 2019	Solano County
No Place Like Home (Competitive)	Nov 2019	Solano County
Infill Infrastructure Grant Program	Dec 2019	Developer or Solano County/developer

SB 2 Planning Grant

The SB 2 Planning Grants program, administered by HCD, provides local governments with one-time funding and technical assistance to adopt and implement plans and process improvements that streamline housing approvals and accelerate production. Eligible activities include updating planning documents and processes such as general plans and zoning ordinances, conducting environmental analyses, and expediting local planning and permitting. The minimum award is \$25,000; Solano County is eligible to receive up to \$160,000. **Funds are available on an over-the-counter basis from April 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019. Consero strongly recommends the County connect with its regional technical assistance liaisons ([Joanna Jansen](#) or [Charlie Knox](#) of the San Francisco Bay Area region) as soon as possible to discuss possible project ideas.**

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

ESG, an annual program administered by HCD, provides grant funding to Continuums of Care (CoCs) to (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street, (2) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, (3) help operate and provide essential services in emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families, and (4) prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. The County CoC qualifies for a total ESG allocation of \$248,005 through the current funding cycle. **CoCs must submit applications by May 30, 2019; CAP Solano JPA applied and is awaiting award announcements.**

California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH)

CESH, funded by SB 2 and administered by HCD, provides CoCs with grants to assist persons who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. This is the final round of CESH. The Vallejo/Solano County Continuum of Care is eligible to receive \$389,467. CAP Solano JPA received \$726,212 in a previous round. **CoCs (in Solano's case, CAP Solano JPA, the administrative entity representing the CoC) must submit applications by June 28, 2019; CAP Solano JPA applied and is awaiting award announcements. Solano County would apply directly to the CoC for funds.**

Housing for a Healthy California (HCC)

HCC, created by AB 74, administered by HCD, and funded by SB 2 (Building Homes and Jobs Act Trust Fund), provides competitive grants to counties for capital and operating assistance or operating reserve grants and capital loans to developers. HCC creates supportive housing for individuals receiving or eligible for Medi-Cal. Funds support acquisition, new construction or reconstruction and rehabilitation, administrative costs, capitalized operating subsidy reserves, and rental subsidies. **The application deadline is August 13, 2019.**

No Place Like Home (NPLH, Noncompetitive Allocation)

NPLH, administered by HCD, provides counties with deferred payment loans to finance the development of permanent supportive housing for persons with a serious mental illness who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at-risk of chronic homelessness. NPLH funds may be used to acquire, design, construct, rehabilitate, or preserve permanent supportive housing and fund capitalized operating subsidy reserves. Approximately \$190 million in Noncompetitive Allocation funds is available through NPLH. All counties are eligible to receive at least \$500,000 in Noncompetitive Allocation funds. Above this amount, HCD allocates funding based on the county's proportional share of the state's homeless population, as measured by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) most recent unsheltered and sheltered Point-in-Time Count. **Solano County learned in June 2019 it had received \$1,711,136 in noncompetitive NPLH funds in support of a project in Fairfield in partnership with developer MidPen Housing. In total, the project will add 72 beds for those with mental illness; 34 of the beds are funded with NPLH dollars and the 38 remaining beds will be funded with outside dollars.**

Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilots

The 2019-20 state budget invests \$100 million in one-time General Fund for expanded county Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot Programs. Eligible costs include long-term and short-term housing, such as hotel vouchers and rental subsidies, as well as capital investment for housing projects for Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are mentally ill and experiencing homelessness, or are at risk of homelessness. Funding does not require local matching funding and may not supplant existing funding. Funding is not available for housing case management services, such as housing navigation services and tenancy sustaining services, such as security deposit, first month coverage of utilities, etc. **Solano Health and Social Services receives WPC funding and contracts with a nonprofit service provider. Solano County is eligible to receive \$1,603,827.17 in WPC Pilot funds. Letters of interest are due to the Department of Health Care Services by September 23, 2019. A signed Board of Supervisors resolution is due by October 7, 2019.**

Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA)

PLHA, created through SB 2 and administered by HCD, provides local governments with competitive and noncompetitive funds to address unmet local housing needs. Eligible uses include predevelopment, development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of multifamily, residential live-work rental housing that is affordable to extremely low-, very low- and moderate-income households; and assistance

to persons experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, including rapid rehousing, rental assistance, emergency shelters, and the new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional housing.

Approximately \$16.6 million is available to non-entitlement local governments through the noncompetitive allocation, while approximately \$11.5 million is available to non-entitlement local governments through the competitive allocation; the remaining \$138 million is available to entitlement local governments through the noncompetitive allocation. **Based on the preliminary PLHA formula, Solano County is eligible to receive up to \$99,609 through the noncompetitive non-entitlement allocation; HCD will not release minimum/maximum amounts for the competitive non-entitlement allocation until it issues the NOFA. According to early July 2019 email correspondence with HCD, staff expects to post final guidelines in September 2019, and a NOFA for non-entitlement competitive and non-competitive allocations in March 2020.**

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC)

The purpose of AHSC, administered by the Strategic Growth Council and implemented by HCD, is to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through land-use, housing, transportation, and agricultural land preservation projects. AHSC provides grants, loans, or any combination thereof, for affordable housing developments and housing-related infrastructure, including new construction, acquisition, substantial rehabilitation, preservation of at-risk affordable housing, and conversion of nonresidential structures to residential dwelling units. Awards range between \$500,000 and \$20 million. **HCD estimates releasing a Round 5 NOFA in October 2019, with applications expected to be due in February 2020.**

Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP)

VHHP, administered by HCD, provides funds to nonprofit and for-profit corporations and public agencies for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable multifamily housing for veterans and their families. At minimum 50 percent of awarded funds must serve veteran households with extremely-low incomes; of those extremely low-income veteran units, 60 percent shall be supportive housing units. **HCD plans to release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$75 million in funds in November 2019, with applications expected to be due in January 2020.**

Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

HOME, funded by HUD and administered to non-entitlement jurisdictions by HCD, provides grants and low-interest loans to cities, counties, developers, and nonprofit community housing development organizations (CHDOs) to create and retain affordable housing. Eligible activities include housing rehabilitation, new construction, and acquisition and rehabilitation for both single-family and multifamily projects, and predevelopment loans to CHDOs. **HCD plans to issue draft regulations for the 2019 funding cycle (approximately \$35 million in funding) in August 2019, with applications to be due in November 2019.**

No Place Like Home (NPLH, Round 2 Competitive Allocation)

Approximately \$400,000,000 in Round 2 Competitive Allocation funds is available for NPLH. Counties will compete with counties of similar population size. Round 1 amounts within each population group were as follows: Large County (population greater than 750,000) - \$93,525,977; Medium County (population between 200,000 to 750,000) - \$52,445,511; Small County (population less than 200,000) - \$32,000,00. **Solano County learned in June 2019 it had received \$3,026,167 in competitive NPLH funds in support of**

the previously mentioned MidPen Housing project in Fairfield. HCD will release a Round 2 NOFA in September 2019, with the application deadline in November 2019.

Infill Infrastructure Grant Program (IIG)

The IIG Program, administered by HCD, provides grants for infrastructure improvements to facilitate new infill housing development. Eligible uses include water, sewer, or other utility service improvements; streets, roads, or transit linkages or facilities, including, but not limited to, related access plazas or pathways, bus or transit shelters, or facilities that support pedestrian or bicycle transit; qualifying infill project or area site preparation or demolition; or sidewalk/streetscape improvements, including, but not limited to, the reconstruction or resurfacing of sidewalks and streets or the installation of lighting, signage, or other related amenities. The 2019-20 state budget allocated \$500,000,000 to this program: \$410,000,000 is available for counties with a population of 250,000 or less, or any city in that county, and \$90 million is available for counties with a population greater than 250,000, or any city in that county. **HCD expects to release a NOFA in October 2019, with a projected application deadline in December 2019.**

Training and Technical Assistance

As described in a workshop attended by Ms. Planell in Sacramento on March 6, 2019, HCD additionally offers technical assistance on a first come, first served basis to California counties and CoCs to enhance, develop, build capacity, or improve the design and the delivery of programs and services for people experiencing homelessness. Using an on-demand response model, HCD will deploy consultants to provide more than 13,000 hours of assistance, at no cost to the jurisdictions, on the topics of capacity building (Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc. (TAC)), Housing First (the Center for Common Concerns (HomeBase)), and housing stability (Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)). **Consero suggests the County review the HCD's [web page](#) providing further description of the resources provided and submit a request for technical assistance.**

MEDIUM-TERM OPPORTUNITIES (JANUARY 2020-JUNE 2020)

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

CDBG, funded by HUD and administered to non-entitlement jurisdictions by HCD, provides grants to cities and counties for such activities as housing rehabilitation, acquisition, construction, public improvements including water and wastewater systems and rural utilities such as gas and electric services, as well as planning and technical assistance, including studies and plans for housing and public works. Maximum awards typically range between \$3-\$5 million. **According to program officer Jon Diedesch, HCD estimates publishing the 2019 NOFA in January 2020 with an application deadline expected in April 2020.**

2019-20 State Budget

Governor Newsom's 2019-20 state budget adopts an Assembly Housing and Homelessness Framework, which includes an unprecedented \$2.4 billion in funding to fight California's homelessness and affordable housing crisis across multiple departments and programs, plus expanded tax credits. Per Mark Stivers, Acting Deputy Director for the Division of Financial Assistance at HCD, tax credits will be available in January 2020 and will initially be first come, first served before becoming competitive at a later date.

Housing highlights include:

- Creation of an advisory panel consisting of HCD, Office of Planning and Research, and stakeholders to provide the Legislature with recommendations on how to improve the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process
 - HCD has until December 31, 2022 to develop an improved process and methodology and will be required to submit a findings and recommendation report to the Legislature
- An allocation of \$3.4 million 2019-20 General Fund to implement development of affordable housing on state-owned land
- \$250 million in one-time funding to COGs and local jurisdictions to plan for the upcoming RHNA cycle (to be split 50/50 between COGS and local jurisdictions) through the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program:
 - The Association of Bay Area Governments is the COG representing Solano County and will receive \$25.5 million in funds. COGS have until January 31, 2021 to request funds
 - **Solano County (unincorporated) is due to receive \$65,000, while Solano County as a whole (including cities) will receive \$1,795,000. Applications for jurisdictions are due by July 1, 2020; funds¹ must be expended by December 31, 2023**

Table 3: Local Government Planning Support Grants Program

Eligible Uses
Rezoning and encouraging development by updating planning documents and zoning ordinances, such as general plans, community plans, sustainable communities’ strategies, etc.
Completing environmental clearance to eliminate need for project-specific review
Establishing workforce housing opportunity zone
Performing infrastructure planning, including for sewers, water systems, transit, roads, or other public facilities needed to support new housing
Partnering with other local entities to identify and prepare excess property for residential development
Revamping local planning processes to speed up housing production
Developing or improving an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance
Covering the costs of temporary staffing or consultant needs related to the above

Homelessness highlights include:

- \$650 million in one-time grants (Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program) for local jurisdictions to build and maintain emergency shelters; 8% must be used on homeless youth. **While \$275 million is reserved for cities with populations greater than 300,000, the remaining \$375 million will be split between continuums of care and counties:**
 - \$190 million available to continuums of care
 - **\$175 million available to counties, with allocation amounts to be based on 2019 PIT counts**

Table 4, on the following page, provides information on another new housing program resulting from the 2019-20 state budget.

¹ If the jurisdiction has a population of 300,000 or greater, but equal to or less than 749,000, the maximum award is \$750,000
 If the jurisdiction has a population of 100,000 or greater, but equal to or less than 299,999, the maximum award is \$500,000
 If the jurisdiction has a population of 60,000 or greater, but equal to or less than 99,999, the maximum award is \$300,000
 If the jurisdiction has a population of 20,000 or greater, but equal to or less than 59,999, the maximum award is \$150,000
 If the jurisdiction has a population equal to or less than 19,999, the maximum award is \$65,000

Table 4: Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program

Eligible Uses
Rental assistance and rapid rehousing
Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers, including operating reserves
Incentives to landlords, including security deposits and holding fees
Outreach and coordination (may include access to job programs) to assist vulnerable populations in accessing permanent supportive housing
Systems support for activities to create regional partnerships and maintain homeless services and housing delivery system
Delivery of permanent supportive housing and innovative housing solutions such as hotel/motel conversions
Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing
New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need

- **Applications are due by February 15, 2020; at least 50% funds must be expended by May 31, 2023**
- \$21 million General Fund (\$13 million in 2019-20 and \$8 million ongoing) through HCD to expand Transitional Housing Placement Plus Program (THP-Plus) to reduce homelessness for former foster youth. Increased funding will be suspended on December 31, 2021, unless the Administration determines there is enough General Fund revenue to support all suspended programs in the subsequent two fiscal years.
 - **Aaron Crutison, Deputy Director of Child Welfare Services at Solano Health and Social Services, named THP-Plus as a primary partner with which his team works to provide housing for aging out foster care youth in Solano County.**
- Another major proposal in the 19-20 state budget pertains to planning and zoning laws. AB 101/SB 102 describes the Governor’s “carrot-and-stick” approach to incentivizing jurisdictions to make progress on their housing goals:
 - Jurisdictions found out of compliance with housing element requirements can have fines imposed on them, ranging from \$10,000-\$100,000/month if they have failed to come into compliance within a year of being found out of compliance
 - Jurisdictions failing to comply three months following fee imposition will see fees increased to \$30,000-\$300,000/month
 - Jurisdictions failing to comply six months following fee imposition will see fees increased to \$60,000-\$600,000/month
 - HCD will post on its website each month list of jurisdictions found not in compliance with housing element law and shall provide this list on an annual basis to the Office of Planning and Research and any other applicable agency or department

- Jurisdictions compliant with housing element law and/or that have passed pro-housing local policies² will receive incentives in the form of additional points in the scoring of competitive housing and infrastructure programs with award cycles commencing after July 1, 2021:
 - Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (see page 3)
 - Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program³
 - Infill Infrastructure Grant Program (see page 4)

Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser)

- Community Benefit Grants Program: Kaiser provides annual financial support to local nonprofit health and human service organizations in Solano County with an emphasis on reaching low-income, under-resourced communities. Grant requests must focus on meeting at least one of the funding priority areas, which in the 2017-2019 cycle, included Access to Care and Coverage, Mental Health and Wellness, and Community and Family Safety. Past recipients include Solano Coalition for Better Health (\$145,000 for Access to Care and Coverage in 2017); Dixon Family Services (\$312,402 for Mental Health and Wellness in 2017); and Children’s Network of Solano County (\$198,000 for Community Health and Family Safety in 2017). 2020’s cycle will respond to the 2020 needs assessment, to be announced in late 2019. For the 2019 Request for Proposal (RFP), maximum grant awards were \$50,000. **According to Community Benefit Manager Hannah Cordero Chen, the program typically issues RFPs in January with proposals due in March.**
- In addition to the yearly Community Benefit Grants Program, Kaiser is expanding efforts to address issues of homelessness nationwide. In May 2018, Kaiser announced it would invest \$200 million for new housing and community needs over the next three to five years. In January 2019, Kaiser kicked off its efforts by committing \$5.2 million to purchase a 41-unit apartment building in East Oakland and revealed plans to partner with the City and community aid groups to identify, house, and provide services for 500 homeless individuals over age 50. In early March 2019, Kaiser pledged \$3 million to fight homelessness in several Northern California communities, including Contra Costa, Fresno, Madera, Marin, Sacramento, and Santa Cruz counties, partnering with the national nonprofit Community Solutions’ Built for Zero initiative. **While Kaiser’s philanthropy in this initiative thus far lies outside of Solano County, Consero urges the County to build a relationship with Kaiser and advocate for an expansion of this program into Solano.**

Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco Affordable Housing Program (AHP)

The AHP, administered by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco in accordance with the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, facilitates the development of affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities for very low-, low-, and moderate-income households. Through an annual competitive application process, the Bank provides grants to members to finance the purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing by or for very low-, low-, and moderate-income households; or to finance the purchase, construction, or rehabilitation of rental housing in which at least 20 percent of

² Defined as policies that facilitate the planning, approval, or construction of housing, such as:
 Local financial incentives for housing, including establishing a local housing trust fund
 Reduced parking requirements for sites zoned for residential development
 Zoning more sites for residential development or at higher densities
 Adoption of ADU ordinances
 Reduction of permit processing time
 Creation of objective development standards
 Reduction of impact fees
 Establishment of a workforce housing opportunity zone or a housing sustainability district

³ No cities within Solano County were eligible to apply for the most recent Strategic Growth Council TCC Program, due to its usage of CalEnviroScreen 3.0 to define “disadvantaged community”

units are occupied by and affordable for very low-income households. The maximum subsidy per project is limited to \$1.5 million, and while there is no limit on the number of applications a member may submit, collectively the total amount of subsidy requested cannot exceed \$15 million. **The 2019 application was due March 4, 2019, so the County can expect a similar timeline for the 2020 cycle. In June 2019 the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco announced an award of \$710,000 to the previously mentioned MidPen Housing project in Fairfield.**

LONG-TERM OPPORTUNITIES (JULY 2020-BEYOND)

NorthBay Hospital

NorthBay Healthcare Foundation has raised more than \$25 million in charitable gifts to provide Solano County residents access to state-of-the-art medical services, such as the NorthBay Heart & Vascular Center and Advanced Trauma Care. Increasingly health care providers are making substantial community investments in the areas of affordable housing and homelessness. **Consero encourages the County to explore a partnership with NorthBay and other regional health care providers.**

Sutter Health (Sutter)

In 2016, Sutter announced a three-year Getting to Zero Initiative with a goal to effectively end homelessness in Sacramento, Placer, and Yolo Counties. Together with local government and business partners in the tri-county area, Sutter pledged to raise \$20 million and to match up to \$10 million for the Getting to Zero campaign. As of July 2019, Sutter has partnered with four local jurisdictions and invested over \$7 million towards innovative housing solutions:

- City of Davis: \$233,000 matching grant for Davis Pathways program, incorporating job training, bridge rental assistance, and supportive services and \$2.5 million to construct Paul's Place, a multi-level, multi-programmatic homelessness resource center and permanent supportive micro-housing complex
- Placer County: \$2 million in matching funds to purchase housing and rental subsidies for participants in its WPC pilot program, allowing Placer to leverage a federal grant of up to \$10 million over five years enabling the purchase of two homes with a total of 14 bedrooms and providing housing for up to 20 people experiencing homelessness each year
- City of Roseville: \$500,000 matching grant to support Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program
- City of Sacramento: \$433,000 to expand services at Salvation Army's Center of Hope Emergency Shelter to provide 24/7 care; \$1.0 million plus \$300,000 matching grant to keep America's Railroad Street Triage Shelter open in 2018; \$1.3 million to support City as it creates longer-term emergency shelters

While Sutter's investments towards homelessness are currently concentrated in the tri-county area, Consero recommends the County keep the healthcare provider in mind in the event Sutter expands its scope of support in the coming years.

One Bay Area Grant (OBAG)

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) launched OBAG in 2012 to provide the Bay Area region with assistance in achieving transportation, land-use, and housing goals through both a regional and a county program. OBAG aims to reward cities and counties that meet their housing goals. MTC has held two funding rounds so far; the current cycle runs through 2022, but Funding Policy Analyst Mallory

Atkinson estimates planning for Round 3 to begin in mid-2020 and a release of guidelines and program framework to follow in mid-2021. **While the funding priorities for Round 3 are unknown at this time, Consero advises the County to engage with MTC in the event that OBAG again offers funding for affordable housing projects, as was the case with the Round 2 Regional Program.**

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

During a phone call with Benjamin Wickham, Affordable Housing Director of Sonoma County, Consero learned of a \$1,000,000, two-year grant awarded by the Hewlett Foundation to assist with the establishment of the Renewal Enterprise District, a new JPA based in Santa Rosa and led by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, designed to assist the County and the city in its goal to create 30,000 new homes in response to the devastating impact of the 2017 wildfires. The Hewlett Foundation, based in Menlo Park, focuses its investments on education, environment, global development, performing arts, effective philanthropy, and disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area. The Foundation occasionally invites letters of inquiry through open processes but in general does not accept unsolicited proposals. **Solano County may wish to explore conversations with the Solano Transportation Authority and CAP Solano JPA regarding the possibility of future support from the Hewlett Foundation.**

In January 2019, the Hewlett Foundation launched a regional public-private housing partnership (The Partnership for the Bay's Future) with support from the Ford Foundation, Chan Zuckerberg Foundation, Packard Foundation, Genentech, Facebook, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and others with the goal of preserving and producing more than 8,000 homes over the next five to 10 years in the San Francisco Bay Area. Unfortunately, at this time the Partnership is focusing these efforts only in San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties.

Proposition 47 Grant Program

The Proposition 47 Grant Program, administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), is in the midst of its second funding cycle, with Cohort 2 grants to be awarded summer of 2019. BSCC awards these grants competitively to public agencies to provide mental health services, substance abuse treatment, housing assistance, legal services, and job skills training to those in the criminal justice program. In June 2017, Solano County Health and Social Services received a \$6 million grant from the first round of funding to broaden its capacity to provide residential drug treatment and other support services, including robust case management and transitional housing. **At present time, BSCC expects to offer a third funding cycle, likely in 2021, so Consero suggests the County consider applying again at that time, either for a continuation of its current project or for something new.**