

Expansion of Housing for Youth Formerly in Foster Care

When young people exit foster care, it can be challenging to find resources and housing opportunities. And when there are resources, they are often limited in number. Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP-Plus) is one such program, but it has expanded in recent years at the direction of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the hard work of the Department of Children and Family Services. THP-Plus has been a critical housing program for youth ages 18 to 25 years old who were formerly in foster care.

Governor Newsom and the California Legislature, with the partnership of John Burton Advocates for Youth, have invested significantly in this program over the last several years. On January 14, 2022, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued an Allocation Acceptance, under the THP-Plus Housing Supplemental Program, for \$9.2 million authorized by item 2240-102-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act 2021 (AB164) (Chapter 84 of the Statutes of 2021) and Chapter 11.9 (commencing with Health and Safety Code 50820) as part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code (AB153), of the Health and Safety Code. Pursuant to Section 50820 of the Health and Safety Code, HCD shall allocate and distribute funds to up to 11 counties. A county shall be eligible to receive funding pursuant to this section if the fair market rent, as defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (i) of Section 11403.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, for a two-bedroom apartment in the county is one of the 11 most expensive in the state during 2020-2021 Federal fiscal year, which makes Los Angeles County eligible.

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The THP-Plus Supplemental Program allocation will be shared among participating counties to increase the monthly rates paid to THP-Plus providers in counties with high rental costs to ensure adequate funding is available to cover the cost of rent as well as comprehensive supportive services. Currently, DCFS pays a monthly THP-Plus rate of \$2,200 per youth. The THP-Plus Housing Supplement Program will enable DCFS to increase the monthly rate to at least \$2,882 per youth, which will improve providers' abilities to secure safe, quality housing units for the youth participating in their program, as well as offer services critical to assisting youth with educational, employment, mental health, and independent living goals. Through this program, DCFS can also establish a parenting rate with this funding specific to expectant and parenting youth formerly in foster care. This is a critical opportunity and Los Angeles County should leverage it to support youth previously in foster care.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that in order to participate in the State of California Transitional Housing Plus (THP-Plus) Housing Supplemental Program funding allocation, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the attached resolution authorizing DCFS to participate in the THP-Plus Housing Supplemental Program and accept the funding allocation.
- 2) Instruct the Acting Director of DCFS, or designee, to accept the funding for the THP-Plus Housing Supplemental Program for Los Angeles County by submitting the approved resolution by the Board of Supervisors.
- 3) Delegate authority to the Acting Director of DCFS, or designee, in consultation with County Counsel, to execute amendments to THP-Plus contracts to increase the Maximum Contract Sum to distribute the new funding allocation to accommodate an increase in units of service, and to update THP-Plus contracts for necessary programmatic changes. Execution of amendments is contingent upon: a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendments, and b) DCFS will notify the Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in writing within 10 business days of such amendment.

- 4) Direct the Acting Director, or designee, following receipt of funding if granted, to implement the THP-Plus Housing Supplemental Program with a specific rate for expectant and parenting youth.

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**THP Plus Housing Supplement Program Allocation Acceptance Resolution for
Counties**

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF: THP PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NUMBER: [Agenda No. 6](#) [Insert Resolution Number]

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY ALLOCATION AWARD UNDER THE THP PLUS HOUSING SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) issued an allocation acceptance form, dated January 14, 2022 under the THP Plus Housing Supplement Program (“Program”) for \$9.2 million authorized by item 2240-102-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2021 ([AB164](#)) (Chapter 84 of the Statutes of 2021) and Chapter 11.9 (commencing with [HSC 50820](#)) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code (collectively, the “Statute”) ([AB153](#)),, of the Health and Safety Code (the “Allocation Acceptance Form”).

WHEREAS, the Allocation Acceptance Form relates to the availability of the funds under the Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services was listed as an eligible applicant in the Allocation Acceptance Form, dated January 14, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles (“County”) does determine and declare as follows:

SECTION 1. That County is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and accept County’s allocation award, as detailed in the Allocation Acceptance Form (the “THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation Award”), up to the amount authorized the Allocation Acceptance Form and applicable state law.

SECTION 2. That if funds remain available for allocation after the deadline for submitting a signed Allocation Acceptance Form, and if the Department advises County that County is eligible for an additional allocation from these remaining funds, County is hereby authorized and directed to accept this additional allocation of funds (“Additional THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation”) up to the amount authorized by Department.

SECTION 3. That Director of DCFS, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to act on behalf of County in connection with the THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation Award and any Additional THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation, and to enter into, execute, and deliver any and all documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to be participate in the Program, including but not limited to a Standard Agreement, and be awarded the THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation Award, and any Additional THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation, and any amendments to such documents (collectively, the “THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation Award Documents”).

INSTRUCTION: *Multiple signors may be included in Section 3, above. The word “and” between each identified signor should be used if County requires multiple signatures to create a valid, legally enforceable instrument. The word “or” should be used between each identified signor if the County requires the signature of only one of the identified signors in order to create a valid, legally enforceable instrument. The use of “and/or” in this context is legally insufficient and is not acceptable. It is recommended that Counties list the signatories by title only so that, in the event of employee turnover, the Department may accept the signature of whomever holds the title when the THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation Award Documents are required to be signed. If the County resolution identifies a signor by name, the Department will only accept signatures from that named person as signor on County’s behalf, or that named person’s designee if the resolution allows signature by a designee. If County’s signor is a designee, written proof of the designee signature authority must be provided to the Department with the Resolution. The Department will not accept the signature of the designee without such written proof. The Department will make available a template letter with suggested language which would constitute acceptable proof of designee signature authority.*

SECTION 3. That County shall be subject to the terms and conditions that are specified in the THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation Award Documents, and that County will use the THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation Award funds and any Additional THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation funds in accordance with the Allocation Acceptance Form, the THP Plus Housing Supplement Allocation Award Documents, and any and all other THP Plus Housing Supplement requirements, and other applicable laws.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st [Insert Numerical Day] day of March [Insert Month], 2022 [Insert Year, Preceded by 20], by the following vote:

INSTRUCTION: *Fill in all four vote-count fields below. If none, indicate “0” for that field.*

AYES 5 [Insert Number of Ayes] [Supervisors Solis, Kuehl, Hahn, Barger and Mitchell](#)

NOES 0 [Insert Number of Noes]

ABSTENTIONS 0 [Insert Number of Abstentions]

ABSENT 0 [Insert Number Absent]

By: *K. Zavala*
Celia Zavala, Executive Officer of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Dawyn R. Harrison

Acting County Counsel

By: *D. Harrison*



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of [Los Angeles]

I, [CELIA ZAVALA], County Clerk of the County of [Los Angeles], State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors on this 1st [Insert Numerical Day] day of March [Insert Month], 20 22 [Insert Year, Preceded by 20]

[Insert Printed name of County Clerk Here]
Clerk of the County of [Los Angeles], State of California

By: CELIA ZAVALA EXECUTIVE OFFICER
[Insert Printed Name and Title]

RESOLUTION CHECKLIST

Minimum Requirements

- County name
- Title of Signatory(ies)
Note: title of authorized signatory(ies) is preferred for THP Plus Housing Supplement resolutions. Names may be included, but the Department will then only accept signatures on behalf of the County from the named person. Supporting documentation evidencing the individual who currently holds the position **must** be provided.
- Reference to Allocation Acceptance Form date
- Standard Agreement or Grant Agreement language (authorizes signatory(ies) to sign Grant Contract/Standard Agreement)
- Amendment provision included
- Meeting Date, All Votes (Ayes, No's, Absent, Vacant), and signature(s) included
- Resolution number(s) **OR Project** Site Name (Required to differentiate multiple contracts issued to same contractor)

Authorized Signatory(ies) – *And vs. Or*

And – Director and Deputy Director

Both individuals named must sign the Standard Agreement.

Example: “The Board hereby authorizes Director **and** Deputy Director to execute the Standard Agreement in an amount not to exceed...”

Or – Director or Deputy Director

Either individual may sign--only one signature is required.

Example: “The Board hereby authorizes the Director **or** Deputy Director to execute the Standard Agreement in an amount not to exceed...”

And/or – Manager and/or Director

Effective December 9, 2014, HCD’s Legal Assistance Division (LAD) declared this language legally insufficient. Resolutions with this language will not be accepted.

Example: “The Board hereby authorizes the Director **and/or** Deputy Director to execute the Standard Agreement in an amount not to exceed...”