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PHC Awards \$1.05 Million to Humboldt County for Affordable Housing

FAIRFIELD – Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) has awarded \$1.05 million in grant funds to the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services for construction of permanent supportive housing units for homeless residents and accompanying services.

The funding is one of 24 awards, totaling \$25 million, made by PHC for housing-related projects across the Medi-Cal managed care plan’s 14-county service area. Through this grant program, PHC seeks to address the critical housing and housing-related needs that affect the health of its more than 560,000 members.

“Without a roof over your head and a safe place to sleep, it’s difficult to stay healthy,” says Liz Gibboney, CEO of PHC. “We decided to address this critical health-related issue right where it starts – by funding projects that address homelessness and the lack of housing for the most vulnerable populations in our communities.”

The Department of Health & Human Services plans to use the funds from PHC combined with other funding from a development partner to build at least 30 affordable apartment units for homeless or housing-insecure adults who are eligible for PHC.

“Some of these adults are newly homeless due to loss of income from death or admission to long-term care of their spouse,” says Sally Hewitt, Department of Health & Human Services Senior Program Manager. “Others are caught in the bind between fixed income and rising cost of rent. Still others find themselves homeless because their current housing has been sold, foreclosed or condemned.”

“We thank PHC for this tangible recognition of the linkage between affordable housing and good health,” Hewitt says.

The following is a full list of organizations selected to receive PHC grants (by county) and grant amounts:

Del Norte

- Del Norte County Department of Health and Human Services, \$493,118

Humboldt

- Redwood Community Action Agency, \$1,266,486
- Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, \$1,050,000

Lake

- Adventist Health Clear Lake, \$1,330,904

Lassen

- Lassen County Health & Social Services, \$323,225

Marin

- Homeward Bound of Marin, \$1,567,065

Mendocino

- Health and Human Services of Mendocino County, \$1,006,196

Modoc

- Training, Employment & Community Help, Inc. (T.E.A.C.H., Inc.), \$133,239

Napa

- Peter A. & Vernice H. Gasser Foundation, \$1,000,000
- Napa County Health & Human Services, \$260,820

Shasta

- One Safe Place, \$142,000
- Hill Country Community Clinic, \$1,730,260 (capital project) and \$269,740 (facilitation project)
- Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, \$50,000 (facilitation) and \$435,376 (capital)

Siskiyou

- Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, \$219,949
- Rural Communities Housing Development, \$560,000

Solano

- CAP Solano Joint Powers Authority, \$4,913,964

Sonoma

- Sonoma County Community Development Commission, \$3,264,000 (capital project) and \$1,653,538 (facilitation project)

Trinity

- Trinity County Behavioral Health Department, \$195,390

Yolo

- City of Woodland, \$679,971
- City of West Sacramento, \$914,444
- Davis Community Meals and Housing, \$750,313

About Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC)

PHC is a nonprofit community-based health care organization that contracts with the state to administer Medi-Cal benefits. PHC provides quality health care to over 560,000 Medi-Cal members in 14 Northern California counties – Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Trinity, and Yolo.