**Homekey+ Staff Report | Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors | March 25, 2025**

In-Kind Services

In-kind services means that the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) will be providing services to the tenants of the Homekey+ permanent supportive housing project. HHSA will not be providing direct funding to the developer or project.

Fiscal Responsibility

HHSA currently pays for services and housing for unhoused people. HHSA spent over $1.4 million dollars on motel/hotel vouchers in the last fiscal year. A Homekey+ project would provide State funded housing for 50 households. This means that HHSA would no longer be paying for housing costs for those 50 households. HHSA would just be providing in-kind services. In other words, by supporting the Homekey+ project, the County will save money.

Households living in permanent supportive housing typically do not use emergency services as often as people who are unsheltered, so public costs for emergency rooms, jails, and hospitals will decrease, also saving the County and the community money.

Housing Veterans

The Supervisors’ request to house veterans was accepted by the City of Yreka and Danco Communities. Unhoused veterans will be prioritized for units via the tenant selection plan.

Recommendation

The HHSA Director recommends the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors approve the amended letter of commitment for in-kind supportive services. Supporting the City of Yreka’s and Danco Communities’ Homekey+ project aligns with County priorities of fiscal responsibility and housing veterans by bringing unhoused veterans and unhoused people into State-funded stable, permanent housing with services.