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Agenda Item Request:

Direct and thereby authorize action steps for Cumberland County staff to undertake based on recommendations of the Lakes Region Homeless Needs Study.

Background and Purpose of Request:

Requestor: Sandra Warren, Compliance and Audit Manager

In June of 2023, Cumberland County Commissioners engaged with Jeff Levine from Levine Planning Strategies to example undertake a regional homeless needs study. The study aims to identify the most effective strategies for addressing housing insecurity in the Lakes Region, which includes the towns of Baldwin, Bridgton, Casco, Gray, Naples, Raymond, Sebago, Standish, and Windham.

On July 08, 2024, consultant Jeff Levine from Levine Planning Strategies, in collaboration with HSRI and North Star Planning, presented the initial findings of the Lakes Region Homeless Needs Study to the County Commissioners. This presentation covered five of the report's eight key tasks.

Today, Jeff returns to present the remaining tasks, which include a siting analysis, an overview of findings, and actionable recommendations for Cumberland County and its partners. These recommendations are designed to address service gaps and unmet needs, establishing a foundation for developing one or more service centers in the Lakes Region.

Funding Amount and Source:

This study was funded using \$115,000.00 of the original \$650,000 ARPA allocation for the Lakes Region Homeless Service center initiative project. County Commissioner have \$535,000 in funding remaining to support initiative and actionable take steps from the study.

Effective Date if Applicable:

November 18, 2024

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date: Acting Body: Action: Sent To:

11/18/2024 Board of Commissioners READ INTO THE RECORD

Action Text: This Report was READ INTO THE RECORD.

Attachments: Staff Memo Lakes Region Homeless Needs Study .pdf, Final Report Lakes Region Reduced.pdf,

LakesRegionHomelessProject_111824 final.pdf