



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Housing and
Community
Development
Department No.: 055
For Agenda Of: July 10, 2007
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department John Torell, Housing and Community Development. 568-3520
Director
Contact Info: Patricia Gabel, Housing Finance Division Manager. 568-3529
SUBJECT: Grant Application – Substance Abuse/Mental Health Services Administration

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions: That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Authorize the Director of the Housing and Community Development Department to accept grant funds, if awarded, from the United States Department of Health and Human Services as part of the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, under the previously submitted grant application [Attachment A].
- b. Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding [Attachment B] entered into pursuant to the grant application.
- c. Authorize the Director of the Housing and Community Development Department to sign all documents required for execution of the grant agreement, drawdown of funds, submittal of minor amendment requests and grant administration.

Summary Text:

On May 21st, 2007, Housing and Community Development (HCD) submitted a grant application to the Substance Abuse/Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within the United States Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness (see Executive Summary, Attachment A). A total of \$3 million dollars is available through this program of which County HCD applied for the maximum potential award of \$1,875,000 (\$375,000 per year for a five year period). The recommendation above serves the purpose of advising your Board that the application was submitted, and gives authorization to the Director of HCD to receive the funds if awarded.

County HCD was not able to bring this application to the Board of Supervisors prior to its submittal. The initial grant applicant was to be Good Samaritan Shelters, Inc. Just prior to the grant due date, Good Samaritan Shelters, Inc. was informed that it is not an eligible recipient for these funds. HCD stepped in when it was determined that the County would be a competitive applicant. Since there were only three days left prior to the grant application deadline when this circumstance arose, County HCD opted to submit the application with plans to bring this matter to your Board at a later date.

The purpose of this program is to support the nationwide effort to end chronic homelessness by funding services for individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness in coordination with existing permanent supportive housing programs and resources. County HCD applied for this grant on behalf of the body implementing the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness which has yet to be formalized.

Background: On March 23, 2007, SAMHSA posted on it's a website a Request for Applications to fund Services in Supportive Housing programs. The funding announcement requires that all applicants be direct recipients of Continuum of Care funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Since Good Samaritan Shelters, Inc. does not meet this requirement, County HCD was solicited to participate as the applicant for these funds since the Department does receive Continuum of Care funding from HUD.

Bringing Our Community Home, the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Santa Barbara County, has been approved by the County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of Santa Maria, Lompoc, Santa Barbara and Carpinteria. The plan was written over a six month period in 2006, and includes specific action steps and strategies to move people and families who are experiencing long term homelessness and disabling conditions into permanently housed situations. The plan will ultimately be implemented by a private non-profit organization capable of raising funds on its own. At this time, insufficient funds have been raised to hire staff to create the non-profit organization. As a result, local volunteers and staff from cities, the County, and other non-profit organizations have been working to implement the plan on a temporary basis. If successful, this grant will allow for the hiring of staff for the non-profit organization.

Performance Measure:

No change in County mandates or performance measures will occur as a result of this grant application submittal or potential funds if received.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

8% of the annual award is allowable to be used to perform administrative work associated with this grant. This equates to a potential of \$30,000 per year. County HCD will receive these funds, if awarded, to perform the required administrative tasks associated with this grant. The balance of funds

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will be used by subrecipient agencies to deliver services to the targeted populations as documented in the Memorandum of Understanding for this project (Attachment B).

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
n/a

FTEs:
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Special Instructions:

Prepare a Minute Order confirming Board approval and call extension 1090 for pick up.

Attachments:

SAMHSA Application Executive Summary, Attachment A
Memorandum of Understanding, Attachment B

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