



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: Human Services
Commission
Department No.:
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: Human Services Tara Brown, Human Services Commission Chair, 963-8354
Commission
Contact Info: Nancy Madsen, Human Services Commission Staff, 681-4078
SUBJECT: Interim Human Services Fund Grants

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board approve the grantees for the Human Services grants at the recommended grant amounts listed on Attachment A, for the period commencing July 1, 2007.

Summary Text:

Human Services grant applications are received and reviewed every three years. The Human Services Commission is now making recommendations for funding grantees who are previous recipients, who applied for funding in this cycle, who are providing needed services and who have been evaluated as effective. Approval will assure that services continue across fiscal years without interruption in the community. The Commission requests the Board's approval of grants to nonprofit agencies in the amounts listed on Attachment A.

Background:

The Human Services Fund is distributed through grants to nonprofit organizations to assist them in the provision of human services throughout the County. Over the past year the Human Services Commission reviewed and analyzed 98 grant applications and determined which of those to recommend to the Board of Supervisors for grant awards. The final decision regarding the awarding of Human Services Fund grants rests with the Board. The Commission developed a list of recommended grantees and grant amounts if the budget expansion request were to be approved. With the Board's decision to defer decision-making on the budget expansion request until October, the Commission is currently recommending grant allocations to match the base budget amount.

The services currently provided by existing grantees are crucial and should not be interrupted. To insure the continued provision of existing services, the Commission recommends that the Board approve the list of grantees and grant amounts shown on Attachment A. That list is comprised of all grantees that:

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- were chosen for a Human Services Fund grant in the last funding cycle (2004-2007) because they provide needed services;
- were evaluated throughout the grant period to be effective;
- reapplied for the same program for the 2007-2010 funding cycle.

The grant amounts recommended on Attachment A are the same as the in the 2004-2007 funding cycle with a few exceptions. Three grantees from the 2004-2007 grant cycle did not reapply for the 2007-2010 cycle, leaving \$24,000 available for reallocation. Five grantees offered program expansions in their applications, and the unallocated \$24,000 is distributed among these five grantees as an addition to their ongoing grants. These five programs are highlighted in gray on the Attachment.

The Human Services Commission looks forward to the October budget hearings when the Board will consider the Commission’s recommendation to add to add a cost of living adjustment to these existing grantees and to add twenty new important programs as grantees.

Performance Measure:

Human Services Commission and staff will continue to monitor the contract compliance of each grantee to ensure that each of its performance targets is met.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The amount in the Human Services Fund to be distributed is currently budgeted. No new facilities are needed.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source:	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:
County General Fund	\$1,178, 000	\$1,178,000

Staffing Impacts:

No new staffing is needed.

Special Instructions:

Send a copy of the Minute Order to Nancy J. Madsen, Human Services Program, Public Health Department, 300 N. San Antonio Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110.

Attachments:

Attachment A

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