



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
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If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 568-3400
Director(s):
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SUBJECT: Human Services Commission – Award of FY 2014-15 General Fund Grants

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and consider recommendations from the County of Santa Barbara Human Services Commission for the awards of Human Services Commission grants to grantees for the use of County General Funds for FY 2014-15 for the delivery of Human Services Program services(Attachment A);
2. Accept the recommendations from the County of Santa Barbara Human Services Commission and approve the awards of Human Services Commission grants to the grantees subject to the approval and execution of written agreements, and direct staff to return to the Board for approval and authorization of the Chair to execute FY 2014-15 Human Services Commission grants as may be required; and
3. Determine that the above activities are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that these activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Attachment B).

Summary Text:

The Board of Supervisors funds Human Services Commission (HSC) grants annually with County General Funds. The amount of HSC grant funds budgeted for fiscal year 2014-15 is \$1,200,000, which includes administration fees used to support the County's administration of these grants. Grants have historically been awarded on three-year cycles. The last three-year cycle ended with fiscal year 2013-14. The Human Services Commission recommends that the Board approve a majority of the same grantees for receipt of HSC grant funds for an additional fiscal year (fiscal year 2014-15) while the Commission completes its analysis of the Human Services Program including review of current data and needs for the next three-year cycle. The grants are intended to provide for the delivery of vital human services through non-profit organizations Countywide.

Background:

The Santa Barbara County Human Services Commission (HSC) was established in 1977. The all-volunteer Commission is comprised of three Commissioners per Supervisorial District who have experience with Human Services activities in the County. The Supervisors appoint the Commissioners. Meetings are generally held the first Thursday of every month with sub-committees meeting as necessary. All Commission meetings and standing committee meetings are publicly noticed according to the Brown Act and held at a mid-County location accessible to north and south County participants and interested citizens.

The Board last approved funding for 52 organizations for the most recent three-year funding cycle (fiscal years 2011-12 through 2013-14). The programs help sustain critical social services safety net programs Countywide for low income children, families, seniors, homeless, disabled, persons with HIV/AIDS, persons suffering from substance abuse, victims of child or spousal abuse, victims of rape, and other vulnerable populations. Funds go toward shelter, counseling and case management, food and clothing, transportation, health and employment training services.

As noted above, the Human Services Commission recommends that a majority of grantees that received HSC grant funds for the last three-year funding cycle (fiscal years 2011-12 through 2013-14) also receive HSC grant funds for an additional fiscal year (fiscal year 2014-15) with the following changes for awards for fiscal year 2014-15 in comparison to the awards for fiscal years 2011-12 through 2013-14.

Casa Esperanza Day Center Program:

- At its July 15, 2014 meeting, the Commission's Allocations Committee recommended that the same four organizations who received Casa Esperanza's 2013-14 Day Center funding also receive that funding for fiscal year 2014-15 and in the same amounts, i.e., Good Samaritan Shelters (\$9,240), Salvation Army (\$2,310), Unitarian Society's Warming Shelters (\$1,365) and Transition House (\$6,510).
- On August 7, 2014, the full Commission approved the Allocations Committee's 2014-15 recommendation. With the increases, the 2014-15 full HSC grant funding for Good Samaritan Shelters is \$72,377, Salvation Army is \$37,632, Unitarian Society is \$10,195 and Transition House is \$47,310.

Santa Barbara Boys and Girls Club:

- On August 7, 2014, the Commission recommended that the Santa Barbara United Boys and Girls Club's 2013-14 unspent funds (\$17,661) be added to the 2014-15 grants for the following organizations who were determined to provide similar services to the Santa Barbara United Boys and Girls Club: the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Maria (\$2,472), Isla Vista Youth Programs (\$6,535) and the Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Centers (\$8,654).
- On August 7, 2014, the Commission further recommended that the same three organizations receive the additional funding for fiscal year 2014-15 in the same amounts that were recommended for fiscal year 2013-14 by the Commission. With the increase, the full 2014-15 HSC grant funding for the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Maria would be \$18,189; for Isla Vista Youth Programs (\$47,950), and Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Centers (\$63,226).

Central Coast Commission for Seniors Long Term Ombudsman Program:

- On July 15, 2014, the Commission's Allocations Committee recommended that FSA receive funding of \$9,430 (including \$600 in unspent funds from Central Coast Commission for Seniors fy 13-14) for fiscal year 2014-15 for the Long Term Ombudsman Program. The Central Coast Commission for Seniors were no longer interested in administering the program. This was approved by the full Commission at its August 7, 2014 meeting. With the increase, the total 2014-15 HSC grant funding for FSA equals \$52,530.

Casa Esperanza Homeless Jail Discharge Program/Shelter Program:

- At its August 7, 2014 meeting, the Commission's Allocations Committee and full Commission recommended that Good Samaritan Shelter receive additional funding of \$4,857 for fiscal year 2014-15 for the Jail Discharge Program instead of Casa Esperanza who is no longer interested in managing the program.
- The Shelter Program funding for Casa Esperanza of \$11,481 is recommended to continue in 2014-15.

Friends of Lompoc Library Literacy Program:

- At its July 15, 2014 meeting, the Allocations Committee recommended that the Central Coast Literacy Council receive additional funding of \$6,181 for fiscal year 2014-15 for the Literacy Program instead of the Central Coast Literacy Council. Both organizations agreed with the recommended change. The full Commission approved the recommendation at its August 7, 2014 meeting. With the increase, the Central Coast Literacy Council's full 2014-15 HSC grant funding would equal \$12,362.

FSA 211 Program:

- At its July 15, 2014 meeting, the Allocations Committee recommended that the Community Action Commission (CAC) receive additional funding of \$30,000 for fiscal year 2014-15 for the 211 Program instead of FSA who is not interested in managing the program. CAC will continue to work with Interface who had worked with FSA to administer the program. This recommendation was approved by the Human Services Commission at its August 7, 2014 meeting. With the increase in funding for the 211 Program, CAC's full 2014-15 HSC grant funding equals \$122,719.

Looking Forward to the Next Grant Cycle:

The Human Services Commission has been working with staff to re-tool the General Fund Human Services Annual Grant program for the next grant cycle (2015-16, 16-17 and 17-18). The Commission is focused on implementing earlier Board of Supervisors direction to be strategic, performance and outcome focused when recommending funding for the Human Services Grant Program. The Commission is also working to ensure that the programs recommended for funding are a result of appropriate data attained through effective monitoring, reporting and analysis, thereby representing priority needs. The revised process will be in place for the new cycle. Staff will return to the Board with the new cycle funding recommendations.

Performance Measure:

2014-15 Fiscal Year:

All grantees are required to attend training. They are required to submit reasonable performance targets upfront and report on them quarterly. Staff will conduct desk monitoring regularly and perform site visits as necessary.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: YES **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$1,200,000	\$0.00	\$1,200,000.00
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200,000.00

Narrative: The \$1.2 million in general funds includes staffing, supplies, meetings for the County Executive Offices to administer the grant. Due to program changes described above, the 2014-15 funding less administration equals \$1,088,300.

Key Contract Risks (if applicable): N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions: 0

FTEs: 0

Special Instructions: N/A

Attachments:

Attachment A: Human Services Commission Recommendations August 7, 2014

Attachment B: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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