**ATTACHMENT B**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: County of Santa Barbara County Executive Officer

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 as defined in the State and County guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**APN(s): N/A** **Case No.: N/A**

**Location: Santa Barbara County**

**Project Title:** New Funding Cycle Concept for the three-year funding cycle (FY 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018) for the delivery of Human Services.

**Project Description:** Development of new strategic approach for award of Human Services Commission grant funds for the next three-year funding cycle.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

___ Ministerial
___ Statutory
___ Categorical Exemption
___ Emergency Project
_X_ Not a Project: Section 15378(b)(4)
___ Other:

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** Section 15378(b)(4): A project does not include the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** Approval of the FY 2015 - 2017 General Fund Human Services Grant recommendations is not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since it is only for a new strategic approach for award of Human Services Commission grant funds and does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Susan Foley 4.17.15

Department/Division Representative Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

*Note: A copy of this form must be posted at Planning and Development six days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.*

Distribution: (for posting six days prior to action, and posting original after approval)

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