



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: DBW
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: March 1, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Department of Behavioral Wellness 805-681-5220
Contact Info: Laura Zeitz, DBW Program Manager, 805-681-5220

SUBJECT: Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act Grant Application

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (DBW) to apply for grant funding associated with the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act (California Senate Bill 82), through grants by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA).
- B. Direct staff to return to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of acceptance, should the grant be awarded.
- C. Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

As a result of Senate Bill (SB) 82, known as the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013, California has an opportunity to use Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) dollars to expand crisis services statewide that are expected to lead to improved life outcomes for the person served and improved system outcomes for local mental health departments and their community partners. DBW is

applying for the latest capital grant authorized under SB 82 and administered by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA). It is an application process that identifies eligible counties in need and is therefore very competitive with other counties in our region.

CHFFA has opened a 5th and final round of funding as a result of SB 82 for applications during the period of January 8 – March 8 2016. Regional funding for Santa Barbara County is available for Crisis Residential Programs. If awarded, funding will be used for the purchase and renovation of a program site. Previously Santa Barbara County applied for and was granted funds for a South Crisis Residential facility; however due to a cap on funds a second Lompoc Crisis Residential facility was not an option. The fifth funding round has removed this cap and we are able to apply for additional funds. DBW will be requesting \$1,100,000 in grant funding; 600,000 will be used to buy the property, \$400,000 will be used to renovate, and \$100,000 will be used for furniture, fixtures, equipment and fees.

The criterion used to evaluate the applications includes whether the Project:

- 1) Expands access to and capacity for community based mental health crisis services that offer relevant alternatives to hospitalization and incarceration.
- 2) Demonstrates a clear plan for a continuum of care before, during, and after crisis mental health intervention or treatment and for collaboration and integration with other health systems, social services, and law enforcement.
- 3) Is feasible, sustainable and ready or will be feasible, sustainable and ready within nine months of the Final Allocation.
- 4) Identifies key outcomes and a plan for measuring them.

Background:

The first grant authorized under SB 82 was administered by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), and allocated funding for the deployment of triage personnel to assist individuals in gaining access to needed services, including medical, mental health, substance use disorder assistance and other community services. The State FY 2013-14 budget provided \$54 million (\$32 million MHSA State Administrative Funds and \$22 million federal funds) for this purpose. This funding is available through FY 16-17.

The next grant authorized by SB 82 was offered through the CHFFA, and provided funding for capital capacity and program expansion to increase capacity for mobile crisis support, crisis intervention, crisis stabilization services, crisis residential treatment, and specified personnel resources. The State FY 2013-14 Budget provided \$142 million in one-time State General Fund dollars for these purposes.

Currently, the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act has authorized the CHFFA to distribute funds from the CHFFA Fund to participating health institutions for financing the acquisition, construction, or remodeling of health facilities. This grant opportunity allows for the purchase of a facility in West County to accommodate a Crisis Residential Treatment facility in Lompoc. The outlined goals of the grant include reduction of unnecessary hospitalizations and inpatient days, reduced use of the Emergency Room beds, improved access to timely assistance, reduction in recidivism, and mitigation of unnecessary expenditures of local law enforcement. Overall, this grant opportunity will continue to aid in DBW's Crisis Service System for acute psychiatric needs and reduce overall inpatient acute admission rates.

Performance Measure:

- Reduction in psychiatric use of Emergency Rooms
- Reduction in inpatient acute psychiatric admissions
- Reduction of recidivism
- Reduction in overall associated costs
- Improved and effective linkage with necessary outpatient mental health services

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

The fiscal and facilities impact of receiving this additional expansion grant will be fully evaluated prior to requesting authorization from the Board of Supervisors to accept the grant funds. The projects included in the grant applications will also be included in the FY 16-17 MHSA Plan Update and will be funded by Medi-Cal and MHSA revenues in addition to any grant funding received.

Fiscal Analysis:

Budget Revision Request will be necessary to adjust DBW’s revenue and expense budgets if the grant is awarded and accepted as directed by the Board of Supervisors

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 16-17</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total		\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Special Instructions:

Please send one (1) Minute Order to admhscontractsstaff@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Authored by:

Laura Zeitz