



Human Services Commission

Santa Barbara County
California



Board's Questions

- What does the Commission Do?
- Is the grant process necessary?
- Is the money well spent?
- Is the administrative cost reasonable?



What does the Commission do?

- Conducts needs assessments
- Determines emerging needs
- Oversees competitive bid process
- Visits all program sites
- Monitors and surveys performance and outcome measures
- Ensures contract compliance



Focus is on Outcome Funding

- Customized performance measures
- Reviews measures each quarter
- Uncovers and investigates potential problems
- Visits each program site at least once during the term of the grant
- Determines procedures to reallocate funds



Is the grant process necessary?

- Competition for funds: 100+ applicants request \$3.3 million (3 times what has been made available)
- Notice of Available Funding goes to 600+ nonprofit organizations prior to appropriation Workshops, technical assistance, interviews, and public deliberations
- Reading and scoring 100+ applications
- Public comment on preliminary recommendations before making final recommendations

Needs Survey Process

- Questionnaires to 650 programs
- Three public hearings
- Interviews with “key informants”
- Review of issues from Kids Scorecard, Adult & Aging Report, and other data sources
- Special report on North County needs



Top Issues from 2006 Santa Barbara County Citizen Survey

Citizen's "Top Issues"

- Affordable housing
- Crime/drugs/gangs
- Homelessness

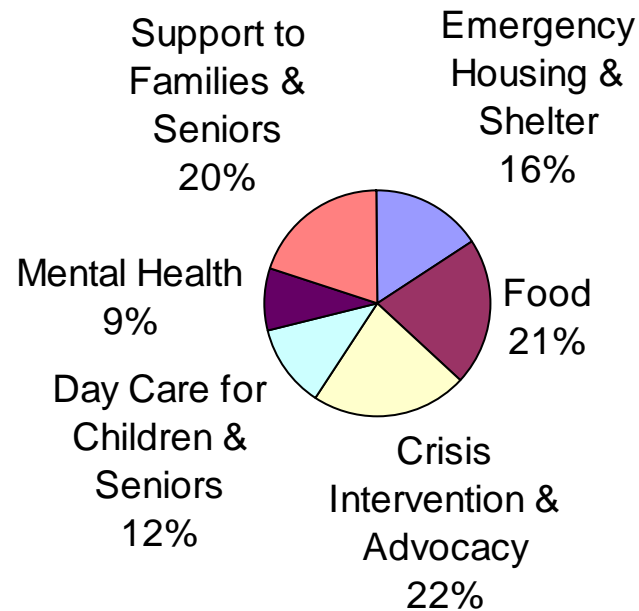


HSC's "High Needs"

- Food and emergency shelter
- Violence prevention
- Substance abuse treatment
- After school care
- Senior support services

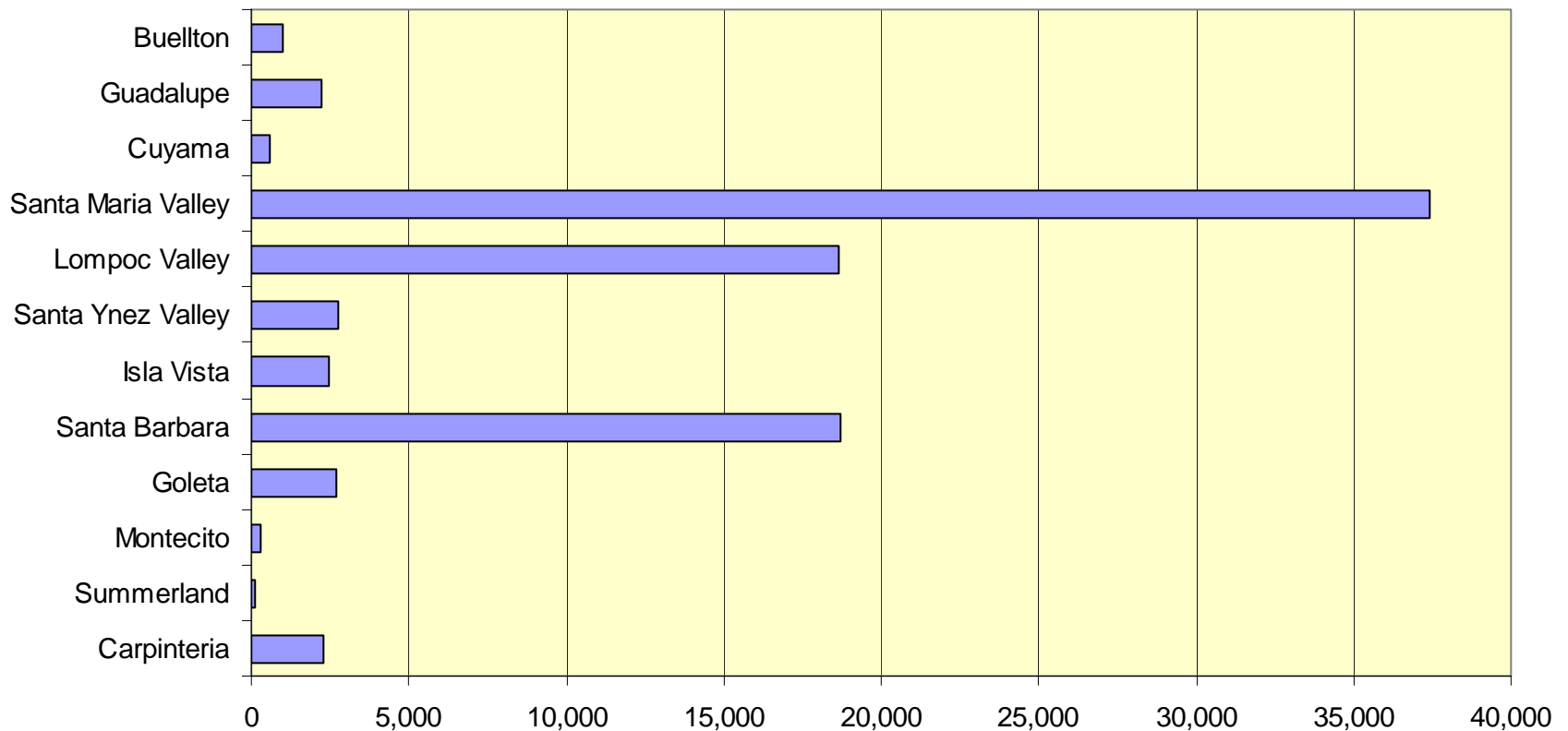
Is the money well spent?

\$1,178,000 discretionary funds



People Served

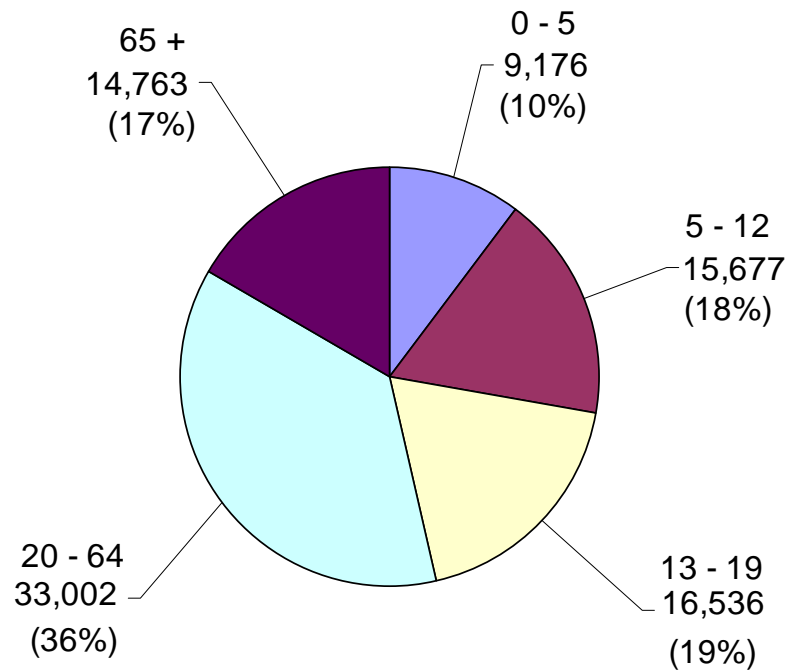
Number Served by Region



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Continuum by Age

Number Served by Age Group



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2007-2010 Human Services Recommended Funding Priorities

- Access to services
- Advocacy for services
- Crisis intervention
- Food
- Mental health treatment
- Protection from violence, abuse and neglect
- Shelter
- Substance abuse treatment



2007-2010 Human Services Priority Populations

- Children and youth
- Homeless
- Older adults
- People in rural areas of Santa Barbara County



2007-2010 Human Services “Special Considerations”

- Collaborative proposals
- New programs that specifically address one or more service priorities
- Programs that require a local government match
- Programs that help children access health and wellness services



Public – Private Partnerships

- Make efficient use of dollars
- Rely on voluntarism
- Focus on prevention and early intervention
- Leverage County dollars
- Integrate with County departments





Action Today

- Approve the Commission's Funding Priority Statement
- Expect request for increase in the Fund
 - \$266,000 for cost-of-living adjustment
 - \$100,000 for escalating needs



Funds Leveraged

- Mandated Local Match
 - Title IV-E
 - HUD
 - Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA)
 - State and City Block Grants



Informal Leveraging

- Foundations
- Private Donors
- Fees
- Other Government Grants

***\$8 raised to every
County \$1
allocated***

