

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 7/10/03
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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown, County Administrator

STAFF CONTACT: Eileen Monahan, Early Care & Education Coordinator
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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Grant Application for Federal Early Learning Opportunities Act Discretionary Funds

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt the attached resolution designating the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council as the eligible entity to apply for an Early Learning Opportunities Act Discretionary Grant, and authorize the Council to submit a grant in an amount not to exceed \$1 million, and administer the grant, if funded.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1: An efficient government able to respond effectively to the needs of the community; Goal No. 2: A safe and healthy community in which to live, work, and visit; Goal No. 5: A high quality of life for all residents; Goal No. 7: A community that fosters the Safety and well-being of families and children; and our organizational values regarding leadership, initiative, innovation, collaboration and partnering.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Federal Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families is currently accepting applications for the Early Learning Opportunities Act Discretionary Grant Funds. The grant requires the local government to designate a local council, appointed by the local government, as the entity eligible to apply for these funds and administer them if funded.

The Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council is proposing to be the designated council (lead agency) to submit an application not to exceed \$1,000,000 for countywide Early Learning Opportunities activities. If awarded, grant funds will be used to support and expand county-wide early learning activities that the Office of Early Care and Education provides in collaboration with other local agencies, including provider training and retention, program quality improvement, programs to enhance early childhood literacy and child care capacity development. A 15% match of the total approved project cost will be provided as required as part of the grant application process. If the ELOA application is awarded, the Child Care Planning Council will return to the Board for confirmation to authorize administration of the grant.

An outline of the grant guidelines is attached. The grant document is available at the Office of Early Care and Education.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No mandates or impacts to service levels with this action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No fiscal or facilities impacts with this action. FY 2003-2004 General Fund monies received through a grant from the Santa Barbara County Children and Families Commission will be used to satisfy the matching funds requirement.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide one certified copy of the resolution to the Office of Early Care & Education Coordinator Eileen Monahan.

Concurrence:
County Counsel

Attachments:

ELOA Grant Outline

Cc: Fran Foreman -
Chair, Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATING THE)
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CHILD CARE)
PLANNING COUNCIL TO WRITE, SUBMIT)
AND ADMINISTER A GRANT APPLICATION)
TO THE ADMINISTRATION ON CHILDREN,)
YOUTH AND FAMILIES FOR EARLY)
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ACT)
DISCRETIONARY FUNDS.)

RESOLUTION: _____

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors established the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council in 1991 as authorized by the State of California Department of Education and appoints Council members semi-annually; and

WHEREAS, as required under the statute governing Early Learning Opportunities Act (federal legislation), the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council includes: (1) representatives of local agencies that will be directly affected by early learning programs assisted under the ELOA and this announcement; (2) parents; (3) other individuals concerned with early learning issues in the locality, such as representatives of entities providing elementary education, child care resource and referral services, early learning opportunities, child care, and health services; and (4) other key community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council oversees the Santa Barbara County Office of Early Care and Education, and will work closely with the Office of Early Care and Education to develop the grant application and administer the early learning programs proposed in the grant application, if funded;

WHEREAS, the execution of the attached letter of designation is required for submission of the grant application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors takes the following actions:

1. Designate the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council as the eligible Local Council for the County of Santa Barbara for the purposes of applying for a discretionary grant under the Early Learning Opportunities Act (ELOA) program.

2. Authorize the Santa Barbara Child Care Planning Council to develop and submit an application to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Child Care Bureau in response to the ELOA Program Announcement No. ACYF-PA-CCB-2003-01
3. Authorize the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council, along with the Santa Barbara County Office of Early Care and Education, to administer the implementation of the project if funded.
4. Sign the attached letter of designation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of the COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, State of California, this 22nd day of July, 2003 by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE BOARD
MICHAEL F. BROWN

By: _____

APPROVE AS TO FORM:
STEPHEN SHANE STARK
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel

July 22, 2003

US Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families
Educational Services, Inc.
Attn: ACYF Operations Center

Subject: Letter of Designation re: ELOA Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Under the authority granted by the State of California, Department of Education, The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hereby designate the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council, which has oversight responsibilities for the Santa Barbara County Office of Early Care and Education, as the eligible Local Council for Santa Barbara County for the purposes of applying for a discretionary grant under the Early Learning Opportunities Act (ELOA) program. We also authorize the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council, along with the Office of Early Care and Education, to develop and submit an application to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Child Care Bureau in response to the ELOA Program Announcement No. ACYF-PA-CCB-01, and to administer the implementation of the project if funded.

As required under the statute governing ELOA, the Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council includes: (1) representatives of local agencies that will be directly affected by early learning programs assisted under the ELOA and this announcement; (2) parents; (3) other individuals concerned with early learning issues in the locality, such as representatives of entities providing elementary education, child care resource and referral services, early learning opportunities, child care, and health services; and (4) other key community leaders.

The Santa Barbara County Child Care Planning Council was responsible for preparing and submitting the enclosed application for the ELOA discretionary grant program.

Sincerely,

Naomi Schwartz
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

Early Learning Opportunities Act

Agency: Administration on Children, Youth and Families

Deadline: August 6, 2003

Purpose: The Early Learning Opportunities Act was passed by congress to award grants to States to enable them to increase, support, expand and better coordinate early learning opportunities for children and their families through local community organizations (included all federal CCDBG funds). The purposes of the Act are to:

- Increase the availability of voluntary programs, services and activities that support early childhood development, increase parent effectiveness, and promote the learning readiness of young children so that they enter school ready to learn
- Support parents, child care providers, and caregivers who want to incorporate early learning activities into the daily lives of young children
- Remove barriers to the provision of an accessible system of early childhood learning programs in communities throughout the US
- Increase the availability and affordability of professional development activities and compensation for caregivers and child care providers;
- Facilitate the development of community-based systems of collaborative service delivery models characterized by resource sharing, linkages between appropriate supports, and local planning for services.

If the amount appropriated for this program is less than \$150 mil, grants are awarded to Local Councils that can best assess their community needs and create a plan to facilitate the development of community-based systems and collaborative service delivery models.

Eligibility: Local Councils that have been so designated by a local government entity, Indian Tribe, Regional Corporation, or Native Hawaiian entity. Must submit the results of a current needs and resources assessment, documenting the needs of the young children and families in their locality, as well as a local plan that addresses the most significant needs. The plan must include activities for "Enhancing Early Childhood Literacy". Encouraged to incorporate strategies to promote the involvement of faith-based providers.

Allowable Activities (must address #1 plus two of the others):

1. Enhancing Early Childhood Literacy
2. Helping parents, caregivers, child care providers and educators increase their capacity to facilitate children's development
3. Promoting effective parenting
4. Developing linkages among programs, and between programs and health services
5. Access to early learning opportunities young children with special needs by facilitating coordination of services
6. Access to existing early learning program by expanding days or times served, number served, or affordability
7. Improving quality through professional development
8. Removing ancillary barriers, including transportation and nontraditional hours