

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael F. Brown, County Administrator

**STAFF CONTACT:** Eileen Monahan, Early Care & Education Coordinator  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve the Submittal of Grant Applications for the Office of Early Care and Education

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve the submittal of the following three grant applications to support the programs of the Santa Barbara County Office of Early Care and Education:

- A. A grant request not to exceed \$25,000 from the City of Santa Barbara Community Development Block Grant/Human Services Funds to partner with the Office of Early care and Education on the STAR Project, which increases the quality of early care and education programs for children age 0-5 through training and retention stipends for early care and education providers; for the fiscal period of July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005;
- B. A grant request not to exceed \$15,000 from the City of Santa Maria Community Development Block Grant/Human Services Public Service Application to partner with the Office of Early care and Education on the STAR Project, which increases the quality of early care and education programs for children age 0-5 through training and retention stipends for early care and education providers; for the fiscal period of July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005;
- C. A grant request not to exceed \$10,000 from the City of Lompoc Human Services Funds to partner with the Office of Early care and Education on the STAR Project, which increases the quality of early care and education programs for children age 0-5 through training and retention stipends for early care and education providers; for the fiscal period of July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 (this application will have been submitted by December 19, 2003, prior to the Board's vote on this item. The due date of January 23 for last year's application remains on this year's application, appearing to be the deadline for 2004. The deadline for this

application is actually December 19, 2003. This application will be withdrawn, should the Board not approve its submission);

**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. 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 Santa Barbara County Office of Early Care and Education was established in 2000, with the goal of increasing the capacity, quality and accessibility of child care for all children in Santa Barbara County. The Office is in its third year of funding from the FIRST 5 Santa Barbara County Children and Families Commission, and has received funds from other grant sources to support the work of the Office. A goal this year is to diversify funding and develop a sustainability plan for the Office. To that end, a number of grant applications will be written to support current efforts, both in anticipation of reduced funding through FIRST 5, and to help meet growing need for services.

If funded the proposed grants will enable the Office of Early Care and Education to partner with the funding entities to offer the following county-wide services to the community:

Up to 80 training and retention stipends distributed directly to local early care and education providers who have continued their professional growth in the early care and education field. These stipends encourage early care and education providers to increase their education and expertise in child development, creating higher quality environments for local children. Based on typical child care ratios, these stipends will improve the quality learning environments of up to 800 young children. A funding partnership with all three of the cities listed will strengthen this county-wide initiative.

**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. Matching funds are not required in order to receive proposed funds.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send minute order to Eileen Monahan, Office of Early Care and Education

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel

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Attachments:

Application guidelines for:

City of Santa Barbara CDBG/Human Services  
City of Santa Maria CDBG/Human Services  
City of Lompoc Human Services