



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: November 6, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness, 681-5229
Contact Info: Celeste Andersen, Chief of Compliance
Behavioral Wellness, 681-5229

SUBJECT: Acceptance of \$50,000 Cash Donation from Gordon Trust

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Approve and authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness to accept a cash donation of \$50,000 from the Trust for Robert Michael Gordon, to be used for the direct benefit of patients locally.
- B) Approve Budget Revision Request #BJE 0006019 increasing appropriations by \$50,000 in Services and Supplies funded by an unanticipated donation.
- C) Determine that the approval of the recommended actions is exempt from the California Environmental Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) since the recommended actions are government fiscal activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The recommended action by the Board of Supervisors to authorize the acceptance of the referenced cash donation is in accordance with California Government Code Section 25355, and the County's Policy & Procedure for the Acceptance of Gifts by County. The donation referenced in this Board Letter will aid

in providing important resources to the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness for our community members who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have serious mental illness.

Background:

In December 1988, Mildred E. Gordon executed a Declaration of Trust. This Declaration of Trust instructed that at the death of her son Robert Michael Gordon, the Trustee shall distribute funds as follows:

To Mental Health Services of The County of Santa Barbara, a part of the governmental entity, the County of Santa Barbara, of Santa Barbara, California, one half of the trust estate, but no more than FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000), to be used for the direct benefit of patients locally.

On August 20, 2018, the Department received a letter from Tracy Jackson, Trustee for the Gordon Family Trust, informing us that she was authorized to bequeath the funds to Behavioral Wellness for the purpose stated above.

The Department plans to utilize this cash donation as a contribution towards the purchase of a Mobile Health Outreach van. The purchase and staffing of the van will proceed in conjunction with a new notice of grant award received from the State Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment (HMIOT) program in September, approving a funding allocation to Behavioral Wellness for the period December 31, 2018 through June 30, 2020. The HMIOT program is designed to provide flexible one-time funding for county activities involving individuals with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Behavioral Wellness plans to use the donation funds and grant funds to purchase at least one van for homeless outreach and service delivery. The van will be retrofitted with telepsychiatry equipment and have the ability to accommodate medical personnel for the treatment of clients in the field. The medical staff will provide ongoing medical assistance and connect clients to available shelters as necessary. The van would also be supported by peer support specialists, a case manager, and clinical staff, and will have access to a psychiatric technician and psychiatrist or nurse practitioner via telepsychiatry. This team would be able to reach homeless and difficult to engage clients in locations around the County. These services would be an extension of those currently provided by Homeless Outreach and Crisis teams. The van will contain an commemoration plaque to the Gordon Trust in recognition of this generous donation.

The Department will track how many clients with mental health and substance use needs connect with the Mobile Health Outreach van, once it is staffed and operational. This tracking will also include the number of linkages to housing and medical treatment.

While the donation and grant funding are one-time only, a combination of Medi-Cal reimbursement and Mental Health Services Act funds or other applicable funds are planned to be used to sustain staffing for the Mobile Health Outreach van after the grant funding period ends. During the grant funding period, it is intended that the state funds will be utilized as “match” to the federal Medicaid reimbursements as required by regulation; or to support services for individuals who are not yet enrolled in Medi-Cal.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:Donation			\$ 50,000.00
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00

Narrative: The donation will be accounted for as a one-time appropriation of Donation Revenue of \$50,000. The FY 2018-2019 Adopted Budget for Behavioral Wellness does not include this funding and therefore we are requesting a budget revision for the amount of the donation.

Special Instructions:

Please provide a certified copy of the minute order to qilopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Santa Barbara County HMIOT Acceptance Letter

Attachment B: Budget Revision Request #BJE 0006019

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