



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Housing and  
Community  
Development  
**Department No.:** 055  
**For Agenda Of:** November 9, 2010  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Tme:** n/a  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department David Matson 568-2068  
Director(s) Housing and Community Development Director  
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Housing and Community Development Chief Financial Officer  
**SUBJECT: Grant Application – HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Authorize the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit a countywide comprehensive application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the fiscal year 2010 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs.
- b. Authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development to execute all certifications, standard forms, and other related documents required for submission of the 2010 Continuum of Care grant application.

**Summary Text:**

On September 20, 2010, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its 2010 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program. The County of Santa Barbara serves as lead agency under the Continuum of Care planning process for Santa Barbara County, and the County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) assumes responsibility over coordination and submittal of the annual grant application. Funded under the federal McKinney-Vento Act for Homelessness, the Continuum of Care grant contributes resources to non-profit organizations throughout Santa Barbara County to provide transitional housing, permanent supportive

housing, as well as supportive services for persons and households who are homeless. Funds received through the Continuum of Care grant process are essential to effective implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Santa Barbara County.

The 2010 Continuum of Care grant application includes 11 annual renewal applications and two new project proposals. The two new project proposals were selected through a competitive local NOFA process, during which HCD received a total of three applications. A four-member Technical Review Panel, composed of staff from the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, Central Coast Rescue Mission, Chanel Islands YMCA Youth & Family Services, and the County Public Health Department, reviewed the new project applications and recommended two new project proposals to include in the 2010 Continuum of Care grant application. Technical Review Panel determinations were based on the ability of the proposal to meet current HUD priorities. The first project was selected for its ability to provide permanent supportive housing and the second project for its approach to achieve federally mandated requirements associated with Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) implementation.

The 2010 Continuum of Care grant application is submitted electronically through the HUD eSnaps online system. As a result, forms included in the application cannot be printed into an easily readable format for inclusion as an attachment to this Board Letter. A pdf copy of the draft exhibit will be available on the County HCD website, [www.countyofsb.org/housing](http://www.countyofsb.org/housing) for public review prior to the November 9, 2010 Board meeting. The grant application has a limited 45-day planning and preparation period, and must be submitted electronically to HUD by November 18, 2010.

### **Background:**

Congress has established three overarching goals for HUD under the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program, including:

- Helping program participants obtain and remain in permanent housing
- Helping program participants increase skills and/or income to live as independently as possible
- Helping program participants achieve greater self-determination

Local planning efforts under the Continuum of Care program attempt to meet local needs, while simultaneously helping achieve outcomes that advance HUD implementation of the Congressional Directive. Recently, emphasis has been placed on the development of permanent supportive housing for homeless households at both the local and national levels. HUD has also increased the expectations of lead agencies to document Continuum performance outcomes through the proactive use of the federal HMIS system.

### **Funding Requests**

11 of the 13 programs included in the application for HUD funds this year are automatic renewals of grants awarded in previous years by HUD. Two projects are new proposals requesting a total of \$367,364. These two projects are subject to an annual national competition among Continuums of Care seeking additional funding. All new grant proposals must include activities related to providing permanent supportive housing and/or expanding HMIS performance management in order to be competitive for funding.

In considering new project proposals to be included in the Continuum's application to HUD, the Technical Review Panel focused on applications that would be most competitive at the national level. HUD's top priorities are permanent supportive housing for homeless households and expanding implementation of HMIS.

The use of HMIS to support local homeless programming is federally mandated by HUD and is a condition by which the County and organizations under the Continuum of Care qualify to receive federal funding. HMIS tracks the movement of homeless populations from emergency shelters into transitional and permanent housing as well as homeless client participation in supportive services. Effective implementation of HMIS by the County facilitates the development and planning of programs to address homelessness countywide. The Santa Barbara Continuum of Care has scored low in past competitions for new funding due to the inconsistent use of the HMIS by local service provider organizations. This is primarily due to the lack of administrative resources within these organizations and the unavailability of HMIS-dedicated technical resources within HCD. In response to feedback from the community and Continuum of Care program experts, HCD proposes that the County submit an application to HUD on behalf of the entire Continuum of Care for new dedicated project funding to fully implement the HMIS. This will strategically position the Santa Barbara Continuum to meet its statutory requirements and improve its overall competitiveness for future funding cycles. The Continuum partners recognize that the steps being proposed by HCD to augment regional HMIS capacity will likely result in additional fiscal resources being brought into the community as the overall performance reporting score for the Continuum improves.

The second new project being proposed is the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara's "Shelter Plus Care" program. Shelter Plus Care provides rental assistance for homeless households moving to permanent housing. The new project would result in permanent supportive housing for five homeless households at the Artisan Court apartments. The proposal was selected by the Technical Review Panel to be included in the application to HUD as it meets the top priority of providing permanent supportive housing.

As Continuum of Care funding is competitive, the Technical Review Panel concluded that the any application selected must meet HUD priorities and directives to provide permanent supportive housing and a comprehensive homeless management information system. The Technical Review Panel determined that funding requested by Mariposa to augment childcare services could be received through other sources, while Continuum of Care funding is the only potential source to fund HMIS expansion. Therefore, while the program had its merits, the Mariposa application was not selected for inclusion in the application to HUD. Mariposa is encouraged to apply for other federal entitlement funding made available each fall through HCD's Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) process for CDBG, HOME, and ESG monies.

Approval of the recommendations noted in this Board letter provides automatic renewal of eleven grants totaling \$1,358,229 for FY2010-2011. The following table summarizes both the renewal projects and the two new projects proposed to be included in the 2010 Continuum of Care application to HUD.

**Table 1 – Continuum of Care Renewal Grants 2010-11**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Sponsor / Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Renewal Amount</b>
<b>Casa De Mural</b>	Santa Barbara County ADMHS/ South County	12-bed supportive housing and services for mentally-ill formerly-homeless adults	<b>\$115,315</b>
<b>Permanent Clean and Sober Living Program</b>	Good Samaritan Shelters, Inc. / Unincorporated County-Tanglewood/City of Santa Maria	Operations funding for two single-family homes providing 16 beds; for women and men in recovery from addiction	<b>\$17,850</b>
<b>Hotel de Riviera</b>	Santa Barbara Community Housing Corporation/ Santa Barbara	Transitional supportive housing Program providing 34 beds for dually-diagnosed individuals	<b>\$99,444</b>
<b>Bridgehouse Emergency Shelter</b>	Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation/ Lompoc	Transitional housing for women and children	<b>\$36,565</b>
<b>Second Stage Transitional Housing</b>	Domestic Violence Solutions/ undisclosed location	Supportive housing and services to female victims of domestic violence	<b>\$76,219</b>
<b>Mark's House</b>	Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation/ Lompoc	19-bed transitional housing and supportive services for women with children	<b>\$49,875</b>
<b>Firehouse</b>	Transition House/Santa Barbara	Transitional housing for homeless households, supportive services, Child Care	<b>\$55,792</b>
<b>Casa Esperanza – Day Center</b>	Casa Esperanza/ Santa Barbara	Supportive services	<b>\$160,585</b>
<b>HOMES Program</b>	Transition House/Santa Barbara	Transitional housing , case management, child care	<b>\$61,763</b>
<b>Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)</b>	Santa Barbara County Housing and Community Development Department	Federally mandated data collection and information system pursuant to receiving Continuum of Care funding	<b>\$102,809</b>
<b>Shelter Plus Care Rental Assistance</b>	Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara	Section 8 rental assistance and supportive services for 78 individuals through various community-based service providers	<b>\$582,012</b>
<b>Total Continuum of Care Grant Renewal Amount</b>			<b>\$1,358,229</b>

**Table 2 – Continuum of Care New Grant Applications 2010-11**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Sponsor / Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Amount Requested by Agency</b>	<b>Amount Included in Application to HUD</b>
<b>Shelter Plus Care Rental Assistance</b>	Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara	Four units of permanent supportive housing for the homeless disabled at the Artisan Court apartments, over 5-year grant period.	301,500	<b>241,200</b>
<b>Homeless Information Management System Expansion</b>	County of Santa Barbara Department of Housing and Community Development / On behalf of Continuum of Care	Provide agencies hardware, software and training to enhance and expand the implementation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).	\$126,164	<b>\$126,164</b>
<b>Childcare Program</b>	Mariposa	Childcare program for children of victims of domestic violence.	\$25,228	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Continuum of Care New Projects Amount</b>			\$452,892	<b>\$367,364</b>

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

The Homeless Management Information System grant provides funding for 75% of one full-time employee in the Housing and Community Development Department. There is a 20% cash match requirement which is met through time spent on HMIS by the Grants Administration Division Manager and by the department's Cost Analyst II position. Housing and Community Development has funds in place to meet this cash match in the current budget under the Housing Finance and Management, Assessment and Planning line items.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

Prepare a Minute Order confirming Board approval and call x3522 for pick up.

**Attachments:**

None

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