



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Housing and
Community
Development
Department No.: 055
For Agenda Of: October 18, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Sharon Friedrichsen, 568-2068
Director(s) Housing and Community Development Interim Director
Contact Info: Nancy Madsen, 568-3523
Housing and Community Development Grants Manager
SUBJECT: Grant Application – HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form:

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 2011 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 2011 Continuum of Care grant application.

Summary Text:

On August 30, 2011, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its 2011 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program. The grant application must be submitted electronically to HUD by October 28, 2011. 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 and permanent supportive housing and supportive services for persons and households who are homeless. The 2011 Continuum of Care grant application includes 10 annual renewal applications and two new project proposals, one project by the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara for Shelter Plus Care Rental Assistance and the other project by Good Samaritan Shelter for the Pine Street Bungalows.

Background:

Overview of Continuum of Care Goals: Congress has established three overarching goals for HUD under the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program, including, (1) Helping program participants obtain and remain in permanent housing; (2) Helping program participants increase skills and/or income to live as independently as possible; and (3) 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 goals. 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. Recently, emphasis has been placed on the development of permanent supportive housing for homeless households and on the increased expectations of lead agencies to document Continuum outcomes by using the federal HMIS system.

Review Process: The two new projects selected for inclusion within the Continuum of Care grant application were selected through a competitive local NOFA process. Upon the release of HUD’s NOFA on August 30, 2011, HCD issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on September 12, 2011 and provided a technical assistance workshop to potential applicants on September 23, 2011. On October 5, 2011, a five-member Technical Review Panel reviewed the renewals and new project applications and recommended inclusion of both of the projects as part of the County’s 2011 Continuum of Care grant application. The Technical Review Panel consisted of one current and one former member of the County Human Services Commission, one former member of the City of Santa Barbara Human Services Commission, one staff member from the Public Health Department, and one staff member from the County Housing Authority. The 2011 Continuum of Care grant application is submitted electronically through the HUD eSnaps online system and must be submitted by October 28, 2011.

Recommendations: As illustrated in Table 1, two new projects are proposed to be included in the grant application: (1) an expansion of the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara’s “Shelter Plus Care” program to provide rental assistance vouchers for homeless households moving to permanent housing and (2) Good Samaritan’s Pine Street Bungalows project.

Table 1 – Continuum of Care New Grant Applications

<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Project Sponsor and Location</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Shelter Plus Care Rental Assistance	Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara*/ Santa Barbara	Four units of permanent supportive housing for the homeless disabled over 5-year grant period.	\$234,720
Pine Street Bungalows	Good Samaritan Shelter/ Santa Maria	Six units of permanent supportive housing for homeless households (women and their children)	\$157,452
Total Continuum of Care New Projects Amount			\$392,172

*The Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara also receives an annual entitlement from HUD of \$566,460 in Shelter Plus Care funds and is included as part of the annual renewal project list in Table 2.

Ten projects that were funded through the Continuum of Care last year are eligible for renewal funding totaling \$776,217 as illustrated in Table 2. Renewal requests were submitted by all ten projects for inclusion within the County’s grant application. The Lompoc Housing and Development Corporation (LHCDC) submitted renewal requests for operational funding for transitional housing at Bridgehouse and Marks House. LHCDC is in the process of transferring its assets and submitted the requests with the intent that, once the properties were transferred, a request for a grant amendment would be made to transfer the funding to a successor organization. This could occur prior to entering into a grant agreement with HUD since the

grant contracts with HUD are executed in 2012. Because the application is due to HUD on October 28th, it cannot be delayed.

The Technical Review Panel also wanted to ensure that funding for transitional housing services within Lompoc and the Continuum remained intact and provided recommended strategies to staff to achieve this goal. Given the timing of the submittal of the Continuum of Care application and the desire to preserve funding for the Continuum of Care, including the Lompoc area, it is recommended that the County application include the renewal for LHCDC and that the County work with LHCDC to pursue a grant amendment with HUD requesting a change in recipient once a successor organization is identified. Alternatively, the renewal funding of \$86,440 could be allocated to new projects, which will compete nationwide for funding based upon the overall Continuum of Care application.

Table 2 – Continuum of Care New Renewal Applications

<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Project Sponsor and Location</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Renewal Amount</i>
Casa De Mural	Santa Barbara County ADMHS/ South County	12-bed supportive housing and services for mentally-ill formerly-homeless adults	\$115,315
Permanent Clean and Sober Living Program	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	\$17,850
Hotel de Riviera	Santa Barbara Community Housing Corporation/ Santa Barbara	Transitional supportive housing Program providing 34 beds for dually-diagnosed individuals	\$99,444
Bridgehouse Emergency Shelter	Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation/ Lompoc	Transitional housing for women and children	\$36,565
Second Stage Transitional Housing	Domestic Violence Solutions/ undisclosed location	Supportive housing and services to female victims of domestic violence	\$76,219
Mark's House	Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation/ Lompoc	19-bed transitional housing and supportive services for women with children	\$49,875
Firehouse	Transition House/Santa Barbara	Transitional housing for homeless households, supportive services, child care	\$55,792
Casa Esperanza – Day Center	Casa Esperanza/ Santa Barbara	Supportive services	\$160,585
HOMES Program	Transition House/Santa Barbara	Transitional housing, case management, child care	\$61,763
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	Santa Barbara County Housing and Community Development Department	Federally mandated data collection and information system pursuant to receiving Continuum of Care funding	\$102,809
Shelter Plus Care Rental Assistance	Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara	Section 8 rental assistance and supportive services for 78 individuals through various community-based service providers	\$566,460
Total Continuum of Care Grant Renewal Amount			\$1,358,229

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

The County will submit an application totaling \$1,734,849 in funding requests to HUD, which includes renewal projects and two new projects.

Staffing Impacts: N/A

Special Instructions:

Prepare a Minute Order confirming Board approval and call x.3523 for pick up.

Attachments:

None