



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Board of Supervisors
Department No.:
For Agenda Of: 1/17/2011
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Select_Board(s)
FROM: Board Member Supervisor Salud Carbajal (805) 568-2186 *JOC*
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SUBJECT: County Poverty Initiative and Assessment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Concurrence: Yes

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Accept contribution from The Santa Barbara Foundation in the amount of \$30,000, subject to the conditions stated in the attached letter, for the purpose of funding a countywide poverty impact assessment (4/5 Vote);
- b) Direct staff to return to the Board in mid 2012 to report on the results of the poverty impact assessment and provide recommendations of priorities and strategies to more efficiently and effectively allocate social safety-net resources;
- c) Determine, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5), that the above actions do not constitute approval of a project subject to CEQA review, because they are a funding mechanism that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment;

Summary Text:

On November 15, 2011, the Board of Supervisors received a preliminary report on the status of poverty in Santa Barbara County and considered funding a countywide poverty assessment. The required 4/5 vote to allocate \$30,000 from County contingency in order to conduct the assessment was not successful. Subsequent to the Board meeting, the Santa Barbara Foundation has graciously committed to provide \$30,000 to fund this initiative assessment and partner with the County.

Background:

At its November 15, 2011 meeting, the Board of Supervisors heard from the County Department of Social Services, the County Public Health Department and a number of community based organizations in support of a proposed poverty impact assessment. This assessment would gather and analyze data with the purpose of providing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on how to improve

coordination and maximize social safety net resources that serve our community's most vulnerable residents.

The Santa Barbara Foundation, a California 501 (c)(3) Corporation, has committed to partnering with the County on this project and contributing \$30,000 toward the cost of this effort. The donation is conditioned on County's appropriation of funds dedicated to the project in the amount of \$30,000, and on the Foundation's joint involvement in the following project activities:

- Selection of the consultant
- Determination of key factors
- Participation in any committees tasked with creating recommendations
- Assistance with the final document(s) reporting the first phase of the work
- Access to the data to be used in the final document

The County Department of Social Services has sufficient funds and will provide a \$30,000 match from Federal funds. The Department of Social Services will work with the Santa Barbara Foundation via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The data and recommendations resulting from this effort will be useful for the County, community-based organizations, and philanthropic organizations that provide essential services to vulnerable populations in our community.

Performance Measure:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

<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	\$ 30,000.00		
Fees			
Other:	\$ 30,000.00		
Total	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2011-12 have been included in the Department of Social Services approved Budget. Funding for this project comes from a combination of \$30,000 matching funds from the Santa Barbara Foundation to the Department's \$30,000 Federal funds. As mentioned above, the Santa Barbara Foundation and County have jointly defined specific project activities that the Foundation will participate in.

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Attachments:

- Attachment A: November 15, 2011 Board Letter
- Attachment B: Santa Barbara Foundation Letter
- Attachment C: Budget Revision Request

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