

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: AB 2034 Grant Award for One-time Housing Funds

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and execute a thirty (30) year agreement with Transitions Mental Health Association to develop and provide new affordable housing stock for mentally disabled persons with funds provided by the AB 2034 One-Time Housing Grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 for Fiscal Years 2002 through 2032.
2. Approve and execute a thirty (30) year agreement with Santa Barbara Mental Health Association to develop and provide new affordable housing stock for mentally disabled persons with funds provided by the AB 2034 One-Time Housing Grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 for Fiscal Years 2002 through 2032.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

{Double-click here} The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On November 28, 2000 your Board accepted the AB 2034 Grant for Homeless Services awarded to the Santa Barbara County Department of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS) by the California Department of Mental Health (DMH). The Grant was in the amount of \$4,562,500 for Fiscal Years 2000 – 2003. This Grant was designed to provide a comprehensive and integrated service delivery system for 100 adults with serious mental illness who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and/or at imminent risk of

incarceration. Of that Grant amount, \$500,000 was specifically designated by DMH for the purpose of developing and providing affordable housing for the targeted population. ADMHS issued a Request for Application (RFA) to solicit proposals from interested community developers and service providers that would use these funds for the purpose of adding new sources of affordable housing units to the community. After a lengthy and extensive review process of all the applications, ADMHS has selected two providers, one from North County and one from South County. ADMHS proposes to divide these One-Time Housing Grant funds equally between the two geographic regions enabling the entire County to benefit from these funds.

The housing that is being created through the use of these funds will be made available to assist beneficiaries of another grant that was awarded to ADMHS. The first ten beds that are provided with these funds will give priority placement to clients enrolled in the Supportive Housing Initiative Act (SHIA) program for the first two years of operation. The SHIA Grant was accepted by your Board on July 3, 2001, to be used in FY01-02 through FY03-04. Programs developed through the auspices of the SHIA Grant assist 106 adults with serious mental illness and multiple risk factors for housing instability to receive intensive case management and housing support. ADMHS is collaborating with private non-profits to create a unique partnership to enable individuals suffering from mental illnesses to maintain successful community living.

The contracts contain a stipulation that the providers agree to a thirty (30) year commitment to retain this housing for occupancy by eligible clients of, and referred by, ADMHS. Also, there is a clause that these two elimination loans will be guaranteed, for the life of the program, by a security instrument acceptable to County Counsel.

1. Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA), located in Santa Maria, was selected to be a recipient of these funds. They propose to use these funds as a down-payment to purchase and convert two single family residences to provide a minimum of six (6) beds, as specified in the Grant. TMHA currently provides mental health and rehabilitation services to ADMHS clients through other programs and contracts and would like to add this program to more fully serve the homeless population.
2. Santa Barbara Mental Health Association (SBMHA), located in Santa Barbara, was also selected. They propose to purchase a parcel in downtown Santa Barbara on which to construct a multi-use building to house a minimum of four (4) clients for FY02-03 through FY03-04, and an additional six (6) clients for the remainder of the term of this agreement. SBMHA is currently providing rehabilitation and advocacy services to ADMHS clients in South County through various other contracts with the department.

We are, therefore, now asking your Board's approval of these two contracts in order to proceed with the development and execution of these two projects, and to meet the DMH deadline of June 30, 2002.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services are mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600. Creating more available stable housing for the homeless mentally ill will improve service outcomes for ADMHS and the citizens of Santa Barbara County.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Approval of these two contracts will have no impact on the General Fund or facilities. There will be a benefit to the community through the increase in new affordable housing stock for mentally ill clients of Santa Barbara County. These contracts are completely funded by the \$500,000 designated One-Time Housing funds in the AB 2034 Homeless Grant which was awarded by the State and accepted by your Board, and is included in the Adopted 2001/02 Budget Line Item 3665 – Intergovernmental Revenue - State. The expenditure is allocated in the Program 4985 – AB 2034 Homeless Grant.

Special Instructions:

Please forward two fully executed second original signature pages and two (2) copies of the Minute Order to:

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Concurrence:

Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Risk Management