

County of Santa Barbara

Human Services Commission

FY 2016-17

**General Fund Mini Grant
Recommendations**

County Executive Office



Background

- Mini Grants are part of the HSC's recommended allocation of \$1.2M annually
- The Mini Grants are noticed annually while Basic Services and Best Practices Grants are on a three-year cycle (FY's 2015-2017)
- The HSC's Allocations Committee deliberated on the Mini Grant applications at their publicly noticed meeting on Friday, February 5, 2016
- The full HSC voted to approve the recommendations at their publicly noticed March 3, 2016 meeting

Summary

- The Human Services Commission (HSC) recommends funding Nine Mini Grants (\$5,000-\$7,000 each) for FY 2016-17 totaling \$59,000.00
- Majority of recommendations are Countywide (attachment A)
- HSC Allocations Committee followed specific criteria, evidence-based practices, strong applications with clear outcomes or products, serve high-need populations countywide
- *Program Examples:* staff/board training, database development, media outreach and volunteer recruitment, marketing and advertising, evidence-based practice training
- *Criteria Examples:* unmet need, clear quantifiable outcome or product, strong proposal for the amount of funding, collaboration, geographic distribution, clear benefit to target population

FY2016-17 Grant Recommendations

- Carrillo Counseling – Media Campaign **\$7,000**
- Court Appointed Special Advocates – North County Media Campaign **\$7,000**
- Community Counseling & Education Center – Clinical Training **\$5,000**
- Food Bank – Software Upgrade **\$7,000**
- Future Leaders of America – Volunteer Training **\$6,000**
- People’s Self-Help Housing – Volunteer initiatives; database development **\$7,000**
- Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family – Staff training on Evidence based practices **\$7,000**
- SYV People Helping People – Organizational Development **\$7,000**
- United Boy’s and Girls Club – Youth outreach **\$6,000**

Recommended Actions

- A. Receive and consider recommendations from the County of Santa Barbara Human Services Commission (HSC) for the award of human services grants to grantees for the use of County General Funds for FY 2016-17 agency capacity building “Mini Grants” totaling \$59,000; and
- B. Receive and consider public comment related to the HSC award recommendations for the use of County General Funds for FY 2016-17; and
- C. Determine that the programs recommended for funding are necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County; and
- D. Approve the award of “Mini Grants” recommended by the HSC totaling \$59,000 as specified in Attachment A and authorize such expenditures, subject to appropriation of the Board of Supervisors during the FY2016-17 budget process; and
- E. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, because they are governmental fiscal, organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.