# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240 Agenda Number:

**Prepared on:** 7/29/02

**Department Name:** Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health

Department No.: 043
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**Estimate Time:** 

Continued Item: NO If Yes, date from:

**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:

Approve and execute a thirty (30) year agreement with Lompoc Housing Assistance Corporation (LHAC) to develop and provide new affordable housing for mentally disabled persons with funds provided by the AB 2034 One-Time Housing Grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 for FY 2003 – 2004. This loan will be incrementally converted to grant status over the thirty (30) year period of the project, from FY 2004 through FY 2034.

### Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

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 adults with serious mental illness who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and/or at imminent risk of incarceration. Of that Grant amount, \$200,000 was specifically designated by DMH for the purpose of developing and providing affordable housing for the targeted population. ADMHS proposes to use these One-Time Housing Grant funds to provide twenty (20) units of low-cost permanent housing in Lompoc.

The housing that is being created through the use of these funds will be made available to homeless persons suffering from serious mental illness. All 20 units in the project will be assisted living units which will include a strong supportive services component, particularly in the form of case management and counseling provided in conjunction with Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS). LHAC will assign a Tenant Case Manager to the project to coordinate and assist County Mental Health personnel to assure that tenants access and receive all needed services, and a Resident Manager will live on-site to provide off-hour (evening and weekend) assistance to tenants. ADMHS is collaborating with private non-profits to create unique partnerships to enable individuals suffering from mental illnesses to maintain successful community living.

The proposed 20-unit project will also leverage another 22 units of affordable housing for persons suffering from mental illnesses through the purchase of a second property from the same seller. The two properties were being sold concurrently; the second 22-unit property will be assisted by HUD Supportive Housing Program funds and HOME funds through the County Housing and Community Development Department. Without the support of ADMHS for the purchase of the 20-unit property, the second purchase would not be possible.

The contract for the purchase of the 20-unit project contains a stipulation that the provider agrees to a thirty (30) year commitment to retain this housing for occupancy by eligible clients of, and referred by, ADMHS. This loan will be repaid on a prorated basis if the provider defaults on the terms of the agreement within that thirty (30) year time frame.

## **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 the contract 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 for mentally ill clients of Santa Barbara County. This contract is completely funded by the \$200,000 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 Budget FY03/04 Federal and State Revenue – page D-130. The expenditure is allocated in the Adopted Budget FY03-04 Adult Mental Health Programs – page D-130

## **Special Instructions:**

Please forward one (1) fully executed second original signature page and one (1) copy of the Minute Order to:

Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services ATTN: Contracts 300 N. San Antonio Road Santa Barbara, CA 93110

# **Concurrence:**

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