

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**

**Prepared on:** 7/8/04  
**Department:** Housing and Community  
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**Budget Unit:** 055  
**Agenda Date:** 7/20/04  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** None  
**Continued Item:** NO  
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Ed Moses, Director  
Housing and Community Development Department

**STAFF CONTACT:** Mike Sederholm  
Housing Program Specialist, ext. 1090

**SUBJECT:** 2004/2005 HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance (McKinney Act)  
Grant Application

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Director of the Housing and Community Development Department to develop and submit a countywide comprehensive application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year 2004 Continuum of Care Supportive Housing Program.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1, An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community; Goal No. 2, A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live; and Goal No. 5, Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

Housing and Urban Development, (HUD) released a Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) on May 17, 2004 for the Supportive Housing Program which includes funds available for Continuum of Care homeless service programs. The Supportive Housing Program funds projects within the Continuum of Care to fill gaps in services available to homeless people for assistance in attaining permanent housing and becoming self sufficient. Santa Barbara County Housing and Community Development will submit an associated county-wide application for this year's Supportive Housing Program national grant competition with your Board's approval.

Housing and Community Development is in the process of compiling the associated application at this time. The process begins with producing a needs assessment of services for homeless people based on the current homeless population and what services are available to them within the Continuum of Care. This needs assessment is used by the local Continuum of Care and by HUD to establish gaps in services in Santa Barbara County.

Secondly, HUD requires that each Continuum of Care place a priority ranking on each project submitted for funding, including renewal projects. HUD scores applications favorably when projects are ranked in a manner that reflects gaps identified in the needs assessment. To that end, Santa Barbara County has a Continuum of Care Ranking Committee which meets each year to study the projects submitting applications to HUD, and to rank those projects according to the local needs and also based upon HUD recommendations.

The final product of the process is the Supportive Housing Program application which contains a narrative of what the County has accomplished in the field of homelessness over the past year, what gaps in services are present in the County, a section for each individual project in priority order, and all required forms and signatures as required by HUD. The due date for Housing and Community Development to submit the application to HUD is July 27, 2004.

Santa Barbara County's Housing Finance Division, now under its own Housing and Community Development Department, has been the lead agency coordinating the Continuum of Care application for the past six years. Last year, the County was awarded \$381,066 for five projects up for renewal funding. Unfortunately, Santa Barbara County's Continuum of Care did not receive grant funding for the two new projects applied for last year, which were in the amount of \$405,000 for the acquisition of the Mountain House project proposed by Phoenix House, and \$280,266 for three years of funding for the Homeless Management Information System proposed by the County's Housing and Community Development Department. Housing and Community Development staff has had extensive communication with HUD, including a formal debriefing, regarding the non-funding of those two newly proposed projects, and will use the information given to us by HUD to strengthen this year's application.

The eight projects applying to HUD for grant renewal are as follows:

1. The Hotel de Riviera, sponsored by Community Housing Corporation – A transitional supportive housing project for thirty-four (34), dually-diagnosed individuals. One year, \$99,444;
2. Firehouse, sponsored by Transition House – A supportive housing project that provides counseling and child care services to homeless families in transitional housing. One year, \$55,152;
3. Second Stage Transitional Housing, sponsored by Domestic Violence Solutions – A project which provides housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence in South County. One year, \$76,220;
4. Casa de Mural, sponsored by Santa Barbara County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health – A 12 bed project for the mentally ill which provides supportive services such as education, counseling, and life skills training. \$115,315;
5. The Casa Esperanza Homeless Center, sponsored by Casa Esperanza – A walk-in day center in downtown Santa Barbara which provides extensive supportive services to homeless people, including health care, counseling, employment assistance, and rental deposit assistance for transitioning into permanent housing. One year, \$160,586;

6. Permanent Clean and Sober Living, sponsored by Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc. – Two homes in the Santa Maria area with eight beds each for people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. One year, \$17,850
7. The Bridgehouse Emergency Shelter, sponsored by Lompoc Housing Assistance Corporation – An emergency shelter in Lompoc. One year, \$50,000
8. Marks' House, sponsored by Lompoc Housing Assistance Corporation – A transitional housing project for women and children in Lompoc with 19 beds. One year, \$36,565.

The two new projects for the 2004-2005 competition are as follows:

1. Mountain House, sponsored by Phoenix House – A transitional housing project in the South Coast area with 16 beds for severely mentally ill homeless people. Three years, \$405,000.
2. Homeless Management Information System, sponsored by Santa Barbara County Housing and Community Development – A computer a software program the County will purchase from a private vendor to allow various homeless service providers around the County to keep track of services provided to clients and to create accurate, unduplicated counts of homeless persons throughout the County. The Federal Government has mandated that each continuum of care nationwide implement a Homeless Management Information System this year. There are no other funding sources available for HMIS other than this grant opportunity. One year, \$102,813.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change in mandates or service levels is anticipated; however, should the County receive a grant award, the County would be obligated to adhere to the regulations set forth by HUD.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The Homeless Management Information System grant application will provide funding for 75% of one full-time employee in the Housing and Community Development Department. There is a 20% cash match requirement which will be met through time spent on HMIS by the Housing Finance Division Manager and by the department's Accountant II position. Housing and Community Development has funds in place to meet this cash match in the current budget under the Housing Finance and Management, Assessment and Planning line items. Details are available on pages D-243 and D-244 in the 2004-2005 fiscal year operating budget.

**Special Instructions:**

Prepare a Minute Order confirming Board approval and call extension 3520 for pick up.

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel, County Administrator's Office, County Auditor Controller's Office