

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Community Services Department

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**APN(s):** N/A **Case No.:** N/A

**Location:** Santa Barbara County

**Project Title:** Legal Aid Foundation General Fund Agreements for Common Ground and Family Violence Prevention Programs

**Project Description:** The General Fund Grant Agreement with Legal Aid Foundation for Common Ground will allow Legal Aid to recruit, train, and educate volunteers so they can effectively house the most vulnerable individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Santa Barbara County. Legal Aid's Family Violence Prevention Program is intended to provide civil legal representation to victims of domestic violence, elder abuse, and sexual assault. This General Fund Grant Agreement will permit Legal Aid to continue to provide this service countywide and to maintain current staffing levels.

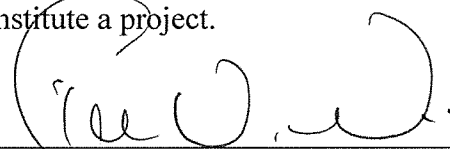
**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- Other

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Sections:** 15378(b)(4); the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment do not constitute a project.

**Reasons to support exemption findings** (attach additional material, if necessary):

The action provides funding for services to aid the homeless and legal aid for victims of violence, and does not constitute a project.

  
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Department/Division Representative

10/13/15  
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Date

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

Copies to: Community Services Department  
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