

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Gary L. Feramisco, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Treasurer-Tax Collector

STAFF CONTACT: Patricia Gabel, Housing Finance and Development
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SUBJECT: 2002 Community Development Block Grant P/TA Application

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A) approving a 2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning/Technical Assistance (P/TA) application to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector to submit the 2002 CDBG P/TA application to HCD for a study that involves identifying an appropriate size, functional design and location for an adolescent transitional housing facility for Santa Barbara County (See Attachment B, Project Description).
2. Authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector to sign all documents required for submittal of the CDBG application.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 7. A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children. [{Double-click here}](#)

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) CDBG Program has issued a Request for Proposals. Under the 2002 cycle of State CDBG funding, the County can apply for up to 2 non-competitive P/TA Grants. A P/TA Grant applicant may receive up to \$35,000 per grant application. The preparation of an adolescent transitional housing facility study in Santa Barbara County is an eligible activity under the CDBG Planning/Technical Assistance Program.

The County is proposing to prepare a site and feasibility study, in cooperation with County Children Welfare Services, for an adolescent transitional facility. This transitional housing facility is for children ages 12-18 who experience emotional/behavioral problems and require urgent placement services. These individuals are persons in foster care who show emotional/behavioral problems and have a history of failure from prior placements and need urgent placement services. They need a facility for them to receive treatment and “stabilization” so that they may be successfully transitioned back into the foster care network. Currently, the great majority of these high needs children have had to be placed out of the County in order to receive proper treatment. Currently, no such facility exists in the County.

The study will examine different types and levels of services needed to support this type of facility. Based on the results of the research, criteria will be established to help determine a functional design to meet the needs of the service provider and the residents and identify an inventory of appropriate sites. In addition, the study will develop a financing package for the acquisition of the property.

A total of \$1,750 of the \$35,000 application request is programmed to reimburse the County staff time for activities related to the administration of this grant.

Mandates and Service Levels:

State regulations governing the CDBG program require the County to hold a public hearing before submitting an application for project funding.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

This approval of the CDBG application will make the County eligible to receive a \$35,000 planning grant from the State of California. The State requires at minimum a 3% cash match from the requesting jurisdiction for this P/TA Grant. The Housing Finance and Development Division will contribute \$1,400 from the Housing Finance and Development Budget, fund 0065.

This grant will utilize in-house staff, therefore, funding from this grant will partially offset the salary of the Housing Program Specialist who will primarily administer this P/TA grant.

Special Instructions:

The Authorizing Resolution requires THREE original signatures. Please prepare two certified copies of the Authorizing Resolution and return to Patricia Gabel in room 105. One resolution will be forwarded to HCD; the other is retained in the County Administration files. The Housing Finance and Development Division of the Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office will provide public notice.