



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Housing and
Community
Development
Department No.: 055
For Agenda Of: August 2, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sharon Friedrichsen, Director
Director
Contact Info: Nancy J. Madsen x. 3523

SUBJECT: Human Services Fund Grants Commencing FY 2011-2012

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve grantees for the Human Services grants at the recommended grant amounts listed on Attachment A, for the period commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, with a possibility of extension for two additional years.

Summary Text:

Human Services grant applications are received and reviewed every three years by the Human Services Commission. The Commission is now making recommendations for funding grantees who provide needed services and who have been evaluated as effective. The Commission requests the Board's approval of grants to nonprofit agencies in the amounts listed on Attachment A.

Background:

The Human Services Fund is distributed through grants to nonprofit organizations to assist them in the provision of human services throughout the County. Over the past year, the Human Services Commission conducted an extensive process for selecting proposed grantees. The process included two grant applicant workshops, site visits to 32 new applicants, review and analysis of 91 grant applications, and interviews for 91 applicant programs. Open deliberations for grantee selection and a public hearing for feedback from applicants were held prior to the final decision by the Commission regarding recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for grant awards.

The Commission selected 71 programs of 50 nonprofit agencies for grant funding; 21 of these programs are new and were selected because they fill an unmet need. Funds were also reserved for three programs and will be awarded to selected agencies later in the year. Proposed grantees were selected based on the following criteria:

- The services to be provided by the nonprofit match the funding priorities approved by the Board on November 2, 2010.
- The nonprofit has demonstrated fiscal and programmatic strength.
- The nonprofit has well-defined performance measures to demonstrate program success.

The Commission developed an initial list of recommended grantees and grant amounts based on the amount of grant funding available for FY 2010-2011 (\$1,214,000). At its June 2, 2011 meeting the Human Services Commission voted that if the amount available for grants in the adopted budget for FY 2011-2012 is lower than the FY 2010-2011 amount, the final recommended grant amounts would be reduced from the initial list on a prorated basis. The Board provided \$1,200,000 for the Human Services Program for FY 2011-2012 during the budget hearings in June 17, 2011; after administrative costs, \$1,072,000 of this amount is available for grants to nonprofit organizations. The Commission's prorated recommendations for grantees and grant amounts are shown on Attachment A. The final decision regarding the awarding of Human Services Fund grants rests with the Board.

Performance Measure:

Human Services Commission and staff will continue to monitor the contract compliance of each grantee to ensure that each of its performance targets is met.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: The Board allocated \$1,200,000 to the Human Services Program during budget deliberations for FY 2011-2012. Of this amount, \$1,072,000 will be allocated to nonprofit agencies as shown in Attachment A. Approximately \$128,000 will be used for administrative support for the Human Services Program, including support for the Commission and administration of the grants. Previously, approximately \$200,000 annually was used for administrative support for the Human Services Program.

Staffing Impacts:

HCD will use a portion of existing staff time as well as use extra help as needed to provide administrative support to the Human Service Commission as well as prepare contracts with nonprofit organizations, pay invoices and monitor contracts for compliance.

Special Instructions:

Send a copy of the Minute Order to Nancy J. Madsen, Housing and Community Development Department, 105 E. Anapamu Street, Room 105, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Attachments:

Attachment A

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