



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Housing and Com Dev
Department No.: 055
For Agenda Of: 11/04/08
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Housing and Community Development
Director John Torell, CPA x3520
Contact Info: Patricia Gabel x3522
SUBJECT: Emergency Shelter Grant Subrecipient Agreements

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Housing and Community Development Department Director to execute Emergency Shelter Grant Agreements in the form set forth as Attachment A with the agencies and for the amounts listed in Attachment B consistent with the terms and conditions detailed in this Board letter and attachments.

Summary Text:

The County Housing and Community Development Department is seeking authorization from the Board of Supervisors for its Director to execute Subrecipient Agreements (Attachment A) for three (3) emergency shelter programs totaling \$84,951. The Board of Supervisors conceptually approved these grants at its May 13th hearing by adopting the 2008 Santa Barbara County Community Development Block Grant program Action Plan.

If the Board of Supervisors approves the above recommendation, County Housing and Community Development will be able to enter into agreements with the grantees listed in Attachment B.

Background:

The County of Santa Barbara is an entitlement jurisdiction for the federal Emergency Shelter Grant ("ESG") program. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development limits grantees' use of ESG funds to four activities; 1) the rehabilitation or conversion of buildings into homeless

shelters, 2) shelter operating expenses, 3) essential services for the homeless and 4) homeless prevention activities. Entitlement status is linked directly to the Community Development Block Grant Program, which Santa Barbara County has held entitlement status since 2007. The County Housing and Community Development Department included ESG funds in its annual Notice of Funds Available, and through that process, identified the three grantees. These three grants are awarded to Willbridge, Transition House, and a collaborative effort by Good Samaritan Shelters, Inc. and Casa Esperanza. Willbridge will utilize grant funds for shelter operating expenses, Transition House will provide homeless prevention activities, and Good Samaritan Shelters and Casa Esperanza will use the grants to provide essential services to the homeless population.

On May 13th the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution approving the Santa Barbara Entitlement County 2008 Action Plan for submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant agreements being authorized hereunder are consistent with and implement the Board approved 2008 Action Plan.

Performance Measure:

Safe and Healthy Families: Housing for all Segments of the Population.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: Previous Board action and subsequent approval by HUD of the annual Action Plan enables the County to receive Federal ESG funds. Approval of the ESG Subrecipient Agreement allows for the pass through of \$84,951 of federal funds to the selected agencies selected to accomplish ESG activities. The Housing Finance budget can be found on pages D251 & D252 of the current fiscal year County Budget.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

n/a

FTEs:

n/a

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

Attachment A – Form of Emergency Shelter Grant Program Subrecipient Agreement

Attachment B – Emergency Shelter Grant Programs Awarded Through 2008 Action Plan

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