



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: December 13, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director
Director
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SUBJECT: Racial Equity Grant Program Contract with The Fund for Santa Barbara

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Risk Management Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Determine that The Fund for Santa Barbara (“Fund”) operates grant making programs that are necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the county; and
- b) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services with The Fund for Santa Barbara for administration of a Racial Equity Grant Program for a total maximum contract amount not to exceed \$275,000.00 for the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 (“Agreement”); and
- c) Direct staff to return to the Board to consider the Fund’s grant recommendations in accordance with the Agreement; and
- d) Approve Budget Revision Request #0008669 (Attachment C) necessary to adjust current year appropriations; and
- e) Determine that the recommended actions are not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), because they consist of administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change to the environment; and CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) because they consist of government fiscal activities that do not

involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Staff is requesting that the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with The Fund for Santa Barbara for the administration of a second cycle of the County of Santa Barbara Racial Equity Grant Program. The funding available for this program is \$275,000, which the Board authorized during its July 12, 2022 meeting.

Background:

In Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the Fund for Santa Barbara (Fund), a community foundation that supports nonprofits working for social change in Santa Barbara County, was contracted by the County for the development and administration of \$270,800 in equity funds allocated by the Board during the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Hearings.

To develop the County of Santa Barbara Racial Equity Grant Program, the Fund worked with their Grant Making Committee, comprised of a diverse set of community members with different perspectives and backgrounds. For this program, 16 applications were received by The Fund, totaling \$885,550 dollars in requests. Final recommendations from the Fund were presented to the Board on May 18, 2022 and approved unanimously for disbursement.

At the July 12, 2022 meeting, the Board unanimously authorized an additional \$275,000 appropriation of equity funds to be disbursed through a second grant making cycle administered by The Fund.

For the second cycle, the Fund has updated the original guidelines to include the Fund's standard grant program guidelines. The revised guidelines also aim to effect the culture, policy, and systems change necessary to advance racial equity and justice, and reverse the legacy of slavery and effects of racism in Santa Barbara County by investing in organizations in Santa Barbara County working on these issues (Attachment A: Guidelines).

Final recommendations from the Fund will be presented to the Board in Spring 2023. Upon Board approval, the Fund will enter into grant agreements with the selected recipients. Grant award amounts would be up to \$100,000 for up to three years.

For fulfillment of the contract (Attachment B: Contract), the Fund will receive a 15% administrative fee \$41,250, which will be deducted from the \$275,000 allocation. The contract funding will be disbursed to the Fund in three payments. The first payment will be made upon the completion of Task 1. Task 1 encompasses: announcing the grant program; holding grant workshops; receiving application submissions; compiling summaries of the applications; and disseminating submissions to reviewers. The second payment, which will include the grant funds, will be disbursed upon approval of the grant recommendations by the Board. The last payment will be made upon submission of a written final report of the program detailing demographics and communities served.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The Board previously appropriated the \$275,000 in equity funds for the County of Santa Barbara Racial Equity Grant Program during the FY22-23 budget hearings.

Attachments:

Attachment A: County of Santa Barbara Racial Equity Grant Program Guidelines

Attachment B: Contract with The Fund for Santa Barbara

Attachment C: Budget Revision Request 0008669

Authored by:

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