



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: 9/12/17
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805) 568-2485
CONTACT Dinah Lockhart, Deputy Director, HCD (805) 568-3523
INFO: Laurie Baker, Grants & Program Manager, (805) 568-3521
SUBJECT: **\$110,000 Addition to the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
Subrecipient Agreement with the Housing Authority of the County
of Santa Barbara**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Second (2nd) Amendment to the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Sub-recipient Agreement with the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara, increasing the grant amount by \$110,000 (Attachment A); and
- B. Determine that the approval of the funding increase in the 2nd Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment B).

Summary Text:

The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara (Housing Authority) is under contract with the County to provide Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) using County HOME funds. The amendment will add \$110,000 to the current FY16-18 contract, increasing the total contract amount to \$1,254,222. The Housing Authority will continue to provide low income households throughout Santa

Barbara County with financial assistance in the form of rental subsidies and security deposits paid directly to their landlords. The additional \$110,000 in HOME funds will help ensure that an estimated 31 of the households currently receiving TBRA assistance will transfer seamlessly to the HCV program and avoid disruptions in their housing stability.

Background:

The County receives HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be used to expand the supply of affordable housing to low income households. As of June 30, 2017, the Housing Authority has provided monthly rent assistance to 136 low-income households and has assisted 187 low-income households with security and/or utility deposits. The Housing Authority focuses its efforts on housing the homeless, veterans, persons with disabilities, seniors and persons with HIV/AIDS, and works closely with community based organizations which serve these populations throughout the County. The current TBRA contract has a term of two years, which began on July 1, 2016 and will end June 30, 2018.

The Housing Authority requested the additional funds due to funding shortages in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. It is the Housing Authority’s intention to issue HCVs to households that time out of the 24-month limit of the TBRA program, which will provide a permanent housing subsidy. The additional \$110,000 in HOME funds will help ensure that an estimated 31 of the households currently receiving TBRA assistance will transfer seamlessly to the HCV program and avoid disruptions in their housing stability. Without these funds, those estimated 31 households could experience a gap in their rental subsidies and either a drastic increase in their monthly rent or loss of housing. The Housing Authority is confident that the added funds will be sufficient to continue TBRA assistance through the TBRA contract term and that HCVs will be available for all households previously assisted with TBRA. The Housing Authority is not accepting new households into the TBRA program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Federal HOME funds have already been awarded to the County by HUD for the proposed \$110,000 in additional grant funds and existing County HCD staff will manage the contract. The Housing Authority covers the cost to administer the TBRA program.

Fiscal Analysis:

The Second Amendment to the Sub-recipient Agreement involves federal HOME funds only, and it constitutes a one-time project cost.

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			\$ 110,000.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 110,000.00

Special Instructions:

- Please have the Board Chair execute one (1) original copy of Attachment A and provide two (2) certified copies to Jett Black-Maertz. Please call Jett for pick up at ext. 3549. Provide a copy of the minute order reflecting Board Action to jblack@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Attachments:

- A) Amendment No. 2 to the Sub-recipient Agreement
- B) CEQA Notice of Exemption