

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Community Services Department

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**APN(s):** N/A **Case No.:** N/A

**Location:** Santa Barbary County

**Project Title:** Proposed Alternate Funding Formula for Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Program Funds

**Project Description:** The County receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC Program for the provision of housing and support services to homeless individuals. On July 19, 2016 HUD published a notice in the Federal Register requesting public comment on the CoC funding allocation formula. The notice provided four options to revising the formula, which considered a community’s housing market, affordability, and community demographics known to be correlated to the prevalence of homelessness in the community. Utilizing an on-line analysis tool provided by HUD, staff reviewed various formula scenarios and determined that Alternative Formula “A” which considers population, poverty, affordability gap, and rent-burdened extremely low income households (ELI), and the prevalence of renter-occupied housing units as the most beneficial for the Santa Barbara/ Santa Maria Continuum of Care.

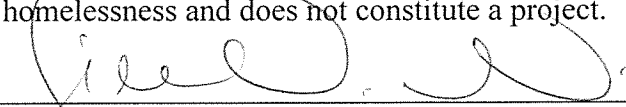
**Exempt Status:**

Other

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15378(b)(4); the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment do not constitute a project.

**Reasons to support exemption findings** (attach additional material, if necessary):

This action provides proposed alternate funding allocations to local communities to reduce homelessness and does not constitute a project.



8/16/16

Department/Division Representative

Date

Note: A copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

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