

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Community Services Department

The project or activity identified below 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:** State of California Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program Fund Distribution

**Project Description:** Acceptance of the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD) designation of the County as the Administrative Entity (AE) for the service area covered by the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care, which geographically encompasses Santa Barbara County. The State HCD receives an annual allocation of ESG Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in eligible areas throughout the state. Starting with the 2016 operating year, State HCD intends to distribute ESG funds to metropolitan cities and urban counties that receive their own allocations of ESG funds from HUD like the County of Santa Barbara. Such cities and counties would be responsible for administering State of California ESG (State ESG) funds for the service areas covered by their respective Continuums of Care. The AE will enter into agreements / memorandum of understandings for HUD fund distribution.

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b,3)]
- Other

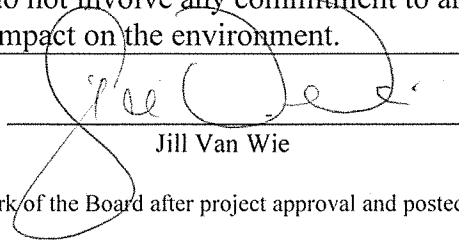
**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** 15378(b)(4)

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

Administration of funds as an administrative entity for distribution of federal funds does not constitute a project under CEQA as the action involves the 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 physical impact on the environment.

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Department/Division Representative



Jill Van Wie

Date June 28, 2016

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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