



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors

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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 7/9/19
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item:
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Bernard Melekian, Assistant County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Support for Community Action Commission Grant Application

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Recommended Actions:

- A. Authorize the County Executive Officer to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County (CAC) and the cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Barbara and Santa Maria supporting the CAC's application for a federal grant designed to reduce gang violence in Santa Barbara County.
- B. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities of funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b) (4) of the CEQA

Summary Text:

The Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County (CAC) is currently in the process of applying for a grant opportunity through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The focus of the grant is to implement *Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program*.

The goals of the grant are 1) to establish a new Task Force on Youth Safety in Lompoc and 2) establish a countywide initiative that brings together the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety, the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Safety in Santa Maria and the new task force in Lompoc. This initiative will permit the sharing of information/resources on youth development and help reduce

gang activity in Santa Barbara County.

The grant requires a formal agreement between CAC and the affected jurisdictions, including the County of Santa Barbara. The county currently participates in the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety with CAC.

The grant covers a four-year period, which includes a one-year strategic planning process.

Background:

CAC is currently completing a federal grant application under the *Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction*. This grant seeks to target distressed neighborhoods facing significant violent crime challenges. The South County Youth Safety Task Force has been engaged in this work in the south county for several years. Appropriate departments from both the County and City of Santa Barbara currently participate in Task Force activities. The Mayor's Task Force on Youth Safety in Santa Maria performs similar efforts in Santa Maria.

Recent incidents of violence in both Santa Barbara and Santa Maria serve as reminders of the continuing relevance of this work. In addition, the city of Lompoc has also experienced recent incidents of gang violence. Law enforcement in that city has dedicated significant efforts towards reducing the violence, but current resources are limited and there is no existing collaborative entity to address that violence. The establishment of a new Youth Safety Task Force in Lompoc will help to develop strategies to reduce violent crime, improve collaboration and communication between local law enforcement agencies and enhance the partnership between regional community-based organizations.

If successful, CAC will receive \$150,000 for the first year in order to complete an action plan. Once the plan is accepted, they would receive \$283,333 per year for three years. One of the grant requirements is that the affected jurisdictions enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CAC committing to collaboration and information exchange in furtherance of the stated objective of reducing gang violence and enhancing the safety of youth in the county. This work is an extension of the work county departments currently perform through the South County Task Force on Youth Safety.

The Board is requested to authorize the County Executive Officer to sign the MOU on behalf of the County. Similar requests are being made of the city councils of Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Barbara and Santa Maria.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There is no fiscal impact to the County of Santa Barbara

Fiscal Analysis: N/A

Attachments:

- A. Memorandum of Understanding between the CAC, the County of Santa Barbara and the cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Barbara and Santa Maria

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