



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Housing and
Community
Development
Department No.: 055
For Agenda Of: November 3, 2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department John McInnes 568-3520
Director(s)
Contact Info: Carlos Jimenez Jr., Housing Development and Grants
Administration Division Manager. 568-3523
SUBJECT: Grant Application – HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Authorize the Director of the Housing and Community Development Department to submit a countywide comprehensive application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the fiscal year 2009 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs.
- b. Authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development to execute all certifications, standard forms, and other related documents required for submission of the 2009 Continuum of Care grant application.

Summary Text:

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a Notice of Funds Available in the Federal Register on September 25, 2009 for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program. As Lead Agency under the Continuum of Care planning process for Santa Barbara County, the County Housing and Community Development Department assumes responsibility over coordination and submittal of the annual grant application. Funded under the federal McKinney-Vento Act for Homelessness, the Continuum of Care Grant contributes resources to non-profit organizations throughout Santa Barbara

County which provide transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and supportive services for persons and households who are homeless.

The grant application includes a total of 14 project proposals, three of which are new project proposals and 11 of which are annual renewal funding applications. The three new project proposals included in this year's application were selected through a competitive local Notice of Funds Available process, during which County Housing and Community Development received a total of three applications. All three applications were deemed appropriate for inclusion in the 2009 Continuum of Care application as each proposes to provide permanent supportive housing for families and/or individuals who are chronically homeless. Further, each project demonstrated a level of readiness necessary for inclusion in this year's application.

Funds received through the Continuum of Care are essential to the effective implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Santa Barbara County. Agencies funded through this program provide shelter, permanent supportive housing and needed services to the chronically homeless, and all contribute to the attaining the goals and strategies articulated and identified within the 10-Year Plan. The development of the 10-Year Plan itself was borne of a requirement in the Continuum of Care grant applications in past years, as was development and implementation of the Homeless Management Information System, a common data collection platform used by all recipients of the funding to determine the extent of homelessness and allocation of resources.

Exhibit 1 of the application includes multiple charts documenting statistics associated with homelessness in Santa Barbara County as required by HUD. In past years, Housing and Community Development has been able to attach a copy of the Exhibit 1 for Board review. However, in 2008 HUD changed the competition process so that all information is submitted electronically via the Internet through its eSnaps website. Therefore, the forms included in Exhibit 1 cannot be printed into a format easily read on paper and included as an attachment to this Board Letter. A pdf copy of the draft exhibit is available on Housing and Community Development's website, www.countyofsb.org/housing for public review. The grant application has a 45-day planning and preparation period, and is due for uploading to the federal website not later than November 9, 2009.

Background:

Congress has established three overarching goals for HUD under the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program, including:

1. Helping program participants obtain and remain in permanent housing.
2. Helping program participants increase skills and/or income and, in effect, enabling them to secure an income to live as independently as possible.
3. Helping program participants to achieve greater self-determination.

Local planning efforts under the Continuum of Care attempt to achieve these goals and outcomes in order to advance the congressional directive assigned to HUD.

Funding Requests: Three of the 14 programs applying for HUD funds this year are new programs; the other 11 programs are automatic renewals of grants awarded in previous years by HUD. New funding requests total \$400,527, and are subject to competitive review in the context of applications submitted by Continuums of Care across the nation. All new grant proposals must include activities related to

providing permanent supportive housing in order to be considered for funding. The renewal grant applications in the aggregate amount of \$1,354,961 are guaranteed one-year of continued funding.

New Grant Applications 2009-10

Project Name	Project Sponsor/Location	Project Description	Funding Amount
Casa de Familia	Good Samaritan Shelters, Inc.	16 permanent housing units for chronically homeless families; one studio apartment, 4 one -bedroom units, 8 two-bedroom units and 3 three-bedroom units in Santa Maria.	\$153,489 (New Construction and Operations)
HomeBase on G	Transitions Mental Health	39 housing units, at least 19 of which permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless in Lompoc.	\$123,519 (Operations)
WillBridge Housing	WillBridge of Santa Barbara	Create an additional 10 permanent supportive housing units by Master Leasing apartments on the South Coast.	\$123,519 (Master Leasing)

Renewal Grants 2009-10

Project Name	Project Sponsor/Location	Project Description	Funding Amount
Casa De Mural	Santa Barbara County ADMHS/ South County	12-bed supportive housing and services for mentally-ill formerly-homeless adults	\$115,315
Permanent Clean and Sober Living Program	Good Samaritan Shelters, Inc. / Unincorporated County-Tanglewood/City of Santa Maria	Operations funding for two single-family homes providing 16 beds; for women and men in recovery from addiction	\$17,850
Hotel de Riviera	Santa Barbara Community Housing Corporation/ Santa Barbara	Transitional Supportive Housing Program providing 34 beds for dually-diagnosed individuals	\$99,444
Bridgehouse Emergency Shelter	Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation/ Lompoc	Transitional Housing for women and children	\$36,565
Second Stage Transitional Housing	Domestic Violence Solutions/ undisclosed location	Supportive housing and services to female victims of domestic violence	\$72,590
Mark's House	Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation/ Lompoc	19-bed transitional housing and supportive services for women with children	\$49,875
Firehouse	Transition House/Santa Barbara	Transitional Housing for Households, Supportive Services, Child Care	\$55,152
Casa Esperanza	Casa Esperanza/ Santa Barbara	Supportive Services	\$160,586

HOMES Program	Transition House/Santa Barbara	Transitional housing , Case Management, Child Care	\$61,763
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	Santa Barbara County Housing and Community Development Department	HUD-Required data collection and Information System pursuant to receiving Continuum of Care funding	\$102,813
Shelter Plus Care Section 8 Vouchers	Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara	Section 8 rental Assistance and supportive services for 78 individuals through various community-based service providers	\$583,008
Total Continuum of Care Grant Renewal Amount Request			\$1,354,961

Performance Measure:

Providing housing for all segments of the community.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

The Homeless Management Information System grant provides funding for 75% of one full-time employee in the Housing and Community Development Department. There is a 20% cash match requirement which is met through time spent on HMIS by the Housing Finance Division Manager and by the department’s Cost Analyst II position. Housing and Community Development has funds in place to meet this cash match in the current budget under the Housing Finance and Management, Assessment and Planning line items.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

1

FTEs:

.75

Special Instructions:

Prepare a Minute Order confirming Board approval and call extension 1090 for pick up.

Attachments:

None

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