



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: ADMHS
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: 1-21-14
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: No Vote Required

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Takashi Wada, MD, Interim Director
Director(s) Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services
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SUBJECT: Investment in the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 Grant Applications

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file a report that the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Department (ADMHS) is pursuing grant funding associated with the Investment in the Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013 (California Senate Bill 82), through grants released by the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) and the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA).
2. Direct staff to return to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of acceptance, should the grants be awarded.
3. Determine that the approval of the recommended actions is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text: As a result of Senate Bill (SB) 82, known as the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Act of 2013, California has an opportunity to use Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) dollars to expand crisis services statewide that are expected to lead to improved life outcomes for the persons served and improved system outcomes for local mental health departments and their community partners. ADMHS is applying for two grants authorized under SB 82: a crisis services grant administered by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC); and a capital grant administered by the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA).

Background:

The first grant authorized under SB 82 is administered by MHSOAC, and allocates funding for the deployment of triage personnel to assist individuals in gaining access to needed services, including medical, mental health, substance use disorder assistance and other community services. The State FY 2013-14 budget provides \$54 million (\$32 million MHSA State Administrative Funds and \$22 million federal funds) for this purpose. This funding is available through FY 16-17.

This grant offers the potential to build on ADMHS' existing crisis response system and improve the provision of timely, effective, and lasting interventions via the addition of Crisis Triage personnel. This field-based triage workforce will allow for a proactive program that emphasizes treatment in the least restrictive manner through early intervention, case management, peer support and clinical care before, during and after a crisis event. This program will focus on helping individuals break recurring cycles of incarceration, extended visits to the Emergency Room, psychiatric hospital stays, or homelessness. The total funding requested is as follows:

- \$ 933,136 for FY 13-14
- \$2,352,536 for FY 14-15
- \$2,468,608 for FY 15-16
- \$2,594,250 for FY 16-17

The second grant authorized by SB 82 is offered through the CHFFA, and provides funding for capital capacity and program expansion to increase capacity for mobile crisis support, crisis intervention, crisis stabilization services, crisis residential treatment, and specified personnel resources. The State FY 2013-14 Budget provides \$142 million in one-time State General Fund dollars for these purposes. The California Health Facilities Financing Authority Act has authorized the CHFFA to make loans from the continuously appropriated California Health Facilities Financing Authority Fund to participating health institutions for financing the acquisition, construction, or remodeling of health facilities. This grant opportunity will allow Santa Barbara County to apply for up to \$2 million in one-time funding. This grant would allow for the purchase of a facility or facilities in South County to accommodate a Crisis Stabilization Unit and a Crisis Residential Treatment facility, as well as a mobile crisis response team in Lompoc. The outlined goals of the grant include reduction of unnecessary hospitalizations and inpatient days, reduced use of the Emergency Room beds, improved access to timely assistance, reduction in recidivism, and mitigation of unnecessary expenditures of local law enforcement. In addition, SB 82 promotes comprehensive public and private partnerships. ADMHS has been working directly with Cottage Health Systems on the application process for this grant opportunity.

Both grant opportunities will greatly aid ADMHS' Crisis Service System for acute psychiatric needs, meet stated goals and outcomes of reducing psychiatric use of the Emergency Rooms and reduce overall inpatient acute admission rates.

Performance Measure:

- Reduction in psychiatric use of Emergency Rooms
- Reduction in inpatient acute psychiatric admissions
- Reduction of recidivism
- Reduction in overall associated costs
- Improved and effective linkage with necessary outpatient mental health services

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The fiscal and facilities impact of receiving these two grants will be fully evaluated prior to requesting authorization from the Board of Supervisors to accept the grant funds. The projects included in the grant applications will also be included in the FY 14-15 MHSA Plan Update and will be funded by Medi-Cal and MHSA revenues in addition to any grant funding received.

Fiscal Analysis:

A Budget Revision Request will be necessary to adjust ADMHS' revenue and expense budgets if one or both of the grants are awarded and accepted as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

Special Instructions: Please return one (1) Minute Order to:

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