



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: May 10, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority (4/5ths for BRR-0008151)

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director
Director 805-568-2467
Contact Info: Eva Camarena, Executive Assistant 805-568-2467
SUBJECT: Women's Recovery Response Grant Funding

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- A. Approve and authorize the Community Services Director or designee(s) to execute a grant agreement and to accept grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, Women's Recovery Response Grant Opportunity; and
- B. Approve Budget Revision Request BRR-0008151 (Attachment A) necessary to adjust appropriations for the receipt of unanticipated Grant Revenues in the amount of \$25,000 (4/5); and
- C. Determine that the above recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are 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 impact on the environment, and 15378(b)(5), finding that the actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

Grant funding will be used to engage communities in at least four Women Speak Up Town Halls across the County addressing women's veteran needs and promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) on Boards and Commissions.

By identifying programs and conducting community outreach, the Commission will encourage women to become involved in local boards, organizations, and commissions.

Recruiting more diversity and promoting more inclusion will help bring more women as active participants in community leadership. These efforts will expand opportunities and improve the daily life experiences for all the communities across the county.

The Commission also intends to expand their visibility and profile with the development of brochures and produce professional Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos for countywide distribution.

Background:

The Santa Barbara County Commission for Women is a fifteen-member advisory board appointed by County Board of Supervisors. The Commission was formed in 1973 and has been actively working to better the community since that date.

The purpose of the Commission is to review, analyze, report, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, to educate and inform the general public on issues affecting women, and to promote the equitable and equal status, and wellbeing of women in Santa Barbara County.

The California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls received over 630 grant applications for its first grant opportunity dedicated to Women's Pandemic Recovery Response. These included local women's commissions and government entities to establish and expand women's commissions, and nonprofits serving women and girls.

Funds were awarded to organizations serving women who have been disproportionately affected economically by the ongoing pandemic including but not limited to low-income, unemployed, or underemployed, AIAN (American, Indian, and Alaskan Native), BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), LGBTQIA, unhoused, rural, disabled, senior, and veteran populations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Pending approval of Recommended Action B above, approval of the Budget Revision Request 0008151 is necessary for the receipt of unanticipated Grant Revenues.

Staffing Impacts:

None, duties will fall within existing staffing.

Special Instructions:

Please return an approved minute order to Eva Camarena, ecamarena@countyofsb.org (x82467).

Attachments:

- Attachment A – Budget Revision Request 0008151
- Attachment B – Grant Agreement Letter
- Attachment C – Blank STD 204
- Attachment D – Grant Proposal and Budget

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