



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: September 18, 2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Herman Parker, Community Services Department (805-568-2467)
Director
Contact Info: Dinah Lockhart, Deputy Director (805-568-3523)
SUBJECT: 2012-2013 Subrecipient Agreements for Federal Homeless Program Grants

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter in the amount of \$17,425 (Attachment A);
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute a Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement with Casa Esperanza Homeless Center in the amount of \$156,763 (Attachment B);
- C. Determine that the approval and execution of the Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreements referenced in Recommended Action "A" and Recommended Action "B" above (the "Agreements") are not the approvals of projects that are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a 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; and
- D. Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment C).

Summary Text:

On October 18, 2011, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Housing and Community Development Department, now the Community Services Department (CSD), to submit a consolidated grant application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for homeless program funding through the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Programs as authorized under Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C., § 11381 et seq.). The County will be the grantee and financial pass-through on behalf of Good Samaritan Shelter (Good Samaritan) and Casa Esperanza Homeless Center (Casa Esperanza) for two Supportive Housing Program grants received from HUD through the CoC Homeless Assistance Programs. The Board's approval of the Agreements will provide Good Samaritan and Casa Esperanza with federal funds to provide permanent supportive housing and homeless shelter services in compliance with the federal and local requirements.

Background:

The Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC is a countywide planning network comprised of non-profit and governmental agencies that plan for and provide housing and services to address the various needs of homeless persons. As the lead agency of the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC, the County manages the planning effort to address these needs and prepares a consolidated application for competitive funding through the CoC Homeless Assistance Programs, which includes the Supportive Housing Program. For the 2012-2013 operating year, the County will be the grantee and financial pass-through on behalf of Good Samaritan and Casa Esperanza. As grantee, the County is responsible for contract management and compliance oversight.

The Clean and Sober Living program administered by Good Samaritan provides permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals who are disabled and have a history of chronic substance abuse and mental health problems. Currently, the program offers 16 beds within two homes located in the Santa Maria area.

The Casa Esperanza Day Center, administered by Casa Esperanza, is the primary day center for homeless individuals in Santa Barbara. Approximately 27 community organizations and governmental entities provide a variety of services at the day center including on-site case management, assistance in securing housing, mental health counseling and referrals, employee training and referrals, recovery groups, literacy classes, drug and alcohol counseling, and referrals and assistance with legal problems that caused homelessness.

The County has maintained this grantee-subrecipient relationship with Good Samaritan and Casa Esperanza since 2001. As the formal grant administrator and compliance agency, the County is responsible for verifying the eligibility of all expenses. Both Good Samaritan and Casa Esperanza are responsible for submission of beneficiary data for their respective programs. Details of the reimbursement and reporting requirements are documented in the Agreements.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal		\$ 174,188.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 174,188.00	\$ -

Narrative:

The County will share a portion of funds allowed by HUD to be spent on grant administration with Good Samaritan and Casa Esperanza. This equates to 50 percent of administrative funds for each grant, or approximately 2.5 percent of the amount awarded.

Staffing Impacts: NA

Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to CSD, Housing and Community Development Division at: HCD@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Please execute three (3) originals of each Agreement and send to A.J. Quinoveva.

Attachments:

Attachment A - Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement – Good Samaritan Shelter

Attachment B - Supportive Housing Program Subrecipient Agreement – Casa Esperanza Homeless Center

Attachment C - Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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