



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: December 13, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director (805-568-2467)
Director(s)
Contact Info: Dinah Lockhart, Deputy Director (805-568-3523)
SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY 2021 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Funding
and Submission of Planning Grant Request to HUD

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Community Services Department Director, or designee, acting on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara in its role as the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care (“CoC”) Collaborative Applicant, to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) all documents related to the award of \$5,167,564 in Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (“YHDP”) grant funding, which includes a \$515,700 planning budget to facilitate the creation of the Coordinated Community Plan (CCP), non-County community project applications, written commitments of fund match as necessary, and all certifications, standard forms, and other related documents;
- b) Authorize the Community Services Director, or designee, to execute YHDP Grant Agreements and Scopes of Work with HUD;
- c) Determine that the recommended actions are not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the projects are 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.

Summary Text:

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), has provided funding to 16 selected “YHDP Communities” nationwide to develop and implement a coordinated community approach to prevent and end youth homelessness. The population to be served by this demonstration program is youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth, where no member of the household is older than 24 years of age. The County of Santa Barbara has been selected as a Round 6 YHDP site. HUD will award \$5,167,564 in YHDP grant funds to address youth homelessness to projects identified by the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County Continuum of Care Youth Action Board (YAB). Up to 10% of such funding can be used as non-renewable planning funds to support the first three (3) years of the program. The Board is being asked to authorize the Community Services Director, or designee, to submit and execute YHDP Grant Agreements and Scopes of Work with HUD for the YHDP budget(s) and projects.

Background:

On May 24, 2022, the Board of Supervisors provided authorization for the County of Santa Barbara to apply to become a selected YHDP site. HUD has awarded approximately \$72 million to the selected YHDP Communities, with grant awards ranging from \$1 million to \$15 million per community, based on the service area’s youth population size and poverty rate. Once the YHDP Communities are selected by HUD, they must develop and implement a coordinated community plan, which includes specific structural components, including: 1) statement of need; 2) list of community stakeholders, 3) discussion of vision and action steps; 4) potential new projects; 5) governance structure; and, 6) signatures of official representatives from key systems. YHDP funding is renewable under the Continuum of Care Program and requires cost sharing, matching, or leveraging matched with no less than 25 percent (25%) of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources as described in 24 CFR 578.73.

The Housing and Community Development Division of the Community Services Department (HCD/CSD), on behalf of the County, is the Collaborative Applicant for the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC. In that role, HCD/CSD applies for HUD funding to support the delivery of housing and services to homeless and formerly homeless individuals, administers the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which collects data submitted by homelessness assistance programs, and implements CoC Program activities in Santa Barbara County.

The California Department of Education reports that in the 2019-20 school year, 8,370 students met the McKinney Vento definition of a homeless youth (which defines homeless children and youth as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence) in Santa Barbara County school districts. After HUD announced the selected YHDP Communities, the YHDP Communities have six (6) months to submit the above-described coordinated community plan. HUD has assigned dedicated teams of technical assistance providers to assist selected communities in analyzing community strengths and needs, developing a coordinated community plan, implementing the plan, and then engaging in a process of continuous quality improvement. After the coordinated community plan is approved by HUD, the Collaborative Applicant (CSD/HCD) will apply to HUD on behalf of project applicants for up to the total amount made available to the community under the YHDP, less the 10% reserved for administration.

The YHDP has seven primary objectives:

- Build national momentum.
- Promote equity in the delivery and outcomes of homeless assistance.
- Highlight the importance of youth leadership.
- Evaluate the coordinated community approach.
- Expand capacity.
- Evaluate performance measures.
- Establish a framework for Federal program and Technical Assistance collaboration.

The staff of CSD/HCD, as the Collaborative Applicant, are working with the CoC, the Youth Action Board Committee, and local community groups to prepare the Coordinated Community Plan. The YAB Committee, first convened in 2018, is a group of community leaders between the ages of 14-24 who are CoC participants.

Performance Measure:

The total YHDP funding available to each selected YHDP Community is based on a formula that accounts for the number of youth ages 12 to 24 in poverty in each community (using data from the American Community Survey), the average number of unaccompanied youth up to age 24, plus the number of households headed by a youth up to age 24 who are experiencing homelessness as reported to HUD, and the 2-bedroom Fair Market Rent (FMR) for the geographic area listed in the YHDP Community application. In addition, the formula ensures that the amount of funding YHDP Communities receive is adjusted for the size and level of need in selected communities.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

HUD has prioritized the empowerment, compensation, and professional development of Youth members of the YAB and those on the CCP Planning Committee. Below is the three-year projection for the Planning funds. Projections include youth compensation for drafting the plan, evaluating project applications, and monitoring selected projects.

3 Year Planning Budget

Youth Compensation	\$ 109,800
County Staff Compensation	\$ 314,901
In Person Events/Transportation	\$ 43,000
Youth Professional Development	\$ 21,000
Marketing/Branding/Outreach	\$ 16,000
Technology Support	\$ 11,000
	\$ 515,701

Total Award	\$ 5,167,564
Total 3 Year Planning Budget	\$ 515,701
Remaining for Project Awards	\$ 4,651,863

Key Contract Risks:

YHDP is a federally funded program subject to associated federal requirements. As the Collaborative Applicant, the County is responsible for ensuring that YHDP activities are carried out in accordance with grant requirements. CSD has experience administering CoC Planning activities and funds awarded under HUD programs on behalf of the County.

Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to Kimberlee Albers at kalbers@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

N/A

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