

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Administrator

STAFF CONTACT: Jim Laponis, Deputy County Administrator
Lori Norton, Analyst (X 3421)

SUBJECT: Request for Tribal Sponsorship of Indian Gaming Community Benefit Grant Applications

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a copy of the Request for Sponsorship for Seven (7) Indian Gaming Community Benefit Grant Applications submitted to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Attachment 1)
2. Confirm concurrence with the Seven Grant Applications submitted and their priorities
3. Provide Direction as Appropriate to County Representatives on the Committee

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal 1: Efficient Government - An Efficient Government Able to Anticipate and Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On April 13, 2004, the Board of Supervisors considered recommendations regarding the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (Community Benefit Committee) and provided direction to County Representatives on the Committee related to the Committee Bylaws and Grant Process. Further, the Board determined the County's funding priorities of Public Safety (Law Enforcement and Fire) and Roads (Traffic Circulation and Alternative Transportation) and delegated authority to the Board Chair to execute Grant Applications submitted on behalf of the County, if timing necessitated.

On April 15th, the Community Benefit Committee met, adopted Bylaws, and adopted a schedule designed to ensure Grant funds are distributed prior to the statutory deadline of June 30, 2004. To meet the June 30, date, it was determined that Grant Applications must be submitted to the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians by May 3, 2004. The Community Benefit Committee will consider Tribe sponsored Grant Applications at it's meeting of May 23, 2003.

On April 29th, the County Administrator convened a meeting of the appropriate Department Directors (Sheriff, Fire Chief, Chief Probation Officer, and Public Works Director) to facilitate a comprehensive, coordinated approach for developing and submitting Grant Applications on behalf of the County. By unanimous agreement of the above, an

approach was developed which resulted in the submittal of a total of seven (7) Applications, requesting a total of \$1,590,160 in Grant Funds. Three (3) of the requests are for Nexus Grants totaling \$880,160 and four (4) are for Discretionary Grants totaling \$710,000. As authorized by the Board on April 13th, the Board Chair executed the Grant Applications, which were submitted to the Tribe on May 3, 2004.

Following is a brief summary of each of the submitted requests by Grant type (Nexus and Discretionary) and an identification of the County's priority for each of the requests:

Nexus Grant Requests:

Santa Barbara County is seeking a total of \$880,160 in Nexus Grant Funding for FY 2004-05 for the following projects in priority order:

- Priority #1 Sheriff's Department – Request for \$525,160 (FY 2004-05) to provide additional Sheriff coverage on a 24 hour 7 day a week basis (5 FTE Deputy Sheriff positions) to address additional call volume in Santa Ynez Valley. Multi-year request for FY's 2004-05 through FY 2008-09, with a 3% annual increase for anticipate labor cost increases. Total Multi-year request is for \$2,788,140.
- Priority #2 Public Works Department – Request for \$250,000 for Edison Road Improvements to mitigate cumulative traffic impacts.
- Priority #3 Probation Department – Request for \$105,000 for Remote Interview Video Conference System to mitigate traffic volume on Highway 154.

Discretionary Grant Requests:

Santa Barbara County is seeking a total of \$ 710,000 in Discretionary Grant Funding for FY 2004-05 for the following projects in priority order:

- Priority #1 Fire Department – Request for \$390,000 (FY 2004-05) to provide additional Firefighter/paramedic coverage on a 24 hour 7 day a week basis (3.6 FTE Firefighter/paramedic positions). As acknowledged in the request for funding, the Tribe and the County have an existing five-year agreement, entered into in April 2002, for funding of this firefighter/paramedic. However, the existing agreement includes a provision to reduce the Tribe's funding obligation, on a dollar for dollar basis, for any funding the County receives from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund. The Tribe was asked to continue funding the firefighter/paramedic position outside the Indian Gaming Community Benefit process, but if the Tribe declines to do so, the County included this request for Discretionary Grant funds.
- Priority #2 Public Works Department – Request for \$50,000 for Transit Bus to provide 12-passenger bus to mitigate traffic and assist public transportation in the Santa Ynez Valley.
- Priority #3 Public Works Department – Request for \$250,000 for Road and Transit Improvements to mitigate cumulative traffic impacts in the Santa Ynez Valley.
- Priority #4 County Administrator – Request for \$20,000 for demonstrated costs for administering the Community Benefit Grant process.

Mandates and Service Levels:

SB 621 creates an Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee in Santa Barbara County and requires local grants funded by the Committee to be administered by the County. As administrator of local grants, the County is required to provide an annual report to the legislature.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The County is required to provide staff support and administration of the local grants funded by the Committee. SB 621 limits the amount available to the County to administer local grants to 2% (\$22,000) of the annual amount allocated to the Tribal Gaming Account. The Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee determines the amount, thus may limit it further. SB 621 does not specify how the County is to request reimbursement for these costs; however, the reimbursement is from the total funds available. As noted above, the County submitted a Grant Application for reimbursement for up to \$20,000 of demonstrated costs.

Special Instructions:

Concurrence: Jim Andersen, Sheriff
John Scherrei, Fire Chief
Sue Gionfriddo, Chief Probation Officer
Phil Demery, Public Works Director

C: Vincent Armenta, Chairman- Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Shane Stark, County Counsel
Jennifer Klein, Deputy County Counsel