



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Housing and  
Community  
Development  
Department No.: 055  
For Agenda Of: June 5, 2007  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: n/a  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department John Torell, Housing and Community Development. 568-3520  
Director  
Contact Info: Patricia Gabel, Housing Finance Division Manager. 568-3529  
**SUBJECT: Grant Application – HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Authorize the Director of the Housing and Community Development Department to submit a countywide comprehensive application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the fiscal year 2007 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs [Attachment A].
  
- b. Authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development to execute all certifications, standard forms, and other related documents required for submission of the 2007 Continuum of Care Application.

**Summary Text:**

Funds received from the federal government through the Homeless Assistance Programs are key to the implementation of the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Santa Barbara County. Many of the agencies funded through this program work to provide shelter, permanent supportive housing and needed services to the chronically homeless, and all contribute to the attaining the goals and strategies within the 10-Year Plan.

The Federal Register, March 13, 2007 contained the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) annual ‘Notice of Funds Available (NOFA)’ for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs, which include the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and Shelter Plus Care

Program (S+C). These program funds are used in Santa Barbara County to supplement the budgets of several shelters and service providers which comprise the local Continuum of Care.

Upon your Board's approval, Housing and Community Development will submit an application for approximately \$1.4 million dollars on behalf of the 10 participating agencies. Exhibit 1 of the application (Attachment A) includes multiple charts documenting statistics associated with homelessness in Santa Barbara County as required by HUD. Many of these forms are in draft form at time of docket, however, will be available for your Board's review prior to submittal to HUD.

**Background:** Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program funds are used nationally to achieve three goals set by HUD:

1. To help program participants obtain and remain in permanent housing.
2. To help the participants increase skills and/or income and, in effect, enable participants to secure an income to live as independently as possible.
3. To help the participants achieve greater self-determination. The condition of homelessness itself can be damaging to ones self-determination; achieving a greater sense of self-determination enables the participant to gain needed confidence to make the transition out of homelessness

**Funding Requests:** Eleven out of the twelve programs submitting applications for Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program funds this year are automatic renewals of previously awarded grants. The first project listed is a new grant request which if funded, will help to fund the Countywide 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.

1. Master-Lease Program – On behalf of the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, Casa Esperanza is submitting an application to master lease existing rental units to provide permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless at a location to be determined. Casa Esperanza is serving as the organization responsible for associated fiscal activities during the first year of plan implementation. This effort to create new permanent supportive housing opportunities for the chronically homeless reflects the countywide effort to end chronic homelessness. New grant application, two year grant term, total funds \$89,775
2. Casa de Mural – Santa Barbara County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services sponsors this 12 bed project for the mentally ill which provides supportive services such as education, counseling, and life skills training. One year renewal, \$115,315;
3. Permanent Clean and Sober Living – This program is run out of two homes in the Santa Maria area owned by Good Samaritan Shelter, Inc. who also sponsors this grant. These homes provide 16 beds and substance abuse counseling for people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. One year renewal, \$17,850;
4. Hotel de Riviera – A transitional supportive housing program for 34 dually diagnosed individuals. This project is sponsored by the Community Housing Corporation. One year renewal, \$99,444;

5. The Bridgehouse Emergency Shelter – This is the primary emergency shelter in Lompoc which provides 56 beds. This program is sponsored by Lompoc Housing Assistance Corporation. One year renewal, \$36,565;
6. Second Stage Transitional Housing – Sponsored by Domestic Violence Solutions, this project provides housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence in South County. One year renewal, \$72,590;
7. Mark's House – Also sponsored by Lompoc Housing Assistance Corporation, Mark's House is a transitional housing project for women and children in Lompoc with 19 beds. One year renewal, \$49,875.
8. Firehouse –A supportive housing project sponsored by Transition House that provides counseling and child care services to homeless families in transitional housing. One year renewal, \$55,152;
9. Casa Esperanza – This grant helps fund supportive services offered at this transitional housing facility, emergency shelter, and day center in downtown Santa Barbara. These services include case management, job training, health care, and rental deposit assistance. One year, \$160,586;
10. Transition House HOMES Program – A transitional housing facility which provides case management and career development services, along with care for children. One year renewal, \$61,763;
11. HMIS – Funding for a software package to create a regional homeless services and clients database managed by the Santa Barbara County Housing and Community Development Department. This grant funds the Santa Barbara County portion of a tri-County effort to track services for the homeless from San Luis Obispo County to Ventura County. One year renewal, \$102,813;
12. Shelter Plus Care – The recipient of this grant is the Santa Barbara City Housing Authority. The grant helps fund five programs in Santa Barbara: AIDS Housing Santa Barbara, Sanctuary Psychiatric Centers, Phoenix House, Santa Barbara Community Housing Corporation and Work Training. These five programs provide 73 units including SRO's, studios and two-bedroom units, for 78 participants. One year renewal, \$590,184.

**Performance Measure:**

No change in mandates or service levels is anticipated; however, should the grants held by Housing and Community be renewed, the County would be obligated to adhere to ongoing regulations set forth by HUD. HUD mandates that grant applications be postmarked by June 15, 2007 for funding consideration.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

*Narrative:*

The Homeless Management Information System grant provides funding for 75% of one full-time employee in the Housing and Community Development Department. There is a 20% cash match requirement which is met through time spent on HMIS by the Housing Finance Division Manager and by the department's Cost Analyst II position. Housing and Community Development has funds in place

to meet this cash match in the current budget under the Housing Finance and Management, Assessment and Planning line items. Details are available beginning on page D-241 in the 2006-2007 fiscal year operating budget.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
Housing Specialist II

**FTEs:**  
.75

**Special Instructions:**

Prepare a Minute Order confirming Board approval and call extension 1090 for pick up.

**Attachments:**

Draft Exhibit 1 of 2007 Continuum of Care application.

**Authored by:**

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**cc:**