

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**

**Prepared on:** 5/29/02  
**Department:** Treasurer-Tax Collector  
**Budget Unit:** 4393  
**Agenda Date:** 6/18/02  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** None  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Mr. Gary Feramisco, Treasurer-Tax Collector

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**SUBJECT:** 2002/2003 HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance (McKinney Act)  
Grant Application

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Housing Finance and Development Division of the Treasurer Tax Collectors Office, to develop and submit a county-wide comprehensive application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by June 21, 2002 for the FY 2002 Continuum of Care for the Homeless Assistance Program.
- B. Authorize the Office of the Treasurer Tax Collector to 1) execute all certifications and application forms (SF 424), included with the submission of the Continuum of Care grant application.

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

*{Double-click here}* The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goals No. 1, No. 2 and No. 5: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community, A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, and Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

On March 26, 2002 HUD Released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance program. The program's purpose is to fund projects that will fill gaps in locally developed Continuum of Care systems to provide homeless assistance. For federal fiscal year 02-03, the Housing Finance and Development Division of the Treasurer Tax Collectors Office proposes to submit an associated countywide

application for this nationally competitive grant program. The application process includes coordinating the needs assessment process, reviewing and facilitating the ranking of proposals, and submittal of the application to HUD. Approximately \$950 million is available nationwide under this program, an increase of about \$100 million over last year's funding allocation.

Fiscal year 2001-02 was the fourth year that Santa Barbara County has been the lead coordinating agency overseeing the Continuum of Care grant application process. As a result of last year's effort, the County was awarded \$903,811, its highest level of funding to date for the HUD program and a \$93,000 increase over the 2000 award. The grant provided funding to five County projects. This year the county has received four grant applications for funding. Two new projects have requested funding for this year's Continuum of Care. The Gianni Apartments are proposed to be acquired by the Lompoc Housing Assistance Corporation and will provide twenty-two (22), permanent apartment units in Lompoc for persons suffering from mental illness. Additionally, Domestic Violence Solutions has proposed the acquisition of a fifteen (15) unit complex in the Santa Maria area for transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Two renewal projects considered for funding under this year's grant are the Community Housing Corporation's Casa De Riviera Transitional Supportive Housing Program for thirty-four (34), dually-diagnosed individuals and Transition House's Career Development and HOMES Programs that provides support services to aid persons to transition to permanent housing opportunities. The grant review process is currently being conducted; the application submittal deadline to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is June 21, 2002.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

No change in mandates or service levels is anticipated; however, should the County receive a grant award, the County would be obligated to adhere to the regulations set forth by HUD.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Prepare a Minute Order confirming Board approval and call extension 3520 for pick up.

**Concurrence:**

None