



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:** April 4, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department George Chapjian, Community Services Director  
Director  
Contact Info: Eva Camarena, Executive Assistant (805-568-2467)

**SUBJECT:** County of Santa Barbara Racial Equity Grant Program Award Disbursement  
Recommendations

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Receive and file an interim report from The Fund for Santa Barbara (“The Fund”) regarding its administration of the County’s Racial Equity Grant Program and grant award recommendations.
- b) Approve and authorize The Fund for Santa Barbara to disburse the County of Santa Barbara’s Racial Equity Grant Program funds to selected applicants (Attachment A) through June 30, 2026 and in accordance with the Regranting Agreement between the County and The Fund, executed on December 13, 2022.
- c) Determine that the recommended actions are not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act under CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), because they consist of administrative activities that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change to the environment; and CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) because they consist of government fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

Staff is requesting that the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve and authorize The Fund for Santa Barbara to enter into contracts disbursing Racial Equity Grants to recommended grant applicants (Attachment A). The funding available for this program is \$275,000, which was appropriated by the Board during the FY 22-23 Budget Hearings.

The County of Santa Barbara Racial Equity Grant Program is aimed at effecting the culture, policy, and systems change necessary to advance racial equity and justice. The program will provide funding to invest in and strengthen organizations that actively support anti-discrimination, as well as communities marginalized by power structures.

**Background:**

At the July 12, 2022 meeting, the Board unanimously voted for disbursement of \$275,000 in equity funds to be administered by The Fund for Santa Barbara (The Fund) through a second cycle of the County of Santa Barbara Racial Equity Grant Program. On December 13, 2022, the Board executed the contract with The Fund to administer the grant program (Attachment B). The contract included the condition that final award recommendations be presented to the Board for final approval prior to The Fund entering into contracts with selected grantees.

The Fund released a request for proposals on December 14, 2022, and offered a corresponding workshop. The applications were received and reviewed by The Fund's Grant Making Subcommittee, and final recommendations were approved by The Fund's Board of Directors on February 26, 2023. Upon Board of Supervisors approval, The Fund will enter into grant agreements with the four selected recipients (Attachment A). Grant award amounts range from \$26,000 to \$78,473 and will be for up to two years. All funding must be disbursed no later than June 30, 2026.

For fulfillment of the contract, The Fund will receive an administrative fee of \$41,250, which will be deducted from the \$275,000 in equity funds. The contract funding will be disbursed to The Fund in three payments. The first payment of \$18,563 encompassed the following work items: announcing the grant program; holding grant workshops; receiving application submissions; compiling summaries of the applications; and disseminating submissions to reviewers. After presenting an interim report to the Board (Attachment C) and upon approval of the grant recommendations by the County, a disbursement of \$252,312 will be paid to The Fund, which includes the \$233,750 in grant funds and \$18,562 in administrative fees. The third and final payment to The Fund of \$4,125 will be disbursed upon the completion of a final report, which will include reports from the grantees.

**Organizations Recommended for Funding:**

For the Racial Equity Grant Program, \$233,750 in funding was available, and the maximum request amount was \$100,000. Seventeen organizations submitted applications, requesting a total of \$1,288,473. Four organizations were recommended for grant awards by the Fund for Santa Barbara: C4 Lompoc Collective Cultures Creating Change, NAACP Santa Maria Lompoc, The Regents of the University of

California, Santa Barbara, and Madi’s Treasure Box, Inc. “The Fund for Santa Barbara Recommendations for the County of Santa Barbara Racial Equity Grant Disbursement” (Attachment A) contains the proposals, grant funding requests, recommended grant awards, duration of grant disbursement, project descriptions, and use of grant funds for each of the 17 program applicants.

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>LENGTH OF GRANT</b>	<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDS</b>
C4 Lompoc Culture Collectives Creating Change	\$78,743	\$78,473	1 year	“Support the implementation and stabilization of the Self Healing Communities project, to begin to address the unrecognized and untreated trauma in the Lompoc community.”
NAACP Santa Maria-Lompoc	\$65,000	\$65,000	2 years	“Support an annual gathering celebrating Black History; an annual Juneteenth Celebration; culturally competent programs in schools that addresses systemic racism.”
Regents of the University of California-Santa Barbara	\$65,000	\$64,277	2 years	“Support offsetting the costs of therapy for individual clients, increasing outreach efforts to strengthen community partnerships, and increasing clinical supervision hours for clinicians-in-training.”
Madi’s Treasure Box, Inc.	\$64,277	\$26,000	2 years	“Support the "World Changer School Ambassadorship Program", "SYV Juneteenth Celebration", "Madi's Corner Library & Show" and creation of "Madi's World" products.”

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Special Instructions:**

Please send a copy of the minute order to Marcos Vargas at [mvargas@fundforsantabarbara.org](mailto:mvargas@fundforsantabarbara.org) and Eva Camarena at [ecamarena@countyofsb.org](mailto:ecamarena@countyofsb.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: The Fund for Santa Barbara Recommendations for the County of Santa Barbara Racial Equity Grant Disbursement

Attachment B: Executed Contract with The Fund for Santa Barbara

Attachment C: Interim Report on County of Santa Barbara Racial Equity Grant Program, Cycle 2

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