



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: CEO  
Department No.: 012  
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Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Director(s) Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorization of Grant Application Submittal, and Supporting Resolution, to the California Department of Finance, for a Community Based Transitional Housing Program in the Unincorporated Area of the Lompoc Valley

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Affirm the County Executive Officer's submittal of an application to the California Department of Finance, for a Community Based Transitional Housing Program Grant in the amount of \$2 million for FY 2017-18 and 2018-2019 (Attachment A); and,
- b. Approve and adopt a Resolution Affirming Findings regarding the Bridgehouse Homeless Shelter. Located in the unincorporated of Lompoc Valley, Pursuant to Government Code Section 30035.3 (Attachment B); and,
- c. Find that Resolution and Grant application are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the approval and execution of the Resolution is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption (Attachment C).

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda in order for the Board of Supervisors to affirm the submittal of a grant application in the amount of \$2 million to the California Department of Finance for a Community Based Transitional Housing Program to provide services at the County-owned Bridgehouse Homeless Shelter in the unincorporated area of Lompoc Valley, the Santa Ynez Riverbed and the River Park area. Due to timing issues the grant subcommittee was made by the CEO in December.

**Background:**

This grant program was created by Senate Bill 837 (Chapter 32, Statutes of 2016) and is funded at \$25 million via a one-time State appropriation of funds that spans three fiscal years, from 2016-17 to 2018-19. The program provides grants to cities, counties, and cities and counties to fund transitional housing that provides treatment and re-entry programming to people who will benefit from those services. It is intended primarily to serve people recently released from jail or prison. However, the program can serve anyone in the community who may benefit from the program's services. Applicants can request up to \$2 million.

The following is required of an applicant city or county:

- Partner with a private entity, either for-profit or non-profit, to operate the program facility.
  - The County proposes partnership with Good Samaritan at the Bridgehouse Shelter location,
- Provide a governing board-approved conditional use permit or equivalent local entitlement that legally guarantees the program-funded facility may operate for at least 10 years. The application must be accompanied by a copy of a resolution confirming that such an entitlement has been granted.
  - As described in the Resolution (Attachment B), a Conditional Use Permit was issued on June 13, 2001 that allows for the operation of a homeless shelter at the Bridgehouse Shelter location.
- The applicant city/county need not provide matching funds. However, statute states the proposed provision of matching funds shall be used as a tiebreaker if two or more applications are rated the same.
  - The County does not anticipate a need for matching funds. However, if this situation were to occur, staff would return to the Board of Supervisors for further direction regarding grant acceptance.

***Overview of Community Based Transitional Housing Program Grant Proposal***

The funding opportunity is designed to enhance public safety by reducing recidivism and providing for successful re-entry of offenders, following extensive training, back into the community. Funds will be targeted to provide transitional housing that offers treatment and re-entry services to those struggling with homelessness and co-occurring orders such as substance abuse, mental health and other concerns.

The target population is homeless individuals and families. However, 30% of the population to be served will have been formerly incarcerated in jail or prison. Utilizing Evidence Based Practices, the goals of the funding will be to address the tie between homelessness and incarceration. Specifically upon

re-entry, homelessness increases the risk factors for returning to the custody setting. Providing secure housing offers the opportunity to mitigate negative impacts of homelessness and recidivism.

Multiple collaborative partners are working to formulate the grant submission and will facilitate grant implementation. Partners include:

- Santa Barbara County Probation Department
- Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department
- Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness
- Santa Barbara County Department of Public Health
- Housing and Community Development
- City of Lompoc Police Department
- Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness (C3H)
- Good Samaritan

Santa Barbara County, in partnership with Good Samaritan, is proposing to apply for a \$2 million grant from the State of California Department of Finance to be distributed over 2 years to provide additional resources and services to the Bridgehouse Shelter location in Lompoc. The County owns the Bridgehouse facility and has a lease with Good Samaritan for sheltering and related service. The Department of Finance has requested qualifying jurisdictions to respond to a Request for Proposals that addresses homeless individuals that are on probation or parole. Recent statistics from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department indicates within a 1-mile radius of Bridgehouse Shelter, there were 54 incident reports written by deputies between 11/1/16 and 10/31/17. Further, Santa Barbara County Probation indicates, that in Fiscal Year 16/17, there were 85 active adult probation clients that reported residing at Bridgehouse. An additional 5 active juvenile probationers and 34 adult clients in the Lompoc area were also designated as transient/homeless.

The program requires that 40% of the grant funds must be provided to the facility operator. It is anticipated that \$400,000 per year will be allocated to Good Samaritan to provide augmented case management, employment placement services, mental health services for those with mild to moderate symptoms, and security at the Bridgehouse Shelter located at 2025 Sweeney Road, Lompoc, CA. The grant allows the service area to include a one-mile radius from the Bridgehouse Shelter, which will provide additional resources for the riverbed as well. Santa Barbara County is proposing to utilize the \$600,000 per year to provide additional staffing from Probation, the Sheriff’s Department, Behavioral Wellness and HCD (Coordinated Entry & Data Input), and to partner with the Lompoc Police Department in relation to the homeless encampments in the riverbed and homeless issues that arise at River Park.

**Overview of Proposed Budget for Grant**

*The following staffing composition and budget anticipated:*

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Staffing</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
<i>Bridgehouse</i>	<i>1 FTE Case Manager</i>	<i>\$52,800</i>	<i>Provide additional services to homeless</i>

	<i>1 FTE Employment Specialist</i> <i>1 FTE Security</i> <i>1 FTE MH Clinician</i> <i>1 FTE D&amp;A Counselor</i> <i>1 FTE Americorps</i> <i>Operation Expenses</i>	<i>\$66,000</i> <i>\$52,800</i> <i>\$107,000</i> <i>\$57,600</i> <i>\$12,000</i> <i>\$51,800</i>	<i>population to reduce recidivism and increase self-sufficiency and permanent housing placement</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>		<i>\$400,000</i>	
<b><i>Santa Barbara County</i></b>			
<i>CEO</i>	<i>.1 FTE Grant Administration &amp; Coordination</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>	<i>Grant Administration &amp; Coordination</i>
<i>Sheriff's Department</i>	<i>1 FTE Sheriff Deputy Operations (C-Trains, Supplies, Security)</i>	<i>\$179,000</i> <i>\$50,000</i>	<i>Patrol area, Riverbed Clean Up</i>
<i>Probation Department</i>	<i>1 FTE Probation Officer</i>	<i>129,000</i>	<i>Probation Supervision</i>
<i>County Housing and Community Development</i>	<i>.2 CES Coordinator and Services</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>	<i>.2 staff Coordinated Entry, consultant services and technology</i>
<i>Behavioral Wellness</i>	<i>.2 FTE Psychiatrist,</i> <i>2 FTE Americorps</i>	<i>\$50,000</i> <i>\$24,000</i>	<i>Mental Health Services &amp; Outreach</i>
<i>Subtotal SB County</i>		<i>\$552,000</i>	
<i>Lompoc Police Department</i>	<i>.5 FTE</i>	<i>\$48,000</i>	<i>Patrol area, Riverbed Clean Up</i>
<b><i>Total</i></b>		<b><i>\$1,000,000 per year</i></b>	

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No. This is a 2-year grant request with no matching funds required. If the County is successful in obtaining these one-time funds, and the program is successful in meeting its objectives, staff will return to the Board with options to continue the services that minimizes or avoids the use of new General Fund dollars. Any new positions created as a result of this grant will be eliminated by the respective departments if ongoing funding is not identified by the end of the grant.

**Special Instructions:**

Please retain a certified copy of the signed Resolution and a certified copy of the Minute Order

**Attachments:**

- A. Grant Program Application
- B. Grant Application Authorizing Resolution.
- C. Notice of Exemption

**Authored by:**

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