



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Behavioral Wellness
Department No.: 043
For Agenda Of: 9/18/2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director of
Director(s) Behavioral Wellness
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SUBJECT: Application and Letter of Interest to Request One-Time State Funding for
Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the County to participate in the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment one-time funding opportunity and designating the Director of Behavioral Wellness as the County's single point of contact for the funding allocation;
- B. Authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness to submit to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) an application, including a letter of interest and the Board of Supervisors Resolution, requesting one-time funding for Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment services in the anticipated amount of \$862,000 for the period of January 1st, 2019 through June 30, 2020;
- C. Authorize the Director of Behavioral Wellness to submit to the California Department of Healthcare Services a written, formal acceptance by October 9, 2018 after the receipt of the Notice of Award; and
- D. Determine that the approval of the recommended actions is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the activities are 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 activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to request that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing Santa Barbara County's Participation in the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Funding opportunity through the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Approval of the recommended actions will allow Behavioral Wellness to submit an application to the Department of Health Care Services to receive a funding allocation of \$862,000.

The Department of Behavioral Wellness (BeWell) received notification and an application for a one-time allocation from DHCS for the Senate Bill (SB) 840 Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program. SB 840 allows DHCS to provide counties with one-time funding for local activities involving individuals with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Santa Barbara County's allocation is \$862,000. In order to receive these one-time funds, the county must provide DHCS a Letter of Interest and a Board of Supervisors Resolution.

Santa Barbara County must submit its application to DHCS by September 25th, 2018. DHCS will notify all applicants of the awarded funding by October 2nd, 2018 and requires County acceptance of this award by October 9th, 2018. It is anticipated that our application will be approved and that funding will be released to applicants by December 31st, 2018.

Once the Department of Behavioral Wellness receives notification that our application has been approved, we anticipate returning to the Board in early November to request a budget revision and a personnel resolution for BeWell's intended allocation and use of this one-time funding.

Background:

California's governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the California Legislature have recognized the critical need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness. As a result, the California Legislature allocated \$50 million dollars in one-time funding for Fiscal Year 2018-19 to counties and four eligible cities in the Budget Act of 2018 (SB 840), to assist with local Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Programs. This allocation will allow DHCS to provide counties with one-time funding for local activities involving individuals with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The purpose of this allocation is to fund multidisciplinary teams engaged in intensive outreach, treatment, and related services for homeless persons with mental illness. This allocation is intended to pay only for that portion of the costs of services not otherwise provided by federal funds or other state funds and shall not supplant other funds for these purposes. However, the county is encouraged to use these funds to leverage other fund sources, such as federal grants.

California recognizes the need for outreach and treatment to those who are living with a severe mental illness and are also homeless or at risk of homelessness, including persons participating in Whole Person Care pilots, or who have had recent involvement with the criminal justice system or have been released from incarceration, as well as other special populations within the counties of California.

All counties are eligible to receive this funding. Santa Barbara County's allocation from this fund is \$862,000. This allocation was derived using the 2017 US Housing and Urban Development Point in Time Count data, the No Place Like Home noncompetitive allocation county groupings, and the

Department of Finance’s Demographic Research Unit county population data used for No Place Like Home.

DHCS requires counties that receive Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment funding to expend those funds no later than **June 30th, 2020**. Counties must also report to DHCS about the disposition of funds, the services provided, and the number of individuals who received services no later than 90 days after the full expenditure of funding.

BeWell is committed to combatting homelessness and improving outreach and treatment for those living with severe mental illness in our community. BeWell anticipates using this funding to increase its current homeless outreach and treatment program by expanding its outreach particularly in the Lompoc and Santa Maria areas, by increasing engagement/treatment staff, by providing the community with mobile shower equipment and a mobile treatment vehicle where clients can be seen by a Psychiatrist in the field via telepsychiatry as well as having a private space to meet with a clinician. Each of these additions to our current mobile Crisis Team will assist in promoting engagement in the field and create easily accessible linkages to treatment. The additional staff positions will complement the existing homeless outreach and treatment staff that currently operate with limited staffing, and which do not currently have the resources to address the vast needs of our county for homeless outreach and treatment.

Performance Measure:

Counties must report to DHCS about the disposition of funds, the services provided, and the number of individuals who received services no later than 90 days after the full expenditure of funding.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>FY 18-19 Cost:</u>	<u>FY 19-20 Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost:</u>
General Fund			
State	\$533,639	\$386,042	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 533,639	\$ 386,042.00	\$ -

Narrative: This multiyear grant would provide funding in the anticipated amount of \$862,000 to the Behavioral Wellness Department Mental Health fund for Salaries and Benefits, as well as Services and Supplies. A Budget Revision Request (BRR) is necessary to adjust the budget to recognize the revenue from the grant once awarded. The Department will return to the Board in November once we receive a Notice of Award. The budget for this program is \$862,000 but the fiscal analysis incorporates the anticipated Medi-Cal revenue for services provided making the total amount for FYs 18-20 \$919,681.

Key Contract Risks:

There is a risk that we will not receive the anticipated amount.

Special Instructions:

Please email one (1) copy of the executed Resolution and one (1) minute order to Qiuana Lopez:

glopez@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution for Santa Barbara County Participation in Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Funding

Attachment B: Budget Proposal

Attachment C: DHCS Instructions for Application for One-Time Funding- Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program

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