



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: April 26, 2013
Board Meeting Date: May 21, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Beverly Beasley Johnson, JD, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Accepting Discretionary Funding (2013-NOFA-30) from the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD)

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- A) Accepting Discretionary Funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development for the purpose of helping homeless individuals and families to obtain permanent housing, for the term of June 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$100,000; and
- B) Authorizing the Director of the Human Services Agency or the Director's designee to execute the Agreement from the State Department of Community Services and Development to accept the terms and funding when it is issued.

BACKGROUND:

On March 4, 2013, San Mateo County Community Action Agency Board (SMC-CAAB) applied for the Discretionary Funding offered by Community Services and Development (CSD) responding to their Notice Of Funding Availability (2013-NOFA-30) targeting Homeless Services which is an eligible Grant activity. On April 5, 2013 CSD announced that Human Services Agency's SMC-CAAB is one of the eligible entities that are awarded discretionary funds in response to the competitive NOFA for the 2013 Targeted Initiatives and Innovative Projects in the full amount of the \$100,000. CSD is requiring the County to submit a Resolution of acceptance prior to the Agreement being issued. To accept funding the County must have a signed Resolution before May 31, 2013.

By accepting the 2013 Discretionary Funding with CSD and allowing the Director of the Human Services Agency (HSA) or his/her designee to execute the revenue Agreement to accept this funding, SMC-CAAB will continue working with Samaritan House and the network of Core Services Agencies to deliver financial assistance to the homeless

individuals and families who live in homeless shelters, and are ready to move out but lack adequate funding resources (such as security deposit and first month rent) to move to permanent housing.

DISCUSSION:

CSD Discretionary Funds are intended to advance methods of reducing poverty and revitalizing low-income communities. During CSD's spring regional meetings, it was announced that the 2013-14 CSD Discretionary Funds (up to the maximum amount of \$100,000 per agency) will be available and dedicated to supporting the states' Community Action Agencies (CAA) to support asset building programs for low income families, innovative programs and activities to eliminate poverty, promote self-sufficiency, and promote community revitalization.

The top six categories accepted as eligible activities by CSD are: Asset Development, Employment, Youth Services, Homeless Service, Food and Nutrition Services, and Innovative Community and Neighborhood-Based Initiatives.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Acceptance of the Resolution with CSD contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing Safety Net Services such as rental and housing assistance to the homeless population of San Mateo County residing at homeless shelters. The revenue from acceptance of CSD funds will provide services to 54 people residing in San Mateo County.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Projected
Number of participants projected to receive a security deposit or first month rent/rental assistance	N/A	18 Households (54 People)
Percent of actual participants which move to permanent housing and retain their housing for at least 6 months	N/A	90%

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of \$100,000 of CSD grant funding will be utilized to support additional homeless services. Funding will be included in the FY 2013-2014 Recommended Budget. There is no Net County Cost.