



## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

County Manager's Office

**DATE:** February 2, 2015  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** February 10, 2015  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** None  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Study Session: Measure A Priorities for Fiscal Year 2015-17 Cycle

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept this report on Measure A process and provide staff with direction on priorities for the Fiscal Year 2015-17 funding cycle.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the January 27 Board meeting, staff gave an update on the Measure A process. The County received over 300 letters of intent totaling \$290 million in requests for the FY2015-17 cycle. About \$177 million was for new initiatives, and the rest was for infrastructure and the continuation or expansion of existing Measure A initiatives. The Board requested that a study session be held on February 10 to revisit Measure A priorities.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Measure A limited-term general sales tax passed by voters in November 2012 is estimated to bring in \$160 million in the FY2015-17 budget cycle (\$80 million annually). Our office anticipates that about \$90 million will be used for purposes approved by the Board in the previous cycle using Measure A, and that \$40 million will be used for facilities and IT infrastructure projects. This leaves about \$30 million for new initiatives.

Given the limited funds available, and requests that far exceed this amount, members of the internal committee, consisting of CMO and department staff, were directed to focus recommendations in the following priority areas. These are areas where we can achieve substantial impact in FY 2015-17 given current challenges facing the county's low-income and underserved residents, and where we have allocated minimal or no Measure A funds in the previous cycle:

- Ending homelessness and increasing availability of affordable housing for County clients
- Supporting foster youth from entry to emancipation and self-sufficiency
- Protecting older adults and ensuring low-income residents can age in place

- Environmental sustainability and climate resilience
- Targeted interventions in communities with lower high school graduation and higher truancy rates compared to the county overall, and other acute needs

Attached are approved Measure A initiatives from the last cycle FY 2013-15, as well as drafts of preliminary Yes/RFP/No recommendations for the 300+ Letters of Intent received for FY 2015-17 Measure A funds.

The “Yes” recommendations fall under one of the priorities identified above. Organizations in this category will be invited to submit a more detailed application that will be reviewed for recommendation to the Board at the March 31 and April 14 hearings.

The “RFP” recommendations fall under one of the priorities above, where the County received several requests to provide similar services, and where it would be in the best interests of the County to conduct a competitive process. The County will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in mid-April for these priority areas, and these organizations and others that provide similar services will be invited to submit a proposal for evaluation and selection in June.

The “No” recommendations do not fall under one of the above priorities for Measure A funds this cycle. Organizations in this category will not be invited to proceed further in the process and can attend one of the future Measure A public hearings. The Notes column includes comments where the Letter of Intent as submitted does not address the needs of low-income and underserved county residents or where other funds might be available for the purpose described (would be reviewed as part of the budget process).

The Measure A study session contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community and the goal of an open, effective and responsive government as establishing priorities gives staff direction on where resources should be allocated to meet the most important needs of the community for the FY 2015-17 budget cycle.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Direction from the Board will guide the allocation of Measure A funds for the next two-year budget cycle.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – FY2013-15 Cycle Board-Approved Measure A Initiatives

Attachment 2 - Summary of Yes/RFP/No preliminary recommendations by category

Attachment 3 - List of Applicants with preliminary Yes/RFP/No recommendations