



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: December 9, 2014
Board Meeting Date: January 27, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Accept the Community Services Block Grant Number 15F-2040 Funds from the State Department of Community Services and Development

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- A) Accepting the Community Services Block Grant, Number 15F-2040, funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development, for the purpose of helping families and individuals at risk of homelessness to remain housed, for the term of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$113,863; and
- B) Authorizing the Director of the Human Services Agency or the Director's designee to execute Amendments from the State Department of Community Services and Development to accept the terms and additional funding in an amount up to \$421,485.

BACKGROUND:

The State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) awards Community Services Block Grants (CSBG) to local governments and non-profit agencies. The CSBG program provides core funding to reduce poverty, revitalize communities and to empower low-income families in attaining the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency and remain housed. The Human Services Agency (HSA) Center on Homelessness has been receiving the CSBG funding since FY 2011-12. The grant funds a variety of antipoverty services, such as housing assistance, utility assistance, food and clothing, transportation and other emergency assistance to low-income households at risk of becoming homeless.

DISCUSSION:

CSD awarded HSA with the 2015 Antipoverty Contract through a Revenue Agreement, Agreement Number 15F-2040. The initial amount of this Revenue Agreement is \$113,863, but CSD anticipates receiving additional Federal funding. As a result of the additional funding, HSA anticipates the total amount allocated will likely increase to \$421,485, which will be awarded in the form of Amendment(s) to the 15F-2040 Revenue Agreement.

Accepting the 2015 Revenue Agreement 15F-2040 from CSD and allowing HSA's Director or her designee to execute Amendments will enable HSA to continue working with Samaritan House and the network of Core Services Agencies to deliver emergency services without interruption. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Grant and the Resolution as to form.

Acceptance of the 2015 Revenue Agreement 15F-2040 contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing Safety Net Services, such as rental and housing assistance, transportation, and emergency food and clothing assistance to low-income households, which include 525 low-income households residing in San Mateo County. It is anticipated that the 90% of the eligible households will increase self-sufficiency and remain housed by receiving these emergency funds.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected	FY 2015-16 Projected
Number of low-income households projected to receive Emergency Assistance (food, utility payments, rental assistance, car repair assistance, transportation, referral services, and clothing) and stay housed.	497	500	525
Percent of low-income households receiving emergency rental assistance, utility payment, motel voucher, car repair allowance, security deposit, who remain housed at the time they receive the services.	88%	88%	90%

FISCAL IMPACT

The term of the Revenue Agreement 15F-2040, is January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The amount of the Revenue Agreement 15F-2040 has a built in range from a minimum of \$113,863 to a maximum of \$421,485, and is subject to the availability of State Community Services and Development funds. The funds associated with this

Agreement span two fiscal years. Of the total anticipated amount, appropriation for \$113,863 is included in the FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget. The remainder of the anticipated funding, \$307,622, will be included in the FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget (to the extent it is ultimately awarded). There is no Net County Cost.