



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: December 10, 2013
Board Meeting Date: January 28, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency

Subject: Accepting 2014 Community Services Block Grant Funds from the State
Department of Community Services and Development

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing:

- A) Acceptance of a revenue agreement from the State Department of Community Services and Development for the continuation of Safety Net Services for the term of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, in the amount of \$128,584; and
- B) The Director of the Human Services Agency or the Director's designee to execute contract amendments in an amount up to \$400,000.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program provides grants to local governments and non-profit agencies to assist eligible low-income households in attaining the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. The grant funding will provide a variety of antipoverty services, such as housing assistance, utility assistance, and other emergency needs, that assist low-income households at risk of becoming homeless.

DISCUSSION:

The State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) awarded CSBG funding for 2014 Safety Net Services through revenue Agreement Number 14F-3040. The amount of this revenue Agreement is \$128,584, but CSD anticipates receiving additional federal funding in the amount of \$232,251, which will be awarded in the form of an amendment(s), for a total anticipated amount of \$360,835. CSD has indicated that there is a possibility that the anticipated amount could increase. The Human Services Agency (HSA) is asking the Board to allow the Director of HSA or her designee to execute the Amendment(s) up to \$400,000 to the 2014 revenue Agreement, which will

allow HSA to continue working with Samaritan House and the network of Core Services Agencies to deliver Safety Net Services without interruption.

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

Acceptance of this 2014 CSBG revenue Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing Safety Net Services such as rental and housing assistance, mortgage assistance, transportation, and emergency food assistance to low-income families and individuals of San Mateo County. This revenue Agreement will provide services to 360 low-income households residing in San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 88% of the eligible households will increase or maintain self-sufficiency for an additional 3 months.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Number of participants projected to receive Emergency Assistance (food, utility payments, rental and mortgage assistance, car repair assistance, shelter, transportation, referral services and clothing).	360	360
Percent of participants receiving rental or mortgage assistance that remain or increase self-sufficiency for 3 months or longer.	88%	88%

Services under this Agreement run by calendar year opposed to fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The amount of revenue from this Agreement is \$128,584. It is anticipated that CSD will amend the Agreement as they receive federal funding for an amount up to \$232,251, for a grand total of \$360,835, however the Board is being asked to allow the Director or Designee to execute amendments up to \$400,000 should the amount increase. The term of this revenue Agreement is January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Appropriation has been included in the FY 2013-2015 Adopted Budgets. There is no Net County Cost.