



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Human Services Agency



Date: November 25, 2015
Board Meeting Date: January 26, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Iliana Rodriguez, Director, Human Services Agency
Subject: Acceptance of Discretionary Funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution:

- A) Accepting the Community Services Block Grant Funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development for the purpose providing emergency assistance to help families and individuals at risk of homelessness to remain housed, for the term of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, in the amount of \$113,132; 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 \$312,133, when issued.

BACKGROUND:

The State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) awards Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to local governments and non-profit agencies. The CSBG program administered by the State of California provides core funding to those agencies to reduce poverty, revitalize communities and empower low-income families in attaining the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency and maintain housing. The grant will fund 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. Human Services Agency's Center on Homelessness has been receiving CSBG funding since FY 2011-12.

DISCUSSION:

CSD recently awarded San Mateo County with the 2016 Antipoverty Revenue

Agreement aimed at targeting families and individuals at risk of homelessness. The initial amount of this revenue agreement is \$113,132, but CSD anticipates receiving additional federal funding through CSBG. The total amount allocated to the County of San Mateo Human Services Agency (HSA) will likely increase by \$312,133 thereby increasing the grant total to \$425,265. The additional amount will be awarded through amendment(s) to the revenue agreement.

Acceptance by your Board of the 2016 revenue agreement from CSD and authorization of the HSA Director or her designee to accept and execute amendments to the 2016 revenue agreement will enable HSA to continue working with Samaritan House and the network of Core Services Agencies to deliver emergency assistance without any interruption. Emergency assistance includes: utility payments, rental assistance, security deposits and car repair assistance.

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

Approval of the 2016 agreement and any subsequent amendments increasing CSBG funding contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by providing emergency assistance to low-income families and individuals at risk of homelessness in San Mateo County. This revenue agreement will provide services to 665 low-income individuals and families residing in San Mateo County. It is anticipated that 80% of eligible households receiving emergency assistance will increase or maintain their self-sufficiency and remained housed for an additional 3 months.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2015-16 Projected
Number of participants projected to receive Emergency Assistance (utility payments, rental assistance, security deposit and car repair assistance)	665	*525
Percent of participants contacted after receiving emergency assistance that will remain housed for 3 months or longer.	80%	80%

*FY 2015 CSBG agreement will continue through December 31, 2015. The reports are not finalized.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a revenue agreement to accept Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding from the State Department of Community Services and Development. The term of the agreement is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and the amount is \$113,132. It is anticipated that additional funding will be awarded in an amount up to \$312,133. There is sufficient budgetary appropriation included in the FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget and in the FY 2016-17 Recommended Budget for the acceptance of these funds. There is no net county cost.