



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**File #:** 22-363

Board Meeting Date: 5/17/2022

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None

**Vote Required:** 4/5ths

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Michael P. Callagy, County Executive / Clerk of the Board  
Adam Ely, Project Development Unit Director

**Subject:** Authorization to Accept HomeKey Grant Award for the Construction Navigation Center Project

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to:

- A) Adopt a resolution accepting receipt of Project Homekey Grant Funds in the amount of \$55,322,260 to the Major Capital Construction Budget Unit for the design and construction of the county's Navigation Center; and
- B) Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request recognizing unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$55,322,260 from state HomeKey Grant funds to the Major Capital Construction Budget Unit for the design and construction of the county's Navigation Center; and
- C) Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request re-allocating a philanthropic donation from the Sobrato Foundation in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Non-Departmental Services Budget Unit to the Major Capital Construction Budget Unit to reflect project revenues and expenditures for the Navigation Center in the correct budget unit.

**BACKGROUND:**

San Mateo County continues to face an unprecedented and growing shelter crisis with homelessness experienced in the County disproportionately by members of racial and other minority groups. In January 2022, the Board renewed its declaration that a shelter crisis exists in the County of San Mateo, authorizing the County Manager to take immediate and sustained action to address this crisis.

The County is addressing the crisis through its Functional Zero vision for ending homelessness, the goal of which is to ensure that every County resident experiencing homelessness can be safely sheltered in an emergency shelter, or in temporary or permanent housing.

To reduce the number of unsheltered, on October 5, 2021, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the San Mateo County Navigation Center Project. The Center will be located at 275 Blomquist Street, Redwood City. It will provide 240 safe temporary living units and intensive on-site support services to individuals and couples experiencing homelessness. Construction of the Navigation Center has begun with completion targeted for the end of 2022.

**DISCUSSION:**

In December 2021, through the Homekey 2.0 Program, administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, the County was awarded a total of \$55,322,260 (“Homekey Grant”) for the Navigation Center Project.

That same month, pursuant to resolution 078585, the County accepted a donation of \$5,000,000 from John Sobrato (“Sobrato Donation”) for the Navigation Center Project.

The accompanying resolutions will accept the Homekey Grant and authorize the transfer of the grant funds, as well as the Sobrato Donation, to the Major Capital Construction Budget Unit.

The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the resolutions as to form.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Navigation Center project will be funded from a combination of Federal, State, County, and philanthropic monies, including the Homekey Grant and the Sobrato Donation.