

Exhibit B
HOMELESS SERVICES OVERSIGHT COUNCIL
ACTION ITEM
November 20, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4.3.1

ITEM: RECOMMEND ALLOCATION OF COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (\$98,678), EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (\$108,615), AND COUNTY GENERAL FUND SUPPORT (\$180,000) FUNDS FOR COUNTYWIDE HOMELESS SERVICES PROGRAMS.

ACTION REQUIRED: Vote to recommend to the Board of Supervisors allocation of 2014-2015 County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, and County General Fund Support (GFS) for countywide Homeless Services Programs as shown in Attachment A.

SUMMARY NARRATIVE: On November 6, 2013, a five person ad-hoc grant review subcommittee met to discuss and recommend allocation of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 County CDBG public services funds, ESG funds, and County GFS for homeless services programs. The County is assuming a 10% cut for the CDBG program (a \$10,964 reduction in the County public services activities) and the ESG program (a \$12,068 reduction), and a 0% cut in County GFS.

As shown in Attachment A, the subcommittee recommends that all of the emergency shelter programs receive cuts uniformly. Since a 10% cut is anticipated for the ESG and CDBG programs and a 0% cut is anticipated for GFS, this equates to a 6.2% cut for each of the emergency shelter programs.

The Central Coast LINK does not receive GFS from the County, so the subcommittee recommended that it receive the full 10% cut in 13/14. Also, the County allocated one-time funds in 13/14 to the program, and these recommendations anticipate that these funds will not be available in 14/15. Between the anticipated 10% cut in grant funds and the absence of the one-time County funds to assist the program, the LINK would have a budget of approximately one-third less in 14/15. However, the County recently allocated 40% more (\$61,558) in the current year than the previous year to the HOME funded Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program operated by the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo. While this program is not operated by the LINK, it provides some similar services (rental assistance and deposit assistance) that the ESG funded program provides. It is anticipated that this increase as well as any future allocations will help to mitigate the loss to the program.

It should be noted that after the ad-hoc grant review subcommittee met, the County received a GFS application in the amount of \$102,000 from North County Connection. Since this application was not received by the deadline and the subcommittee meeting, this application was not considered for funding. The County's GFS in the amount of \$180,000 currently only funds emergency shelter programs.

When the County receives its final allocation of CDBG and ESG grant funds for 2014, it will come back to your HSOC to adjust the recommendations. It is very possible that the ESG and CDBG programs will not be cut the full 10%. However, it is also possible that they could be cut even more than 10%. As an example, the ESG program was cut by 26% in the current year.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT: No financial impact is expected to the HSOC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that your HSOC approve and forward to the County Board of Supervisors the ad-hoc grant review subcommittee's recommendation for allocation of County CDBG, ESG, and General Fund Support funding for homeless services as shown in Attachment A.

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ATTACHMENT A

(rev. 11/18/13)

Project	CDBG* 2014	ESG* 2014	General Fund 2014	Anticipated Cities CDBG 2014	Anticipated City General Fund Support/GIA 2014	TOTAL 2014 (with assumed cities CDBG and GFS)	% difference 2013 to 2014 with assumed allocations from cities
Prado Day Center	\$29,604	\$25,644	\$26,726		\$53,700	\$135,674	-6.2%
Maxine Lewis Shelter	\$69,074	\$35,485	\$51,089**	\$76,692	\$46,000	\$278,340	-6.2%
ECHO Shelter Services			\$31,148	\$26,166		\$57,314	-6.2%
Women's Shelter SLO Emergency Shelter			\$17,971		\$5,500	\$23,471	-6.2%
Women's Shelter Prevention/Re-Housing			\$5,675			\$5,675	-6.2%
RISE			\$36,697			\$36,697	-6.2%
Transitional Food and Shelter			\$10,695		\$2,500	\$13,195	-6.2%
LINK RRH		\$27,319				\$27,319	-28.3%***
LINK Prevention		\$9,969				\$9,969	-39.0%***
LINK HMIS		\$2,052				\$2,052	-36.4%***
Administration Non- Profits		\$4,073				\$4,073	-10.0%
Administration County		\$4,073				\$4,073	-10.0%
TOTAL	\$98,678	\$108,615	\$180,000	\$102,857	\$107,700	\$597,854	-8.5%

*Assumes a 10% cut in CDBG and ESG funds.

**CAPSLO's MLM program is recommended to receive more GFS funding because it took a GFS cut in the 13/14 program year with the understanding that it was being backfilled with one-time County funds from the Department of Social Services. The recommendations assume that those one-time funds will not be available.

***The LINK's prevention and rapid re-housing programs are shown to have large cuts because they only receive ESG funds (no General Fund support), and in 13/14, the Department of Social Services allocated one-time funds in the amount of \$13,948 to assist the program. The loss of the \$13,948 from one-time County funds plus the \$3,471 anticipated ESG cut in non-administration activities will be mitigated by the County's increased allocation of HOME funded Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program funds. From 12/13 to 13/14, 40% more, or \$61,558, was allocated to the TBRA program, which provides funds for similar services (rental assistance and deposits) for program participants, but is operated by the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo. Also, GFS has historically been allocated only to emergency shelter services, and the one-time County DSS funds in the amount of \$13,948 helped to eliminate this cut in the 13/14 program year.