FEE WAIVER REQUEST

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING
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Property Owner: Dan Devaul
Address: 10660 Los Osos Valley Road, San Luis Obispo
Phone: 805-543-4918 Email: info@bbrlawfirm.com

Applicant: Sunny Acres, Inc.
Address: 10660 Los Osos Valley Road, San Luis Obispo
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Case Number(s):
Assessor Parcel Number(s): 067-091-012 Dairy Barn

Justification: (check all that apply)

☐ The proposed project will be available for use by the public at-large and is likely that the project will be used or will benefit more than the residents of the immediate vicinity.

The project will be of obvious public benefit as evidenced by:

☒ The project meets a need previously identified or recognized by the Board of Supervisors
services for the homeless and mentally ill

☐ The project replaces another facility that previously provided public benefit

☒ The project provides a facility not presently available in the community

☐ The project has generated substantial, obvious community support

☐ The project would reduce other County costs of increase other County revenues

☐ The fees to be waived will not exceed a total of $5,000

Other Category of waiver:

☐ Earthquake Waiver

☐ Veteran's exemption

☐ Other (Specify)

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Attach additional information as needed to explain how project meets the above. SEE ATTACHED

Signature: Date: 7/22/11

Staff use only:

Fees waived by Director? ☐ Yes ☐ No Date:
By: Letter sent:
Basis for Decision:
Amount Waived (if applicable):
BOS Hearing Date (if applicable):

Sunny Acres, Inc.

Statement of History

Sunny Acres, Inc. is an IRS designated 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization operating since 1991. It has a Board of Directors that supervises and operates the organization independent of the property owner, which includes the filing of its own tax returns. All revenues generated by the non-profit remain solely with the organization and are utilized to support the organization's daily activities. Such revenue-generating activities include the sales of garden products, seasonal produce, oak wine barrels, and Christmas trees. As a part of his charitable efforts, property owner, Daniel DeVaul, allows Sunny Acres, Inc. to operate its organization on the premises of his property free of monthly rental charges and yearly property taxes.

The employees of Sunny Acres are dedicated to helping people recover from the disease of addiction. A fresh start is provided to individuals who have expressed a desire to rebuild their lives spiritually, emotionally, socially, and professionally. All residents are welcome to stay in the program as long as they need to, provided a sober lifestyle is maintained. One of Sunny Acres' many goals is to enable people to take their first steps toward re-entering and contributing to society. Sunny Acres is San Luis Obispo County's only clean and sober living program open to men, women, and couples.

Approximately seventy-five percent (75%) of Sunny Acres' residents are local Central Coast citizens. Residents have access to on-site, peer-led management and counseling on a daily basis. Three healthy meals a day, cooked by residents in a community kitchen, in addition to hot showers and a laundry room are also provided. Residents are required to attend two meetings a week, Narcotics Anonymous ("NA") and Alcoholics Anonymous ("AA"). Rides are provided for residents to attend doctor and counseling appointments and court dates.

Sunny Acres is run by and for its residents – there are no paid staff members. The organization, which is self-sustaining, offers a clean and sober living environment at an affordable rate to those who have expressed this desire. In consideration of those who cannot afford the program, even at its low rate, training opportunities and work exchange programs are offered on the ranch, enabling people to pay their rent in exchange for work. The ranch offers training in auto mechanics, auto body work, gardening, farming, wood splitting, retail sales, office and computer training, construction, wood shop, welding, tending to farm animals, upholstery work, cooking, and other miscellaneous job training opportunities as they arise. The work exchange program helps residents regain their self-respect.

Sunny Acres' program is very successful because of the residents' shared genuine interest in helping each other overcome the disease of addiction. The majority of residents are able to return to society as fully functioning citizens, siblings, parents, and employees. Some residents have special needs which can encompass obligations to the parole system or the mental health department. As a community, Sunny Acres

assists each resident with their individual needs, in addition to sharing the common goal of learning to live in recovery. Most importantly, the success of the program's participants serves to enhance and enrich the community as a whole. This program works!