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April 4, 2001

**AGENDA: April 24, 2001**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Santa Cruz County  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**RE: APPROVAL OF 2001-2002 APPLICATION FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
PEOPLE WITH AIDS (HOPWA) FUNDS AND RELATED ACTIONS**

Dear Board Members:

The Health Services Agency is requesting authorization to apply for \$93,868 in renewal funding from the federal Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The completed application will be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board on or before April 30, 2001.

The local HIV Services Consortium was established by Title II of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Emergency (CARE) Act to enable low-income persons with HIV infections to receive health and social services based on identified community needs. The Consortium sets funding priorities for the local allocation of federal Title II and HOPWA funds and recommends the contractors to provide the services. As Consortium fiscal agent, the County negotiates and administers the service agreements. The 2001-02 Title II HIV Services agreements for services were previously approved by your Board on February 13, 2001.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which administers the HOPWA funds, requires a Board-approved certification that the local HIV Services Consortium is authorized to recommend the use of HOPWA funds within Santa Cruz County. The State Office of AIDS determines each County's annual HOPWA allocation according to HUD guidelines. The Santa Cruz County allocation of \$93,868 is an increase over last year's allocation of \$80,467. The 2001-02 HOPWA allocation will be used to fund two service contracts (\$87,297) and to offset HSA's administrative costs as fiscal agent (\$6,571).

The HIV Services Consortium has recommended that existing agreements with the Santa Cruz AIDS Project (SCAP) and the Community Action Board (CAB) be renewed in the amounts as follows for 2001-02:

- **Santa Cruz AIDS Project:** SCAP will receive \$76,297 in HOPWA funding for its rental/utilities assistance fund, its food bank, for partial funding of a residential housing coordinator position, and for case management services provided by social workers at SCAP's congregate living facility, Perlman House. Approximately 85 clients will be served through the rental/utilities assistance funds and another 38 will receive social services related to housing.
- **Community Action Board:** CAB will receive funds to provide emergency housing assistance in the form of motel vouchers for people with HIV/AIDS who would be at risk living exposed to the elements or sleeping in a communal shelter. The purpose of the assistance is to stabilize the household or individual while other transitional housing can be found. Twenty clients will receive assistance for up to four weeks each. The total contract amount is expected to be \$11,000.

Funding for Consortium services is included in HSA's 2001-02 budget request. The agreements with SCAP and CAB will be included on the 2001-02 Continuing Agreements List and will be processed after the County budget is adopted in June.

As in previous years, HSA is requesting authorization to execute amendments to the HOPWA Consortium service agreements to reflect minor program adjustments or to increase or decrease the total amount of any contract by up to 10% of the originally approved amount. Such adjustments and changes may be necessary during the year because of revised funding priorities by the local HIV Services Consortium or to accommodate State revisions. These service agreements are not County funded and any changes would be within current State funding limits and State contractual authorization. HSA will return to your Board for approval of any major contract amendments or funding changes.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize the Health Services Agency Administrator to apply for continuation funding in the amount of \$93,868 for the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program (application to be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board on or before April 30);
2. Authorize the Health Services Agency Administrator to negotiate and sign the 2001-02 HIV Consortium agreements for HOPWA funded services, effective July 1, 2001, with Santa Cruz AIDS Project in the amount of \$76,297 and the Community Action Board in the amount of \$11,000;
3. Authorize the Health Services Agency Administrator to sign the State Standard Agreement for 2001-02 HOPWA funding when received; and
4. Authorize the Health Services Agency Administrator to execute amendments as needed to the HOPWA funded HIV Consortium services agreements that reflect

minor program changes or that increase or decrease the individual contract amounts by up to 10% of the originally approved amounts.

Sincerely,

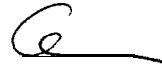


Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.  
HSA Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer



cc: County Administrative Office  
Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
HSA Administration  
HIV Services Consortium  
Santa Cruz AIDS Project  
Community Action Board