



City of Santa Barbara

Human Services and CDBG Programs

Community Development and Human Services Committee Funding Recommendations

FY 2025-2026 and FY2026-2027



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INTRODUCTION

Each year, the City of Santa Barbara receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for activities that meet one of three national statutory objectives: 1) primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons, 2) eliminate/prevent slums or blight, or 3) meet other urgent local community development needs.

CDBG funds may be used to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, or expanded economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income persons. By law, up to 15 percent of CDBG funds may be used for public service activities, and up to 20 percent may be allocated for administration of the CDBG and Fair Housing programs. The remaining 65 percent may be used for capital construction and economic development projects.

Throughout the program's existence, countless city residents have received services from organizations supported through Human Services and Community Development Block Grant funds. The organizations recommended for funding in 2025-2026 will continue to provide services to the impoverished, elderly, disabled persons, children, youth, and families of Santa Barbara. Funds will also support construction projects and economic development programs throughout the City.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Santa Barbara City Council appoints a thirteen-member Committee to review applications for Human Services and CDBG funds and make funding recommendations. The Community Development and Human Services Committee (CDHSC) is comprised of representatives of the following groups:

- Youth-Oriented Services
- Business Community/Economic Development
- Human Services Organization
- Latino Community
- African American Community
- Senior Community
- Housing Interests
- Four (4) Low Income Neighborhoods:
 - Downtown, Eastside, Oak Park, Westside/Lower Westside
- Disabled Community
- Housing Authority Representative

The Committee generally meets on a monthly basis to monitor program compliance, conduct site visits of agencies, review mandatory reports to HUD, hold public hearings, and discuss issues related to community development and human services within the community. They meet twice per week during the grant application review process in January and February.

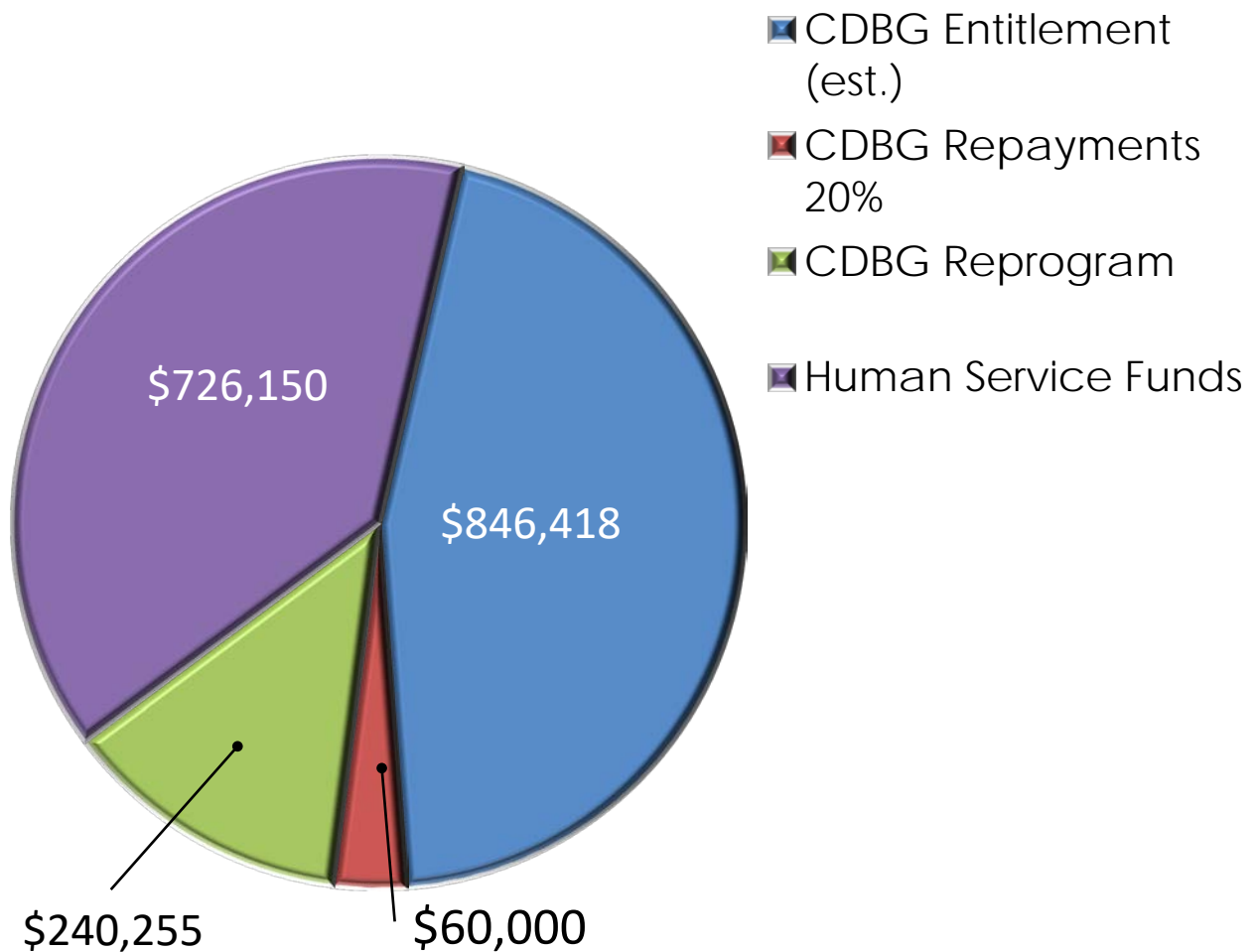
AVAILABLE FUNDS

The recommendations in this report are based on the combined amounts of \$726,150 in City Human Services funds (subject to Council approval), \$846,418 in CDBG entitlement funds, \$240,254.79 in prior-year unexpended CDBG funds, and \$60,000 in CDBG Program Income funds. The total amount available is estimated at \$1,872,822.79.

Of the total \$1,872,822.79, the following is available in each funding category:

- Public/Human Service: \$881,140.70
- Capital/Economic Development: \$762,398.49
- CDBG Administration/Fair Housing: \$229,283.60

The total funds available are broken down as follows (Fig. 1):



CDBG Entitlement (est.)	\$	846,418
CDBG Repayments 20%	\$	60,000
CDBG Reprogram	\$	240,255
Human Service Funds	\$	726,150
TOTAL AVAILABLE TO ALLOCATE	\$	1,872,823

As Federal regulations allow, the available CDBG funds are broken down for allocation as follows (Fig. 2):

Breakdown of CDBG Categories

Eligible Use	Entitlement Funds	Repayment *	Prior Year Reprogram	Total
Public Service (15%)	\$853,113	\$0	\$28,028	\$881,141
Capital	\$550,172	\$0	\$212,227	Fig. 2 18
Admin/Fair Housing (20%)	\$229,284	\$0	\$0	\$229,284
	\$1,632,568.00	\$0	\$240,255	\$1,872,822.79

* Program Income from the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program is estimated at \$300,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Up to 20% can be used for Administration.

FUNDING CATEGORIES

There are three separate categories under which the combined Human Services/CDBG funds are allocated:

1. Public/Human Service – City Human Services funds are combined with CDBG Public Service funds, 15% of which can be used for this purpose, to support direct social services to low-income persons. The remaining CDBG-CV funds can also be used in this category to support agencies who continue to respond to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19

2. Capital - The majority of CDBG funds go towards capital projects. A total of \$762,398.49 is available for Capital projects in Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

3. Administration/Fair Housing - This category shall not exceed 20% of the total CDBG funds available to be programmed during the fiscal year. A total of \$229,283.60 is allocated for this category.

FUNDING CRITERIA

The following standards apply to programs applying for Human Services and/or CDBG funds:

1. Proposed programs/projects must primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. Capital Project and Housing Rehabilitation applicants must be tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations incorporated or organized in the State of California or another state of the United States, or local units of government, whose proposals directly benefit low- and moderate-income City of Santa Barbara residents. Housing Rehabilitation applicants must be established affordable housing providers within the City of Santa Barbara. Economic Development applicants may be for-profit entities if they provide technical assistance, advice, and business support services to owners of microenterprises and persons developing microenterprises per CFR 570.201(o)(1)(ii).
3. Proposals must address specific social or physical needs and conditions of the people they propose to serve. Documentation could include social indicators, demographic data, surveys, community plans and need as perceived by potential consumers.
4. Proposals must identify at least one, and no more than three, Measurable Outcome(s), defined as: Specific and realistic results or changes that a client will experience from participating in the applicant's program or receiving the applicant's service.
5. Proposals must present a marketing strategy, which includes specific efforts to reach ethnic communities.
6. Proposals must demonstrate support from the people for which the program is proposed.
7. Applicants must clearly identify all funding sources and justify their proposal if services are available through another source.
8. Applicants shall demonstrate financial stability. Applicants shall seek funding or demonstrate funding support from diverse public/private sources. The City shall not be committed to total support of a program, nor shall the City be committed to continuing funding in the case that other support is withdrawn. Administrative/overhead costs shall be held to reasonable levels. Additionally, applicants shall demonstrate sufficient net assets or operating reserves to cover the organization's liabilities, operating deficits, or debt.



Organic Soup Kitchen

9. City CDBG/HS funds shall support only those services that directly benefit residents of the City of Santa Barbara. Programs operated on a countywide or regional basis must show documentation that: (a) services benefit City residents, and (b) sufficient funds are available to support non-city residents.

10. Proposals shall identify geographical areas where they propose to provide services.

11. Proposals that pay the local minimum wage (as described in Chapter 9.128 of the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code) to all staff for which CDBG/HS funds are requested shall receive an extra point in the rating process.

PUBLIC/HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING PRIORITIES

Public/Human Services funds shall be used to provide direct services; funds shall not be used for capital improvements, equipment purchases, or mortgage payments.

Council-Adopted Priorities:

First Priority – Programs that help meet basic human needs - specifically food, shelter/housing, and/or medical (physical and mental).

Second Priority – Proposals that reduce the impact of violence including the prevention of gun violence and suicide; and/or are preventative in nature; and/or promote the highest degree of functioning the individual is capable of achieving.

CDBG ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING PRIORITIES

The City is required to meet one of the broad, national objectives of the CDBG program: (1) benefit low- and moderate-income persons; (2) eliminate slums and urban blight; and (3) meet community needs in the event of an emergency. The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of a viable urban community by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities.



Transition House Emergency Shelter for Families

Council-Adopted CDBG Funding Priorities (no order of priority):

- **Homeless Assistance** – Programs that provide services to homeless individuals and families, and victims of domestic violence;
- **Public Facilities and Infrastructure** – Capital projects that improve facilities of organizations that serve low and moderate-income residents, and public infrastructure and parks improvements in low and moderate-income neighborhoods; and
- **Decent Housing** – Support of local housing partners to enable them to acquire, construct or rehabilitate affordable housing, and provide security deposit and tenant based rental assistance; and
- **Economic Development** – Support of programs that provide self-employment training and small business loans.

APPLICATION PROCESS

On October 22, 2024, the Santa Barbara City Council approved the application process, including the schedule, criteria, and funding priorities.

Advance notice of funding availability was emailed to all agencies that had either communicated an interest in applying, applied for funding in the past two years, or received a current grant. Additionally, an advertisement was published in The Voice SB, Santa Barbara Independent, and posted on the home page of the City of Santa Barbara’s website and Facebook page, and a press release was issued and posted on the Nonprofit Resource Network of Santa Barbara County website. Links to the application website, instructions, informational and educational materials, and Frequently Asked Questions were added to the City website as well.

The grant application period opened on November 12, 2024. A mandatory Application Workshop for prospective applicants was held on November 14, 2024. Staff provided assistance to applicants who were completing the application and offered feedback on applications that were submitted prior to the deadline. Applications were submitted electronically using a web-based platform.

Fifty-one (51) applications were submitted by the deadline of December 12, 2024. One application was withdrawn during the funding process.

The application review process was a significant undertaking that spanned January and February 2025. Applications were reviewed by the CDHSC, a citizen review panel appointed by Council to make funding recommendations. As part of the process, Committee members analyzed each application package, which included a 47-question application form, proposed outcome measures, a client demographics page, a program and agency budget, and board of directors’ roster. Applicants were also required to submit independently reviewed financial reports and tax returns, which staff evaluated in order to notify the Committee of any potential concerns, such as excessive debt or operating deficits.

The Committee spent three nights interviewing applications, followed by a second meeting to deliberate on the requests before the members calculated their individual scores.

SCORING

Human Service/Public Service and Economic Development applications were scored in the following categories, from which a total score of 100, plus one bonus point, was possible:

Agency: Track record/past performance, salaries too high or too low, large disparity between management staff and program staff;

Board: Composition, role, diversity, and level of involvement;

Program: Bi-cultural/bi-lingual staff, quality of service, staff capacity (training/experience), program fits the agency's mission, program monitoring, and outreach strategy;

Measurable Outcomes: Program identified realistic, measurable results or changes that a client will experience from receiving the service;

Program Need: Duplication of service, collaboration with other agencies, composition/diversity of clients, target population, funding request corresponds to the number of clients served;

Finances: Agency/Program's revenue/expenses, percentage of funding sources secured, diversity of funding sources, overreliance on City funds, high amount of year-end excess or deficit funds, justifiable increase or decrease in request from prior year, assets and financial stability of the organization.

For Capital proposals, the following categories were evaluated in place of Program, Outcomes and Need:

Project Description: Scope of project clearly defined; meets federal, state and local requirements; feasibility.

Project Need: Who will benefit from the project; clear identification of need; will project satisfy demonstrated need, does the project align with the mission.

Project Cost: Itemized cost estimate from a contractor; reasonableness; can project be completed without full City funding; leveraging of other funding.

In addition, all applicants that pay a Living Wage to all staff for which Human Services/CDBG public service funds are requested, as described in Chapter 9.128 of the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code, received an extra "Bonus" point.

Each Committee member scored each application based on the written proposal and verbal presentation, from which an average score was determined. Applications were then sorted by Priority and then ranked by their average score.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee members scored applicants based on their written proposals and verbal presentations. Committee members that had a conflict of interest with an applicant were required to abstain from scoring, voting, or recommending funding. Applicants' average scores were determined using the Olympic method. Under this system, individual committee member scores are tallied, with the highest and lowest score/amount removed, and the resulting amount then divided by the remaining number of members who entered a score. An additional meeting was held on February 18, 2025, to allow Committee members to publicly confirm their individual scores.

Applications Received
45

Public Service Requested
\$1,892,246

Funds Available
\$881,140.70

Capital/ Economic Development
Requested
\$982,250

Funds Available
\$762,398

A three-member CDHSC subcommittee was tasked with finalizing the recommended funding amount for each application using the full committee's average recommended amount as a starting point, while considering other important factors, such as feasibility. The full Committee approved the final recommendations on February 25, 2025.

TABLE 1, on page 14, lists the CDBG Capital and Economic Development applications sorted by score with the highest score at the top of each section.

TABLE 2, on page 15, lists the Human Service and Public Service awards applications sorted by priority and scoring.

PUBLIC/HUMAN SERVICES

There were 45 applications for funding in this category. The requests totaled \$1,892,246, which was significantly more than the \$881,140 available in this category. The CDHSC was able to recommend funding for 41 of the requests.

CAPITAL PROJECTS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There were 6 applications for funding in this category. The requests totaled \$982,250, which was significantly more than the \$762,398 available in this category. The CDHSC was able to recommend funding for 4 of the requests, with one request being withdrawn by the applicant prior to the forming the recommendations.

PROGRAMS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Due to the limited amount of available funds, number of requests, and the highly competitive nature of the proposals, the CDHSC is not recommending funding for the WeeCare Boost Program, the 211 Helpline, Ceylon International Film Festival, and Mission Scholars.

ADMINISTRATION AND FAIR HOUSING ACTIVITIES

CDBG funds and 20% of anticipated program income funds are available to be used for Administration and Fair Housing activities. These funds will be used for the Administration of the CDBG program, which works to ensure that the City and all grantees are in compliance with CDBG regulations and the City's Fair Housing Program.

Contingency Plan

Because HUD had not announced the City's actual CDBG allocation at the time the recommendations were developed and City Council has not approved the allocation of General Funds, the Committee also formulated contingency plans in case funds allocated to the City were higher or lower than estimated. The contingency plan is detailed below.

In the event of increased funding:

- Public/Human Services – The excess available funds will be distributed equally to the five highest-scoring Priority One applicants who did not already receive full funding and then equally distributed thereafter to the next highest scoring applicants until the excess is depleted.
- Capital – The excess available funds will be equally distributed among all the applicants that did not already receive full funding, excluding the applicants that did not receive any

funding. If the increase is more than \$35,000 the committee will reconvene to make a revised recommendation.

Should funds be lower than expected, the recommended plan is as follows:

- Public/Human Services – The deficit funds will be divided equally among the ten lowest-scoring applicants regardless of priority, and reduced or eliminated, until the deficit is completely depleted. If, as a result of this contingency plan, the recommendation to a particular applicant is less than the City’s \$9,000 minimum grant amount, that minimum will be waived.
- Capital – In the event CDBG Funds are decreased, the funds will be taken from the lowest scoring applicant until deficit is eliminated.

If the Federal government completely eliminates the CBDG allocation for this coming fiscal year, staff recommends that the General Fund backfill this funding in accordance with the recommendations of the CDHSC for one fiscal year. This will allow funded agencies with time to plan for future budget years if the Federal government permanently eliminates this funding.

STAFF COMMENTS

The Committee has thoroughly reviewed the applications and has diligently applied the specified criteria and funding priorities set by City Council to its recommendations. Council has the option, at its discretion, to recognize additional concerns and City interests in modifying the funding recommendations.

Table 1
CDBG Capital and Economic Development - Recommendations by Scoring

Organization Name	Project/Program Name	Request	Olympic Score	Recommend
Mental Health Association	Casa Juana Maria Board and Care Housing	\$ 65,000	WITHDRAWN	N/A
Habitat for Humanity	Home Repair Program	\$ 75,000.00	90.5	\$ 75,000.00
Cliff Drive Care Center, Inc	Trash Enclosure Replacement	\$ 225,000	81.75	\$225,000.00
Parks and Recreation Department	Westside Community Center Parking Lot	\$ 150,000.00	78	\$ 150,000.00
Parks and Recreation Department	Plaza Vera Cruz Community Building Renovation	\$ 348,250	70	\$312,398.49
Upwards Care, Inc.	Boost	\$ 184,000.00	66	\$ -
Total	6	\$ 1,047,250.00		\$ 762,398.49

Table 2

Public Service/Human Service Category - Recommendations by Priority and Scoring

Organization Name	Program Name	2025-2026 Request	2026-2027 Request	Score	2025-2026 Recommendation
Priority 1					
NBCCdba New Beginnings	Safe Parking Shelter and Rapid Rehousing Program	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	90.67	\$ 45,000.00
NBCCdba New Beginnings	Community Counseling Clinic Program	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	88.67	\$ 39,700.00
Transition House	Family Shelter and Services	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	88.50	\$ 63,700.00
Good Samaritan Shelter	Freedom Warming Center	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	88.50	\$ 23,700.00
Showers of Blessing Santa Barbara	Shower program—Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday Site	\$ 24,400	\$ 24,400	88.25	\$ 17,700.00
WillBridge of Santa Barbara	WillBridge Permanent Supportive Housing Program	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	87.75	\$ 17,900.00
Standing Together to End Sexual Assault	Standing Together to End Sexual Assault	\$ 33,000	\$ 33,000	87.25	\$ 31,700.00
St. Vincent's Institution	Family Strengthening Program	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	87.25	\$ 21,300.00
De Marillac, LLC. dba Fr. Virgil Cordano Center	Fr. Virgil Cordano Center	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	86.25	\$ 31,700.00
Channel Islands YMCA	Youth and Family Services - My Home/Street Outreach	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	86.25	\$ 22,500.00
Pacific Pride Foundation	LGBTQ+ Bilingual Counseling	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	85.67	\$ 23,700.00
CALM Inc.	Trauma Treatment	\$ 79,715	\$ 79,715	85.50	\$ 23,700.00
Sarah House Santa Barbara	Sarah House: Home & Hospice Care	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	85.50	\$ 17,900.00
Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	Adult Residential Treatment Services	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	85.25	\$ 15,700.00
Friendship Adult Day Care Center	Continence Care Program	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	84.75	\$ 9,000.00
Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County	Senior Services	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	84.50	\$ 23,700.00
The Salvation Army, a California corporation	Santa Barbara Hospitality House	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	84.25	\$ 9,000.00
Santa Barbara Meals on Wheels	Meals on Wheels Santa Barbara	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	83.00	\$ 13,400.00
Hospice of Santa Barbara	Support for Patients with a Life-Threatening Illness	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	82.33	\$ 15,700.00
The Turner Foundation - Since 1958!	Transitional Aged Youth	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	81.75	\$ 16,100.00
Channel Islands YMCA	Youth & Family Services - Noah's Anchorage	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	81.50	\$ 22,500.00
Partners in Housing Solutions	PHS Santa Barbara Program	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	79.00	\$ 20,100.00
Hillside	Community Access and Integration	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	78.25	\$ 33,700.00
Peoples' Self-Help Housing Corporation	Supportive Housing Program, Victoria Hotel & Heath House	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	77.25	\$ 9,000.00
PATH	Community-Based Street Outreach	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	77.00	\$ 31,200.00
Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics	Integrated Healthcare	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	77.00	\$ 27,500.00
Organic Soup Kitchen	Basic Needs: Nutrition and Food Security	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	76.75	\$ 23,500.00
District Atty Office of Santa Barbara	Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	76.75	\$ 9,000.00
Mental Health Association	Mental Healthcare Services	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	76.00	\$ 9,000.00
Priority 2					
SBCImmigrant Legal Defense Center	Urgent Legal Services	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	92.33	\$ 22,240.70
Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County	Long-Term Care Ombudsman	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	87.75	\$ 23,700.00
United Boys & Girls Clubs	Academic Support at Westside Club	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	87.00	\$ 19,900.00
Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County	Family Resource Center	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	86.50	\$ 20,700.00
Friendship Adult Day Care Center	Adult Day Program	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	85.25	\$ 11,700.00
Freedom 4 Youth	Culinary Training Program	\$ 69,855	\$ 69,855	84.75	\$ 31,300.00
Santa Barbara Police Activities League	Youth Leadership Council	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	84.25	\$ 9,000.00
Santa Barbara Police Activities League	Life After High School Academy	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	83.50	\$ 9,000.00
Transition House	Homelessness Prevention Program	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	83.25	\$ 13,700.00
Independent Living Resource Center, Inc	Community Living/Transition Services	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	83.00	\$ 10,200.00
Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara	Lunchtime Club	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	81.25	\$ 14,900.00
Independent Living Resource Center, Inc.	Youth Transition Services	\$ 53,276	\$ 53,276	80.33	\$ 26,500.00
AHA!	Social Emotional Learning for Teens, Teachers, and Parent	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	77.50	
CAC, DBA: CommUnify	211 Helpline	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	76.25	
Mission Scholars	College Access Program	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	73.75	
Ceylon International Film Festival Foundation	Ceylon International Film Festival	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	42.75	
Total	45	\$ 1,892,246			\$ 881,140.70

PROGRAM SUMMARIES

The Program Summaries list the goals and measurable outcomes as submitted in the applications. Staff and the Community Development and Human Services Committee understand that the goals and outcomes may change depending upon the actual amount of funding awarded. If applicable, goals and outcomes will be adjusted during the contract negotiation process. In addition, staff work with grantees to make their objectives more measurable, if needed.

CAPITAL/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Listed alphabetically

Cliff Drive Care Center, Inc

Trash Enclosure Replacement

PROJECT BUDGET	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
\$ 309,358.88	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The property includes a 120 sq. ft. trash enclosure for Cliff Drive Care Center (CDCC) and Free Methodist Church of Santa Barbara (FMCSB). During a recent playground upgrade, we learned it no longer meets code, as it must accommodate trash, recycling, green waste, and food waste containers. Replacement is required before future permits. The project will remove the existing 120 sq. ft. enclosure (built in 1999) and replace it with a 282 sq. ft. masonry and wood enclosure for dumpsters and waste cans. It will remain in the same location with a modified setback approved by City staff.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Cliff Drive Care Center (CDCC) provides early childhood, school-age education, and senior programs for the Santa Barbara community. The children’s programs foster emotional, social, and cognitive growth through play-based learning, independence, and responsibility. The senior program offers meals, educational talks, and social activities, ensuring seniors feel valued. CDCC serves 116 children daily and 60-75 seniors biweekly. Replacing the trash enclosure will protect children and seniors from exposure to waste near the parking lot and play area. Free Methodist Church also uses the enclosure, but its expansion is necessary solely for CDCC’s weekday programs, which generate more waste than the church alone would require.

USE OF FUNDS:

CDBG Capital funds will be used to fund the demolition of the existing trash enclosure, grading the property to prepare for the larger trash enclosure, and construction of the new, larger trash enclosure. These funds would be used to pay the contractor to manage the project, pay the various employees and subcontractors who will complete the demolition, grading, preparation of the footings, masonry and steel work for the structure base, carpentry work for the top of the structure, and concrete pathways.

Habitat for Humanity of Southern Santa Barbara County

Home Repair Program

PROJECT BUDGET	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Habitat for Humanity of Southern Santa Barbara County’s Neighborhood Revitalization Homeowner Rehabilitation Programs includes an owner-occupied home repair and rehabilitation program, which focuses on assisting low-income individuals, families and seniors with necessary home repairs, accessibility modifications and aging-in-place adaptations to remain safely in their homes. Home repairs are confirmed for applicants who own their home, are income verified below 80% AMI, and demonstrate an urgent need among other selection criteria.

The goal of the program is to protect the city's naturally affordable housing by partnering with low-income homeowners on their direct needs to keep them in their homes by addressing safety and aging-in-place concerns they are unable to finance on their own.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

CDBG funding of our low-income owner occupied repair program supports 100% low-income homeowners' health, safety and aging in place concerns within and outside of their home. All home repair recipients complete an eligibility screening and extensive application process that includes income verifications and homeowner status at minimum. Home repairs are a grant to the homeowner, not a loan. There is no repayment back to Habitat and the program grant is currently in compliance with CDBG funds from the county already in-place for other areas of Santa Barbara.

USE OF FUNDS:

The funds will be used to support: Materials procurement, Payment to licensed professionals, Building Permits, Environmental Review, Repair Project Management (Internal staff who income-qualify eligible homeowners, conduct construction site visits, get bids, project manage repair work to ensure projects are on time and within budget and that homeowners' needs are met) & Overhead costs (IT, phone, vehicle, insurance, legal, office, printing flyers, advertising program, etc.)

City of Santa Barbara, Parks and Recreation Department

Plaza Vera Cruz Community Building Renovation

PROJECT BUDGET	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
\$348,250	\$348,250	\$ 312, 398.49

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Plaza Vera Cruz is a 1.8-acre park in Santa Barbara’s downtown Lower State neighborhood; the surrounding area is of mixed residential, commercial, and manufacturing use. It is directly adjacent to a Census area home to more than 1,200 low- to moderate-income residents. The building in the park was originally built in 1953 to be used as a youth center. Later, the building was used for many years as a Head Start school serving local families with preschool-aged children. With the relocation of the Head Start program to another facility in 2022, the building is currently vacant. Significant misuse and illegal activity took place in Plaza Vera Cruz for decades. A new, five-foot-high wrought iron perimeter fence with gates was installed through the CDBG funded Plaza Vera Cruz Safety Project, completed in 2023. Gates are now locked in the evening and opened in the morning and there is active recreation programming during the day, revitalizing the park. Renovation of the vacant building will make it an active community and recreation space, further increasing the safety, use, and appeal of the park.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Plaza Vera Cruz Community Building Renovation Project will support recreation programs for children and adults provided by the Parks and Recreation Department in parks and City-owned facilities. In addition, it will be available for community events central to Santa Barbara’s cultural and social well-being. There is currently no community building in this neighborhood and many improvements are required in order for it to be a viable space for community events, camps, activities, and classes. Improvements would include interior and exterior painting; new rain gutters; main entry doors; two patio doors; flooring; LED lighting; ceiling board and insulation; new HVAC unit and ducting; kitchen appliances, sink, cabinets, and shelving; and an ADA accessible all gender restroom with updated plumbing fixtures.

USE OF FUNDS:

CDBG Capital funds will be used for labor, materials, and associated constructions costs.

City of Santa Barbara, Parks and Recreation Department

Westside Center Parking Lot Rehab

PROJECT BUDGET	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will replace approximately 7,800 square feet of asphalt at the existing Westside Center parking lot, as well as repaint the 20 parking spot lines, including 1 ADA accessible space.

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The parking lot is located at the Westside Center, which hosts many programs and outreach efforts for residents, including:

- Food Bank of Santa Barbara County food distribution every Monday
- Independent living support services for people with disabilities offered by the tenant, Independent Living Resource Center
- Supported living services and employment opportunities for people with disabilities offered by the tenant, Momentum Work, Inc.
- A culinary arts program for teens

In addition, the Center is an elections polling location; provides space for meetings held by non-profit organizations; provides a lower cost facility rental for celebrations, such as birthday parties, wedding receptions, quinceañeras, and baptisms; and has basketball and handball courts and a playground on site.

USE OF FUNDS:

CDBG Capital funds will be used for labor, materials, and associated constructions costs.

Upwards

Boost

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
Economic Development	\$184,000	\$0

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Boost equips low-to-moderate income women and minority microenterprise childcare providers with personalized 1-on-1 coaching and digital tools to optimize operations and revenue. This allows them to efficiently manage and expand their small businesses, creating quality local jobs and expanding access to affordable, quality care for the working families in the community. The program's personalized guidance covers areas like marketing, enrollment management, accounting, and curriculum planning. This allows providers to spend less time on administrative tasks and more time delivering quality care.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Microenterprise Daycare Centers	30

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 23 Childcare Providers will receive 1:1 business and technical support from Provider Care Specialists for the duration of 12 months. Provider Care Specialists oversee the success of their assigned family childcare providers, and will spend on average 156 hours of dedicated support with the Childcare Provider over 12 months, in addition to support being available 24/7.
2. 7 New Teaching Assistants will be hired and onboarded.
3. 275 families will receive support from a dedicated family care specialist.

USE OF FUNDS

CDBG funding supports the compensation of 8 staff members directly involved in the administration, coordination, and delivery of the Boost program. These personnel are essential for the development of training materials, conducting workshops, and offering ongoing support to the childcare providers and the families they serve. Each childcare provider is paired with a dedicated Care Specialist, serving as a reliable mentor focused on their success.

PUBLIC/HUMAN SERVICE

Listed alphabetically

AHA!

Social Emotional Learning for Teens, Teachers, and Parent

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$15,000	\$0

PROGRAM PURPOSE

AHA! will provide Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) programming to 750 teens in Santa Barbara through a variety of in-school, after-school, and summer programs. Our overall goal is to facilitate concrete improvements in the mental and emotional health of our constituents by equipping them with social-emotional skills to create environments where all feel safe, seen, and emotionally connected. The big-picture outcomes we aim to achieve are reduced truancy, suspensions, and student-to-student violence at the schools we serve, and an enhanced sense of safety and acceptance so that teens can reach their full potential.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Teens, Teachers, Parents	1000

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. At least 283 of 435 AHA! after-school and summer program participants (65%) will report improvement in specific indicators of mental and behavioral wellness (e.g., abilities to identify and manage emotions, cope with anxious or depressed feelings, and appreciate differences; senses of belonging, gratitude, and personal strengths/empowerment; communication and relationship skills; self-care; responsible decision-making)
2. At least 205 of 315 AHA! in-school program participants (65%) will report significant improvement in specific indicators of mental and behavioral wellness (e.g., abilities to identify and manage emotions, cope with anxious or depressed feelings, and appreciate differences; senses of belonging, gratitude, and personal strengths/empowerment; communication and relationship skills; self-care; responsible decision-making)
3. At least 40% of clients who access AHA!’s offering of up to six free therapy sessions will take advantage of more than one cycle of six sessions, obtaining vital ongoing mental health support services that would otherwise not be accessible to them.

USE OF FUNDS

Staff costs

Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County DBA CommUnify

211 Helpline

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$30,000	\$0

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The 211 Helpline connects the community to health and human services, disaster relief, and public information through an accessible, comprehensive referral system. It provides personalized, culturally sensitive assistance in 150 languages, linking callers to specific services and identifying resources that can help to provide solutions to issues, find help, and support self-sufficiency. By offering targeted support, 211 aims to provide up-to-date referrals that can help address the needs of those who utilize this service.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Citywide	1163

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 2,100 callers residing in the City of Santa Barbara will call 211 during the program year; of those, 95% will report (via a representative survey) that they received sufficient useful and helpful information and/or a referral to a local agency that helped them address or resolve the issue about which they were calling.
2. 3,500 Individuals residing in the City of Santa Barbara will access the 211 website during the program year; of those, 100% will have access to information about health and human services that will help them address or resolve their issue.

USE OF FUNDS

A two-year CDBG grant totaling \$60,000 (\$30,000 annually) will support CommUnify’s contract with Interface, which manages the 211 call center. This grant is crucial for sustaining the program, and ensuring continued access to health and human services, disaster relief, and public information through a comprehensive referral system. The funding will help maintain 24/7 call center services for individuals in need or crisis and ensure that trained Information & Referral staff are available to handle increased call volume, especially during disasters or emergencies.

Child Abuse Listening Mediation (CALM)

Childhood Trauma Treatment

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$79,715	\$23,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

CALM's Childhood Trauma Treatment Program (CTTP) provides individual and group therapy in English and Spanish to children and families who have been victims of abuse, neglect, domestic violence, or other forms of trauma that have lasting impacts on the health and wellbeing of individuals and the community. Using evidence-based therapies and clinical assessments to inform treatment, children and non-offending family members participate in treatment to promote healing, family strengthening, and positive mental health outcomes. These services are provided in the CALM offices in downtown Santa Barbara, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., at clients' homes or other community-based venues, and through telehealth.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Children and families in Santa Barbara County	300

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 250 children ages 6 to 18 will receive trauma-informed mental health treatment. Of those, 60% will show a reduction in internalizing symptoms (e.g. anxiety, depression) upon completion of treatment.
2. 250 children ages 6 to 18 will receive trauma-informed behavioral health treatment. Of those, 60% will show a reduction in externalizing symptoms (e.g. rule-breaking behaviors, aggression) upon completion of treatment.

USE OF FUNDS

Human Services funding will be used to support the salaries of two CTTP clinical staff providing services during the grant period.

Ceylon International Film Festival Foundation

Ceylon International Film Festival

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$ 150,000	\$0

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Ceylon International Film Festival (CEYIFF) 2025 proudly enters its fourth year as a premier cultural and cinematic event in Santa Barbara, dedicated to fostering community connections, promoting diversity, and inspiring learning through film. This year, CEYIFF focuses on expanding its free screenings and enhancing collaboration with local schools to make film and culture accessible to more Santa Barbara residents, especially underserved BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) communities. Through engaging storytelling, vibrant cultural activities, and educational outreach, CEYIFF 2025 will bring people together to explore shared values and celebrate the rich tapestry of human experiences.

The goal of CEYIFF 2025 is to foster cultural connection, inclusivity, and economic growth through diverse films, cultural activities, and free screenings accessible to underserved communities in Santa Barbara. By showcasing BIPOC stories and collaborating with schools, CEYIFF promotes education, shared experiences, and cross-cultural understanding. Hosting the Cine Ceylon Trade Expo at Earl Warren Showgrounds will connect local and international partners, highlighting cinema’s role in job creation and entrepreneurship. Progress includes expanding free screenings, securing the expo venue, engaging schools, and supporting filmmakers. CEYIFF is transforming Santa Barbara into a hub for cultural celebration, economic opportunity, and community

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Citywide	401

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 85% of attendees (approximately 1,275 people) will report an increased understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures, as measured through post-screening surveys conducted during the event.
2. 70% (140 participants) will establish at least one new business connection or partnership, as indicated by follow-up surveys within three months of the event.
3. 100% of hired staff will receive temporary employment, contributing directly to Santa Barbara’s economy during the festival period.

USE OF FUNDS

Venue costs, staff and marketing, guest and awardee accommodations, transportation costs etc.

Channel Islands YMCA

My Home/Street Outreach

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$30,000	\$22,500

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Partnering with the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara and private landlords to provide access to competitive housing options, My Home provides: needs assessments, financial assistance, intensive case management, counseling, life skills training, and community engagement opportunities to transitional aged youth 17 to 24 years old.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Youth ages 17-24 who are experiencing homelessness, housing instability, and lack resources	200

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 200 clients who are currently homeless or are at risk for experiencing homelessness receive access to basic needs and/or intensive case management services; of those to be served, 66% (66 clients) will gain and/or maintain safe and stable housing.
2. 80 clients will participate in employment case management services; of those, 75% (60 clients) will gain, retain, or increase employment in the first 90 days of enrolling in the My Home program.
3. 70 clients who receive education case management services including access to resources and technology, school applications and enrollment, and tutoring; of those, 75% (52 clients) will enroll, maintain, or graduate from their program of study.

USE OF FUNDS

Program costs funded with this grant will be applied to the salaries of the My Home Program Director and My Home Coordinators.

Channel Islands YMCA

Youth & Family Services - Noah's Anchorage

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$30,000	\$22,500

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Noah’s Anchorage provides emergency shelter, drop-in services, and crisis intervention to youth 12-17 who are experiencing homelessness, at-risk for abuse, and/or have run away. Noah’s is licensed as a Youth Homelessness Prevention Center, operating an 8-bed residential home located at 301 West Figueroa Street in Santa Barbara just three blocks away from the Santa Barbara MTD Transit Center. Youth may receive shelter, crisis intervention, basic needs, family mediation and counseling, case management, mental health counseling, and much more on-site, via phone, or virtually.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Runaway, homeless youth ages 12-17 and their families	255

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Out of 255 youth and young adults who receive outreach and crisis intervention, 90% (225) will effectively utilize de-escalation and diversion services (basic needs services, case management, emergency shelter, counseling, and referrals for other needs) which would have otherwise required law enforcement or other emergency response unit involvement.
2. Out of the 90 youth who will enter emergency shelter services at Noah’s Anchorage, 95% (85) will reunify with family, kin, or establish an alternative and safe long-term housing option.
3. Of the 100 youth (and their caregivers) who receive ongoing case management, emergency shelter, and counseling services, 95% (95) will report a 3 or above out of 4 on the Client Satisfaction Questionnaire.

USE OF FUNDS

Program costs funded with this grant will be applied to the salaries of the Noah's Anchorage Operations Director, Program Director, and Clinical Caseworkers.

Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA)

Adult Residential Treatment Services (ARTS)

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$20,000	\$15,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Adult Residential Treatment Services (ARTS) take place in a 12-bed residential facility for men and women, owned by the Santa Barbara Housing Authority. Services are provided 24/7 by certified alcohol and drug counselors. Mental health counseling is provided by Licensed and Associate therapists.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
The program targets low-income individuals in need of substance abuse withdrawal management and treatment services who are medically authorized for a social model detox program and able to abstain from alcohol or drugs without the danger of seizures.	100

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 100 low-income adults will receive withdrawal management and/or residential treatment services; of those, 75% will successfully graduate from the program (meet all program requirements and be clean and sober at discharge).
2. Of the 100 low-income adults receiving withdrawal management and/or residential treatment services, 98% will be placed in stable or improved housing conditions upon discharge from the program.
3. Of the clients who successfully complete withdrawal management and/or residential treatment services, 80% will engage in ongoing treatment and/or aftercare services (outpatient treatment, residential treatment/sober living, or attending 12 Step Groups) within 14 days of discharge.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds will be used to support a portion of the salary of the Site Supervisor, who manages the day-to-day program operations and also directly serves clients.

De Marillac, LLC. dba the Fr. Virgil Cordano Center

Fr. Virgil Cordano Center

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$80,000	\$31,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Fr. Virgil Cordano Center (FVCC) is the only drop-in homeless day center in the Santa Barbara area and offers services addressing the physical and community needs of homeless men and women during the day.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Unsheltered and chronically homeless individuals in the Santa Barbara area. In 2022, the homeless community in the Santa Barbara area numbered 1,047 and accounted for more than half of the county-wide homeless population (2022 Point-in-Time Count).	100

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. One hundred (100) members of the homeless community will receive case management and referrals; of these, 35% will be referred to Behavioral Wellness for mental health services.
2. One-hundred (100) members of the homeless community will receive case management and referrals; of those 15% will increase their government benefits.
3. One hundred (100) members of the homeless community will receive case management; of these, 25% will gain employment and remain employed for a period of at least 3 months.

USE OF FUNDS

Requested funds will be applied towards the partial salary of the Fr. Vigil Cordano Center's (FVCC) Program Director and Assistant Program Director, who are responsible for management and coordination of the FVCC's services and operations.

District Atty Office of Santa Barbara-SART Program

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$9,000	\$9,000

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The child forensic portion of SART provides expert forensic interviewers at the request of Law Enforcement and Child Welfare Services in response to allegations of child abuse or abuse of a disabled adult. A child forensic interview (CFI) is a fact-finding interview designed to elicit the maximum amount of details related to an alleged crime, while imposing the least amount of trauma upon the child victim/witness being interviewed. The CFI is considered "evidence" in a criminal investigation and must be conducted by a trained CFI. C.A.L.M therapists, CFIs, law enforcement, deputy district attorneys and DA victim witness advocates meet at the interview site to support the victim/witness's safety, mental health and legal needs and to ensure a thorough investigation of all criminal allegations in the pursuit of justice for the children and families we serve.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Alleged Child Victims and Witnesses to crime residing within the City of Santa Barbara.	82

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 30 client's will receive child forensic interviews; of those, 100% will be referred to additional mental health and/or advocacy services.

USE OF FUNDS

All funds from this HSC/CDBG grant will be used to finance the training, peer review, scheduling and forensic interviewing services provided by Child Forensic Interview Specialists at C.A.L.M. All funds will be used to pay for CFIs conducted for residents of the City of Santa Barbara.

Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County

Long-Term Care Ombudsman

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$30,000	\$23,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) program advocates for residents living in Santa Barbara County's long-term care facilities--including 7 skilled nursing and 42 Residential Care facilities in the City of Santa Barbara. LTCO services are vital to the health and well-being of residents, who often cannot advocate for themselves. The work done by the LTCO staff and volunteers includes unannounced facility visits to ensure the environment is clean and safe; resolving resident quality of care issues; witnessing Advanced Health Care Directives (legally required); preventing resident evictions and providing information about care options. A City of Santa Barbara CDBG grant for this program helps satisfy a required public funding match from the Area Agency on Aging (AAA)- which is essential for FSA to continue to run this program. Without this public funding match, FSA would not qualify to receive the critical grant from AAA.

TARGET POPULATION

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman program target population includes all residents of Santa Barbara's 49 long term care facilities

PERSONS SERVED

1100

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of the 1,100 residents of long-term care facilities provided with information about the LTCO Program, 100% will have increased awareness of the availability of Ombudsman representatives to assist them with quality of care information, advocacy, and advance care directives.
2. Of the 400 resident quality of care issues investigated by LTCO representatives; 75% will be resolved to the satisfaction of the facility resident (or family member.)

USE OF FUNDS

Human Services/CDBG funds will be used to pay for portions of the salaries and benefits for the LTCO Program Supervisor, and the Program Assistant.

Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County

Senior Services

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$30,000	\$23,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Senior Services program provides counseling and resource support to seniors and their unpaid caregivers, who are at risk of illness, injury, or harm. Services are provided in English and Spanish, and include: psychosocial assessments, goal-setting, individual & group counseling, and resource support for basic needs. A City of Santa Barbara grant for the Senior Services program also helps satisfy a required public funding match from the Area Agency on Aging (AAA). Without this public funding as match, FSA would not receive the critical grant from the AAA to support this program.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
FSA's Senior Services program targets low-income, underserved, and frail seniors and their nonprofessional family/friend caregivers, including those who are monolingual Spanish speakers. These individuals are at high risk for illness, injury, or harm	137

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Trained therapists will provide mental-health counseling to 113 seniors or caregivers; of clients served, 85 (75%) will achieve at least two treatment goals, which are set collaboratively with therapists.

Examples of treatment goals include: 1) identifying warning signs of depression or anxiety and developing coping skills to alleviate symptoms; and 2) improving adjustment to life’s circumstances.

USE OF FUNDS

HS/CDBG funds will pay for portions of the salaries and benefits for the Senior Services Program Manager and a Senior Services Counselor.

Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County

Family Resource Center

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$30,000	\$20,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Family Resource Center (FRC) program will provide (in English and Spanish): Case Management; Basic Needs Assistance; Information, Referral & Service Linkage; and Parent Education for low-income families experiencing crisis. Family Resource Centers (FRCs) are open Mon.-Fri., 8:30am to 5pm, and serve families on evenings and weekends, as needed. FRCs are located at FSA's Santa Barbara office, as well as being co-located at school sites in Santa Barbara.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Low-income and underserved individuals and families who are seeking assistance for basic needs and emotional support	147

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 30 families will receive comprehensive case management; of those, 75% of families will have moved from being in-crisis/at risk to being stable or self-sufficient in at least one area. (Evaluation tool: Family Development Matrix [FDM].)
2. 120 individual family members will receive referral linkages to essential services; of those, 75% will successfully connect to services. (Evaluation tool: Referral Tracking Form [RTF])
3. 10 parents will participate in an evidence-based/informed parent education program; of those, 75% of participants will report an increase in family satisfaction, a key indicator of family strengths and protective factors. (Evaluation tool: Strengthening Families Program Assessment)

USE OF FUNDS

The grant would fund a portion of the salary and benefits for Family Advocate and FRC Supervisor positions, to serve the target population in Santa Barbara.

Freedom 4 Youth

Culinary Training Program

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$69,855	\$31,300

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Freedom 4 Youth (F4Y) offers a six-week Culinary Training Program for justice-involved youth, serving two cohorts per year. Participants receive stipends and attend two-hour sessions twice a week, led by Culinary Director Chef Jean Paul LuVanVi, a seasoned instructor with over 30 years of experience. The program equips youth with essential culinary skills for employment in the food service industry. Currently serving 10 youth per cohort, additional funding could expand it to 12 cohorts annually, reaching up to 120 youth. Held at the Unitarian Society in Santa Barbara, it also includes a trauma-informed nutrition workshop by Chef Daniel Palma.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
youth impacted by the criminal legal system	100

PROGRAM GOAL

This program trains individuals in an industry that is heavily in-demand in order to obtain and retain employment and thereby achieve economic & health sustainability. F4Y is able to offer individuals job placements within its own catering social enterprise and in the larger culinary and restaurant industry throughout South County Santa Barbara. This program offers an accessible pathway to skill and economic development through vocational training and employment placement for a population that currently has little to no support in this area. F4Y has already completed training and secured paid culinary opportunities for 17 youth and is prepared to expand the program to include more cohorts per year. F4Y now has three referral sources.

USE OF FUNDS

Staff: Director of Culinary Arts (1) - lead facilitation of Culinary Training Program, direction of catering social enterprise. Program Supplies and Materials: kitchen utensils and apparel required for the program. Participant Stipends (under consultants/contracts): compensation for youth involved in the program. Rental/facilities: a portion of the monthly cost.

Friendship Adult Day Care Center

Adult Day Services

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$22,000	\$11,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Friendship Center's adult day services program is offered Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at our centers. The large majority of participants are low to moderate income and have a diagnosis of dementia. Our adult day program is held in a secured facility with trained staff that assist members with ADLs (Activities of Daily Living) including toileting, transferring to chair/standing, and eating and drinking. The secure environment of peers allows for socialization and friendship, along with many scheduled activities. Activities offered include interactive classes, live music and dancing, adaptive exercise, informative/educational discussions, travel, cooking, arts & crafts, games, comedy, and bingo. Other services include regular care consultations, Veteran and Caregiver Support groups, and memory screenings.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Seniors with dementia or cognitive decline, and their family caregivers.	200

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of the 188 seniors and their caregivers that we expect to serve in FY 23-24, on Friendship Center's Customer Satisfaction Survey, 80% of caregivers will state that the day program helps with this modifiable risk factor for their loved ones: Increased cognitive activity
2. Of the 188 seniors and their caregivers that we expect to serve in FY 23-24, on Friendship Center's Customer Satisfaction Survey, 80% of caregivers will state that the day program helps with this modifiable risk factor for their loved ones: Reduced social

USE OF FUNDS

This funding will go to salary for our Program Manager—a full-time position with benefits—who supervises Program Specialists, coordinates all activities, and manages volunteers.

Friendship Adult Day Care Center

Continence Care Program

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$18,000	\$9,000

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The continence care program helps adults in need of toileting assistance receive high quality care with dignity at home from their family, and lowers the risk of health complications or need for outside support. The potential outcomes of poor or improperly performed personal bathing care are health effects such as increased risk of infection i.e. urinary tract infection, shame and embarrassment felt by the person with incontinence to leave the house or visit with friends, degradation of the relationship between loved one and caregiver, and potential for the loved one to be moved to a residential facility or be reliant on paid in-home care support. Last year, our organization provided direct assistance in continence care to 201 families.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Seniors with dementia or cognitive decline, and their family caregivers.	200

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 30 individuals in Santa Barbara with dementia or cognitive decline who experience incontinence will be served by the Continence Care program, which includes the creation of a personalized care plan, provides training for family caregivers, and provides continence supplies for a period of 6 months.
2. Of the 30 individuals with dementia served through personalized care plans, training, and continence supplies, 80% of caregivers will report increased comfortability and ease in providing continence care for their loved one.

USE OF FUNDS

These specific costs are directly related to providing services through the Continence Care program through providing professional, high-quality care and resources for our participants and caregivers in need of support.

Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara

Lunchtime Club

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$30,000	\$14,900

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Lunchtime Club is facilitated up to four times a week, depending on the school's preference, for 45 minutes during the lunch hour of the school day. Each cohort of participants attends twice a week. In 2025-26, the lunchtime club will continue serving Cleveland Elementary School, Franklin Elementary School, Harding University Partnership School, McKinley Elementary School, Monroe Elementary School, and Santa Barbara Community Academy, with plans to expand to a new elementary school site each year (first site addition in Fall 2025) based on funding and community needs.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Girls in grades TK-6th with the highest need for supportive services as identified by their teachers and principals	120

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 120 girls will receive academic support, enrichment, and adult mentorship through the Lunchtime Club during the grant year and 70% of girls will demonstrate increased confidence in math, science, literacy, and/or leadership.
2. 120 girls will receive academic support, enrichment, and adult mentorship through the Lunchtime Club during the grant year and 90% of girls will report that they know an adult mentor in their life who they feel safe going to if they have a problem.
3. 120 girls will receive academic support, enrichment, and adult mentorship through the Lunchtime Club during the grant year and 70% will report an improved understanding of how to build and maintain healthy peer relationships.

USE OF FUNDS

A \$30,000 grant will support the wages of staff facilitators for the program which will allow us to expand to more schools. This is a very cost effective program that is offered at no cost to participants or the school district. The approximate cost per session is \$49 (\$1.10 per minute). With the assumption that cohort sizes meet capacity of 14 girls, the cost per girl per session is \$3.50.

Good Samaritan Shelter (GSS)

Freedom Warming Center

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$40,000	\$23,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Freedom Warming Center Program provides a warm, safe place to sleep, meals, healthcare from Drs. Without Walls, hygiene items, referrals, and hospitality from volunteers. The centers operate on-call from 6pm-6am during severe weather conditions beginning Nov. 15-March 31. Centers activate depending on extreme forecasted weather. Activation triggers are nights of >51% chance of rain or <35 degree low.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Unsheltered Homeless Population	120

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 120 homeless individuals will access a warm place to sleep, of those 100% homeless individuals seeking shelter at the warming shelter activation site will safely spend the night indoors, avoiding weather conditions that can be life-threatening for those living out of doors or other places unfit habitation.
2. Of 120 persons served, 100% will avoid being admitted to the emergency room due to life-threatening weather conditions
3. Of 120 persons served, 83% or more will be added to the Homeless Management Information System, which can be a tool for the clients to be served by other providers and eligible for housing

USE OF FUNDS

Salaries of Santa Barbara Coordinator and up to 5 Lead Staff members.

Hillside

Community Access and Integration

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$60,000	\$33,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Hillside’s Community Access and Integration for Residents program aims to ensure people with disabilities fully participate in society, fostering inclusion and eliminating isolation. To achieve this, Hillside proposes hiring a full-time Mobility Integration Professional (MCIP) to coordinate community outings and partnerships, and a part-time Mobility Aide to provide one-on-one support. Daily outings (8 AM–5 PM) will connect residents with schools, businesses, libraries, and other community spaces. True inclusion means recognizing that individuals with disabilities deserve the same opportunities to engage, belong, and be valued. By integrating them into everyday life, we promote equity, acceptance, and meaningful social change.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Hillside's target population is extremely low income adults and seniors with moderate to severe intellectual and developmental disabilities who are medically fragile and unable to care for themselves.	58

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 48 Hillside residents will be able to integrate into the community; of those, 65% will demonstrate increased social skills as defined in their individualized treatment plan..
2. 48 Hillside residents will be able to integrate into the community; of those, 65% will demonstrate a reduction in depressive symptoms as defined in their individualized treatment plan.
3. 48 Hillside residents will be able to integrate into the community; of those, 80% will demonstrate increased autonomy and independence as defined in their individualized treatment plan.

USE OF FUNDS

Fund would be used to hire a full-time Mobility Community Integration Professional to plan and facilitate our residents' participation in community activities, and a part-time Mobility Aide . These funds will help Hillside's overall mission to maximize our residents' abilities, and help them to lead their most independent and fullest lives possible.

Hospice of Santa Barbara

Support for Patients with a Life-Threatening Illness

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$20,000	\$15,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

We offer patients medical care navigation; practical, spiritual, and emotional support by staff and 70 volunteers; and counseling by licensed staff. We serve those with a terminal illness and those who are expected to recover. All services are free. Ill patients are not expected to come to our offices; our services take place at patients' homes or in medical settings, such as doctors' offices or treatment centers. During the pandemic, patients have been served through telehealth; we are now seeing many patients in person under strict safety protocols. We have offices in Santa Barbara and Carpinteria.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
People with life-threatening illness and their families: 50% seniors; 56% Latino; 63% female; 37% male; 52% very low-income; and 12% low-income.	400

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Out of 400 patients who receive medical care navigation, counseling, practical assistance, and spiritual support, at least 372 (93 percent) will report a significant improvement in their quality of life, including their ability to manage/understand their illness and connect to supportive resources.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds will support the salary of our bilingual care coordinator, who is critical in serving Spanish-speaking patients. So far this year, 47 percent of clients are Latino, and of those, over 89 percent are low- or very low-income. A care coordinator provides support to patients at home (or via telehealth as needed), attends medical appointments to translate and ensure the patient understands everything that is happening; collaborates with HSB staff, volunteers, and other health care professionals involved with patient's care; and refers clients to community resources.

Independent Living Resource Center, inc

Community Living/Transition Services for People with Disabilities

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$25,000	\$10,200

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The program will provide community living and independent living skills services to individuals with all disabilities, regardless of age or income level. This will be done by providing skills training and resource linkage in the areas of: Housing, Assistive Technology, Individual and Systems Advocacy, Peer Support, Benefits Advisement, Youth Services, Transition and Diversion from Institutional Settings, Interpretation for Individuals who are Deaf, Emergency Preparedness Support, Blind/Low Vision services.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Individuals with any disability of all ages, races, and genders.	350

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

- 250 consumers will receive Community Living Services; of those, 60% will remain in, transition to, obtain, or make measurable progress toward affordable/accessible housing as of result of ILRC's housing and home modification services, transition services, personal assistant services, and assistive technology services.
- 150 consumers will receive Independent Living Skills Training Services; of those, 60% will achieve their independent living goals through service provisions, such as obtaining or keeping their benefits, managing finances, transportation, advocacy, employm

USE OF FUNDS

Funding supports a portion of the total occupancy costs of ILRC's headquarters office, where all services are provided to consumers to fulfill our mission.

Independent Living Resource Center, inc

Youth Transition Services

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$53,276	\$26,500

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The goal of this program is to prevent institutionalization and promote independence for youth with disabilities. Without these services, many local youth lack the support to achieve independence, meet basic needs, and navigate young adulthood, increasing the risks of homelessness or isolation. The program funds a full-time Youth Specialist at ILRC's Santa Barbara office to provide services like independent living skills training, peer support, housing navigation, assistive technology, and advocacy. Quarterly workshops address employment, voting, relationships, and more, fostering peer connections and reducing isolation. By building skills and confidence, ILRC empowers youth to live independently and strengthen community inclusion.

TARGET POPULATION

Individuals with any disability aged 14-26 of all races, and genders.

PERSONS SERVED

30

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 30 consumers will receive Independent Living Skills Services; of those, 70% will report improved ability to navigate key aspects of young adulthood, such as accessing housing, benefits, or employment, and demonstrate increased independence through measurable goals, reducing their risk of institutionalization and maintaining community based living.
2. 15 consumers will participate in quarterly workshops; of those, 65% of participants will demonstrate measurable progress in skills learned during the workshops, such as improved communication, self-advocacy, employment preparation, budgeting, readiness for securing/maintaining stable housing, and social engagement opportunities.

USE OF FUNDS

This grant will fund the salary, fringe benefits, and associated overhead costs of the youth specialist position per ILRC's indirect cost rate. Additionally, the grant will support four workshops annually, held quarterly, at a cost of \$1,000 per workshop. These workshops are critical components of the program, providing transition-aged youth with group learning opportunities to develop independent living skills and peer connections.

Mental Wellness Center

Fellowship Club-Recovery Learning Center

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$35,000	\$9,000

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Fellowship Club is the only day-use, social rehabilitation program operating in the South County for adults, ages 18 and older, who are stabilizing and maintaining their wellness subsequent to significant mental health challenges, including schizophrenia, severe mood and anxiety disorders, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Activities include information and education groups/classes, lunches, resource identification and community navigation for basic and critical needs.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
The program's target audience is adults, ages 18 years through adult seniors, who commit to using the services for stabilizing and maintaining their mental wellness.	300

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Ninety percent of club members (i.e., 270 clients over the year) will self-report that the awareness of and capacity to use resources offered directly and indirectly through the program positively affects their community navigation and independent living. The members will be able to identify the resources applicable to their wellness. If needed, members may use staff assistance to access the processes and systems attached to the resources.
2. Thirty un-duplicated members over the year (50 percent of those identified in Output 2) will demonstrate sustained progress in in-house activities by either creating arts/crafts for display at outlets or completing educational series and receiving a certi

USE OF FUNDS

Salary of the Fellowship Club manager.

Mission Scholars

College Access Program

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$25,000	\$0

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Mission Scholars meets a critical need in our city: providing access to affordable higher education for low-income and first-generation teens. In 2023, only 42.3% of SBUSD seniors graduated with the minimum requirements for UC or Cal State enrollment. The stakes are high, as the Department of Education reveals that bachelor’s degree holders earn 74% more than those with only a high school diploma. With our support, the most recent high school Mission Scholars cohorts in 2023 and 2024 earned and covered 95% and 94% of their combined college costs of attendance through grants and scholarships, respectively. Mission Scholars is committed to leveling the playing field, offering expert guidance to underserved students to and through college.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Teens/Youth from underserved communities in Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria, with over 90% being first-generation college students, 90% qualifying for the National Free and Reduced Lunch Program, and 94% identifying as Hispanic/Latino.	199

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. By completion of the College Access Program, at least 90% of the estimated 30 graduating senior students from the Mission Scholars cohort of 2025 will enroll in four-year universities after high school graduation.
2. By completion of the College Access Program, the estimated 30 graduating seniors from the Mission Scholar cohort of 2025 will earn scholarships and grants to cover at least 85% of college costs.
3. Upon completing the College Access Program, 100% of the estimated 30 students in the Mission Scholars cohort of 2025 will earn an average of 4-6 college acceptances each.

USE OF FUNDS

Salaries of program staff leading the 2025 College Access Program

NBCC dba New Beginnings

Community Counseling Clinic

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$50,000	\$39,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Community Counseling Clinic Program provides low-cost mental health counseling and psychological assessments on a sliding-scale with no one turned away for inability to pay.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
The program's target population includes individuals, couples, and families county-wide, a majority of whom are low or no-income, and in need of mental health or psychological assessment services.	575

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 575 unduplicated individuals will be served at the community counseling center. Of those, 65% (374 individuals) will continue on to commence individual, couples, family, youth or group counseling, or psychological assessment.
2. Of the 374 individuals who will receive counseling or psychological assessment services, 90% (337 individuals) will report that the counseling services helped them to deal more effectively with their problems, as measured by the CSQ-8.
3. Of the 374 individuals who will receive counseling or psychological assessment services, 65% (243 individuals) will report decreased distress scores, as measured by the OQ45.2.

USE OF FUNDS

City of Santa Barbara CDBG funds will be utilized to cover a portion of our Clinical Director and Intake Coordinator salaries, for a total of two employees.

NBCC dba New Beginnings

Safe Parking Shelter and Rapid Rehousing Program

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$50,000	\$45,000

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Safe Parking Shelter and Rapid Re-Housing Program provides safe overnight shelter for vehicular homeless persons county-wide. Safe Parking also provides case management, street outreach, housing navigation and retention services, and financial assistance to shelter program clients and homeless individuals referred to our agency through the Coordinated Entry System, to help them transition into and maintain permanent secure housing.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
The program targets families and individuals living in their vehicles and unsheltered people referred to us through the Coordinated Entry System (CES).	500

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of 500 unduplicated individuals served through the Safe Parking program, all will receive some form of case management services. Of that total, 300 will receive Rapid Re-Housing case management services; of those, 60 (20% of 300) will exit and obtain permanent housing.
2. Of the 300 individuals who receive Rapid Re-Housing case management services, 30 (10% of 300) will exit and obtain/retain employment.
3. Of the 300 individuals who receive Rapid Re-Housing case management services, 45 (15% of 300) will exit and obtain/retain other income, e.g., SSI, TANF, SNAP, etc.

USE OF FUNDS

City of Santa Barbara CDBG funding will be utilized to fund a portion of our Program Manager and one South County Case Manager’s salaries, a total of two employees.

Organic Soup Kitchen

Cancer and Chronic Illness Prevention and Recovery

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$65,000	\$23,500

PROGRAM PURPOSE

1. Organic Soup Kitchen’s Cancer and Chronic Illness Prevention and Recovery Program provides nutrition and food security to seniors, cancer patients, chronically ill and low-income seniors each week. Nutrient dense SoupMeals are handcrafted and delivered to more than 800 residents each week by a network of nearly 50 volunteers and health and human service agency partners. We deliver throughout Santa Barbara County, from Carpinteria to Santa Maria Valley.

TARGET POPULATION

Our target population are low income individuals, primarily seniors, with cancer or chronic illness. Ninety percent of our clients are low income according to HUD standards.

PERSONS SERVED

869

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 652 low-income clients will receive nutrient-dense SoupMeals; of those 85% will report that the hand delivery by a trusted volunteer helps improve their mental state and feelings of isolation.
2. 652 low-income clients will receive nutrient-dense SoupMeals; of those, 75% will report that participation in our program supports their ability to meet their living expenses, such as paying rent, utilities, and medical expenses.

USE OF FUNDS

The funds will support a Program Coordinator position. This position is responsible for coordinating weekly delivery of currently 800+ SoupMeals by our team of 25+ volunteer delivery drivers. This position also serves as our outreach coordinator directly communicating with existing clients as well as cultivating and managing relationships with our partner agencies.

Pacific Pride Foundation

LGBTQ+-Specific Counseling Program

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$79,715	\$23,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

PPF is the only organization in Santa Barbara County that offers sliding-scale counseling with Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) trainees specifically tailored to the needs of LGBTQ+ youth and adults. Counseling services are non-crisis and longer term, lasting from a few months to one year, and take place through individual and group sessions. Our program is also a training program, preparing the next generation of counseling professionals to provide culturally competent mental health services to LGBTQ+ people.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
PPF's counseling services primarily serve low- and moderate-income LGBTQ+ individuals and people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as their family, friends, and partners.	120

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of the 100 people receiving individual, couples, family, or group counseling services each year, at least 65 (65 percent) will demonstrate improved mental health and coping mechanisms, as well as increased acceptance of themselves (or of their family member) around sexual orientation/gender identity/HIV status.
2. Of the 10 people who attend a therapy group each year, at least six (60 percent) will report feeling a more positive social connection to others as a result of group therapy.
3. Of the 12 interns receiving training through our program, at least 10 will indicate feeling more prepared to serve LGBTQ+ and HIV-impacted clients.

USE OF FUNDS

Salaries of MFT clinical supervisor, and the Counseling Administrative Assistant.

Partners in Housing Solutions

PHS Santa Barbara Program

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$30,000	\$20,100

PROGRAM PURPOSE

PHS matches homeless clients with private landlords from our network. We provide our clients with housing-related support services (i.e. budgeting support, tenant responsibility training), while they also receive case management and rental assistance from our social service agency partners. We also offer financial safety nets, incentives, and a 24-hour turnaround helpline for landlords. We provide services to City of Santa Barbara residents through our South County Program, and our overall services extend countywide. Due to the pandemic, we are meeting with clients and landlords remotely or in person following strict social distance guidelines during normal business hours (9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.).

TARGET POPULATION

We emphasize serving homeless families with children and veteran families. 11% of our clients are homeless veterans/veteran families, 46% are children, 17% of our clients are disabled and/or elderly, and more than half are Latino.

PERSONS SERVED

110

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of those 250 individuals in Santa Barbara County receiving housing support services, 44% will be placed into permanent housing.
2. Of the 110 individuals in Santa Barbara County placed into permanent housing, 18% will be individuals placed in the City of Santa Barbara.

USE OF FUNDS

The grant would be allocated to staff costs associated with our City of Santa Barbara program.

PATH

Community-based Street Outreach

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$125,000	\$31,200

PROGRAM PURPOSE

PATH Santa Barbara respectfully requests funding to support our new Community-based Street Outreach program, which we launched in August 2022. In response to community need along with our Conditional Use Permit with the City of Santa Barbara, PATH Santa Barbara launched a formal street outreach program that focuses on the vicinity of our shelter. We had previously integrated these services within our existing structure but found that dedicated staffing is integral to achieving lasting impact. We hired an outreach specialist (1 FTE) who engages with unsheltered individuals spending time in the vicinity of PATH Santa Barbara's shelter. To help coordinate services across the Continuum of Care (CoC), the coordinator works in conjunction with PATH Santa Barbara's interim housing program, the Coordinated Entry System, and other service providers with a goal of connecting our unsheltered neighbors with the right care and resources on their housing journeys. PATH Santa Barbara's outreach staff will regularly visit the same geographic routes to engage unsheltered individuals, making initial contact and continued conversations.

TARGET POPULATION

The program's target population is adults experiencing unsheltered homelessness who are staying in the area described above.

PERSONS SERVED

60

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of the 60 unsheltered individuals who will be engaged by the outreach specialist, 25% will demonstrate a positive housing exit (e.g., permanent and interim housing, skilled nursing facility, inpatient substance use treatment, etc.)

USE OF FUNDS

Staff and programmatic support costs.

Peoples' Self-Help Housing Corporation

Supportive Housing Program, Victoria Hotel & Heath House

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$20,000	\$9,000

PROGRAM PURPOSE

SHP’s overall goal is to prevent a return to homelessness among the 35 residents of VHA and HH, where all residents were homeless prior to move-in. Preventing a return to homelessness qualifies this project for CDBG funding under priority one of the City’s 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. SHP addresses the many factors that lead to homelessness, strengthening health outcomes, finances, and financial and home management skills. Over the last 12 months, SHP has provided these services to all residents of VHA and HH.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
The program targets the 34 community members who are classified by HUD as Extremely-Low-Income (ELI) who reside at VHA and HH.	34

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. At least 98% of SHP clients will retain stable housing six months after initiating services, meeting the HUD definition of housing stability.
2. Services will enhance financial and housing stability, as recorded in the SHP client database.
3. Services will enhance health outcomes and grow health resources utilized by clients, as recorded in the SHP database.

USE OF FUNDS

Grant funds will be used for the cost of salary and benefits for Social Worker Supervisor and Social Workers who serve VH and HH. Social Workers provide outreach, client enrollment, screenings, and clinical case management to residents of PSHH affordable, supportive properties. The clinical supervisor provides supervision to all social workers as needed and through regularly scheduled meetings and fills in for social workers.

Santa Barbara Meals on Wheels Santa Barbara

Meals on Wheels Santa Barbara

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$37,000	\$22,240

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Meals on Wheels Santa Barbara (MOWSB) delivers affordable, nutritious meals 365 days a year to elderly, disabled, and homebound residents, helping them live independently with dignity. Fresh, ready-to-eat meals—prepared at Valle Verde and delivered daily by volunteers—include balanced portions and accommodate dietary needs. Beyond nutrition, volunteers provide vital social interaction and wellness check-ins. For over 53 years, MOWSB has supported thousands of seniors, bridging the caregiving gap and ensuring they can remain in their homes as long as possible.

TARGET POPULATION

We serve elderly, disabled, and homebound Santa Barbara residents. Approximately 95% of our clients are seniors (ages 63+), and 95% are low to moderate income. Approximately 67% of our clients are women. Our target population is seniors and anyone whose disabilities prevent them from preparing their own meals or shopping for their own food.

PERSONS SERVED

330

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of the clients who respond to our survey, 90% will report that they have a better quality of life as a result of receiving meals and visits from our volunteers.

USE OF FUNDS

The grant will be allocated to our meal costs, so that we can continue to offer subsidized meal prices to low-income homebound residents in Santa Barbara, even as food prices rise. Our meal costs are our largest operational cost by far (representing 77% of our budget in 2024). Each year, we fundraise to bridge the gap between what we pay for meals and what our clients are able to pay. City of Santa Barbara funding will be allocated directly to our meal costs, helping us continue to provide subsidized meal prices to any Santa Barbara client who needs extra financial support, so that cost is not a barrier to accessing our services.

Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics

Integrated Healthcare for the City of Santa Barbara's Low Income Residents

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$100,000	\$27,500

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The goal of this program is to provide medical and mental health services to homeless individuals on site in partnership with the FARO Center. By bringing SBNC's mobile unit to the center, services will be available to a homeless population that relies on the center for its many navigation services. This opportunity allows for a seamless transition of medical and mental health assessments and other supports for this vulnerable population. By improving the health of these individuals, a sustained housing transition has a higher likelihood. In addition, these patients will be able to establish primary care and have the support they require to build personal healthy outcomes.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
SBNC offers its services to anyone needing care regardless of their economic status. However, as a Federally Qualified Health Center and Certified Community Behavior Health Center, the target populations are Santa Barbara's most vulnerable individuals.	350

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of the 350 individuals experiencing homelessness that receive a health screening and evaluation from SBNC's medical provider each year, 100% will receive a follow-up appointment at one of SBNC's clinics if the individual desires one.
2. Of the 250 individuals experiencing homelessness that receive a mental health screening from SBNC's behavior health provider each year, 100% will receive a follow-up appointment at one of SBNC's clinics or a referral to another agency if the individual desires one.
3. Of the 350 individuals experiencing homelessness evaluated for State-sponsored medical insurance coverage, 100% of qualifying patients will be enrolled.

USE OF FUNDS

City funds would go toward direct patient services provided during outreach activities utilizing the mobile medical/behavior health clinic.

Santa Barbara Police Activities League

Life After High School Academy

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$20,000	\$9,000

PROGRAM PURPOSE

PAL’s Life After High School Academy supports students (ages 11-18) with tutoring, mentorship, college and trade school visits, application fee assistance, and one-on-one case management. Students create a 3- or 5-year plan to guide them through graduation, with a focus on post-secondary success. The program also fosters mentorship, social-emotional support, and connections with local law enforcement. Celebrating 25 years of service, PAL helped 30 seniors from local high schools graduate and plan their futures. For 12 years, the program has maintained a 100% graduation rate and 100% post-secondary enrollment among its seniors.

TARGET POPULATION

PAL’s Life After High School Academy serves students with the highest need for supportive services. Many are referred from the Santa Barbara Unified School District. Approximately 98% of youth served by PAL are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) with 93% identifying as Latino/a/x or Hispanic. We anticipate that nearly 100% of youth served will be from low-income, socio-economically disadvantaged households. 80% of those served by PAL will be the first in their families to attend a college or university.

PERSONS SERVED

240

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 240 students will receive tutoring services throughout the grant period and 80% will see an improvement in GPA and/or maintenance of a GPA higher than 2.5 during the academic year.
2. 240 students will receive tutoring services throughout the grant period and 100% will have 80% of assignments turned in for each class at the end of each semester.
3. 240 students will receive tutoring services throughout the grant period and 100% of seniors will graduate from high school at the end of the academic year.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds will be used for PAL’s Academic Coordinator and Lead Tutor’s wages, for utilities at the Twelve35 Teen Center, and for the Parent Square software that PAL uses to communicate with participants’ parents.

Santa Barbara Police Activities League

Youth Leadership Council

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$10,000	\$9,000

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) empowers high school students through leadership development, community service, and mentorship at the Twelve35 Teen Center. Members commit to at least 10 hours of service monthly, meet weekly, and serve as community ambassadors. YLC fosters academic achievement, self-esteem, and teamwork, setting students apart in college applications. Since 2000, the program has maintained 100% high school graduation and post-secondary enrollment among PAL seniors. Many alumni pursue successful careers, including roles at the Santa Barbara Police Department and Santa Barbara City College. YLC members engage in bonding retreats, attend the National PAL conference, and organize the Big and Little PALs camp for younger students. Participants gain confidence, leadership skills, and meaningful connections, making a lasting impact on their community.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
PAL’s Youth Leadership Council is comprised of high school students, the majority of whom are Hispanic/Latino/a/x and come from low-income households. Most participants do not have the opportunity to attend other extracurricular activities.	22

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 20 students will receive leadership development in YLC throughout the grant period and 100% will complete 100 hours or more of community service.
2. 20 students will receive case management in YLC and 100% will end each academic year with a GPA of 2.8 or higher.
3. 20 students will receive leadership development in YLC throughout the grant period and 90% will report a positive self assessment of personal growth and development (10 out of 13 survey questions will show improvement).

USE OF FUNDS

Grant will support the wages of the Youth Development Coordinator. This is a part-time role whose main function is to lead the Youth Leadership Council as staff support, facilitating weekly YLC meetings.

Sarah House Santa Barbara

Home & Hospice Care

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$40,000	\$17,900

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Sarah House Santa Barbara provides a final home and hospice care for low-income individuals, including those unhoused or in substandard housing. Continuing its original mission of caring for people with HIV/AIDS, Sarah House offers round-the-clock care, companionship, and comfort to residents and their loved ones with a focus on “extraordinary kindness.” Operating at full capacity since 1991, it serves 70 terminally ill individuals annually, ensuring stability, dignity, and compassionate end-of-life care. Residents receive personalized support, including independent decision-making, nourishing meals, volunteer visits, and spiritual guidance, ensuring they are not alone in their final days.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
The majority of our residents are 65 years and older, and all have been given a terminal diagnosis. 100% are low-income, and 85% are very low-income. Around 30% of those served are Hispanic/Latinx. Additionally, 20-30% of those served are veterans, chronically homeless, HIV-diagnosed, and/or facing mental health or substance abuse issues.	70

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 65 low-income individuals will receive end-of-life care at Sarah House during the grant period and 90% will achieve reasonable pain control as reflected and recorded in Case Management notes compiled by Sarah House staff and professional collaborators.
2. 50 low-income individuals will receive spiritual counseling during the grant period and 95% will be given the opportunity for enhanced emotional comfort through a personal visit by a certified chaplain.
3. 55 low-income individuals will be supported by visiting family and friends at the end of their lives during the grant period and 85% of these will sit with the House Manager to collaborate on how their resident’s time at Sarah House can reach the highest level of comfort and care.

USE OF FUNDS

Grant will support the wages of Sarah House’s House Manager, Assistant House Manager, and 8 Residential Assistant Caregivers.

SBC Immigrant Legal Defense Center

Urgent Legal Services for Unaccompanied Undocumented Minors

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$37,000	\$22,240

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The specific purpose of the Unaccompanied Undocumented Minor (UUM) program is to provide pro bono legal services to immigrant youth facing deportation and immigrant youth living in the shadows who are eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). Legal services will include representation before state court, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and Los Angeles immigration courts.

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) is an immigration classification available to certain undocumented immigrants under the age of 21 who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned by one or both parents. SIJS is a way for immigrants under twenty-one to apply for and obtain legal permanent residence in the United States.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Unaccompanied immigrant children facing deportation and undocumented children living in the shadows who do not have the means to hire an immigration attorney. Clients are primarily undocumented Latinx youth.	292

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 14 unaccompanied undocumented minor immigrants who are eligible for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status will be provided with pro bono legal representation in state court and immigration court; of those 100% will fully pursue their due process rights in immigration court and will have the assistance of an attorney who will represent the client at immigration court hearings and will file and comply with all immigration application deadlines and document requests.

USE OF FUNDS

Staff attorney costs.

Showers of Blessing Santa Barbara

Downtown Santa Barbara Shower Session

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$24,000	\$17,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

With each shower, guests receive a fresh towel, washcloth, shampoo, soap, conditioner, toothbrush, razor, comb and other implements, mask, wipes, new socks and underwear, (plus replacement clothing, sleeping bag, backpack, as needed and available). A snack and water are also provided. Volunteers provide fresh/warm meals at some sites. Showers of Blessing acts as an informal hub for other service providers. Representatives from Doctors Without Walls, AmeriCorps, CityNet, Salvation Army, SB County mental health, Lifeline, and others, find new clients and arrange to meet existing clients at our sites, helping people upgrade their lives.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
People who cannot provide shelter for themselves or who have only intermittent access to shelter and a bathroom.	999

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 375 guests will receive a shower that helps them feel better physically; 15% of guests will report that showering helps them feel better physically.
2. 375 guests will receive a shower that helps them feel more confident; 15% of guests will report that showering helps them feel more confident in themselves.
3. 375 guests will receive a shower that helps them feel more healthy; 15% of guests will report that showering helps them feel more healthy.

USE OF FUNDS

Program costs covered include payroll costs for the three-member shower team and the site manager at the downtown/commuter lot site.

St. Vincent's

Family Strengthening Program (FSP)

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$80,000	\$21,300

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Established in 1996 and located on St. Vincent’s campus, the Family Strengthening Program (FSP) serves homeless, single and/or pregnant at-risk mothers and their children (ages 0-5) by providing up to 27 months of on-site transitional housing, weekly case management and therapy sessions, weekly parenting classes, and job skills coaching. Parenting classes are provided by a certified instructor utilizing the Nurturing Parenting evidence-based curriculum.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Single and/or pregnant at-risk homeless mothers and their young children (ages 0-5).	70

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Fifteen (15) women will complete at least six months of program services; of those, 85% will procure secure housing upon completion of the program.
2. Fifteen (15) women will enter the program; of those, 85% will be employed after receiving three months of wrap-arounds services.
3. Twenty-five (25) women will receive weekly counseling and case management; of those; 80% will show progress or remain within normal range in one or more areas of mental and physical health as indicated on the Duke Health Profile scoring after six months.

USE OF FUNDS

Requested funds will be applied towards the partial salaries of the Family Strengthening Program's (FSP) Program Director and the Peer Support Specialist.

Standing Together to End Sexual Assault

Crisis Intervention Program

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$33,000	\$31,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

STESA's Crisis Intervention Program offers survivors of sexual assault, their families, and friends a 24-hour hotline, case management, advocacy, accompaniment, and information and community referrals. STESA is a first responder for the Sexual Assault Response Team to support and accompany a survivor of sexual assault at the medical-legal forensic examination. The Crisis Intervention Program serves children ages 13 years and older to the elderly. Services are available to all segments of the community regardless of their ability to pay, particularly low-income individuals and families, the unhoused, and persons with disabilities.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
STESA provides services to adolescent and adult survivors of sexual assault, their family and friends, and members of the community.	550

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of the 550 clients who receive crisis intervention services, 45% (248) will engage in the healing process by seeking supportive services.
2. Of the 40 clients enrolled in Counseling services, 45% (18) will develop positive coping skills and/or increase their understanding of the healing process, as is evidenced in the pre and post-survey.
3. Of the 50 SART clients, 70% (35) will demonstrate an improved understanding of the criminal justice system.

USE OF FUNDS

Salaries of Training Coordinator, Executive Director and Program Director.

The Salvation Army, a California corporation

Santa Barbara Hospitality House

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$20,000	\$9,000

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Transitional Shelter provides shelter for up to 2 years. Services include case management; counseling; life skills classes; budget assistance; accessing benefits; housing assistance; veteran services; referrals to mental/physical health services, and other supports.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Homeless single adults, although targeted subpopulations include veterans, seniors, and those with mental health and/or substance abuse issues.	120

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

- 107 clients with disabilities (physical and/or mental health) will be provided support services that address their specific needs, 80 (75% of 107) will stabilize within 60 days of entry and be linked with appropriate outpatient referrals.
- Case managers will develop a financial plan with 120 individuals; of those, 78 (65% of 120) will obtain or maintain consistent, sustainable income through employment, pension, SSI, SSDI or other legitimate sources within the first 60 days of admission.
- Case managers will develop a housing plan with 120 individuals; of those, 60 (50% of 120) will successfully transition into safe and secure housing or appropriate mental health or substance abuse treatment programs.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds to support salaries for 2 Case Managers, and Operational Manager

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Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Housing Admin and Compliance Coordinator

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$20,000	\$9,000

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The overall goal of the Foundation House Program is to empower transitional-aged youth (18-24) by providing a safe, supportive environment that facilitates their transition into independent adulthood. The program specifically addresses housing instability, limited access to essential resources, and the absence of support networks, which are critical barriers for this population. By focusing on employment, education, healthy relationships, and pathways to permanent housing, the program aims to create lasting positive change in participants' lives. Since 2021, the Foundation House Program has supported 46 young adults across five houses, advancing our mission to equip young adults and guide them toward independence and stable housing.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
The target population remains transitional-aged youth (18-24) experiencing homelessness or unstable living conditions.	27

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. 27 participants will have access to safe and stable housing upon entry to the program, including supportive services as well as identify permanent housing when they exit the program
2. 100% of participants in the program will have access to stable housing, case management, and life skills workshops for up to two years. 83% will retain permanent housing within the first year following their exit from the program.

USE OF FUNDS

These funds will support the program's goal of addressing youth homelessness by ensuring consistent leadership and direct support for participants. By maintaining these full-time roles, the program can effectively meet the growing demand for housing and support services, continue delivering high-quality care, and hopefully reduce the current waitlist by potentially expanding housing options for young adults.

Transition House

Family Shelter and Services

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$85,000	\$63,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

Our overall goal is to provide the skills and resources needed to help local homeless families escape severe poverty and move to permanent housing with the financial means to sustain it. We determine the specific causes of their homelessness and work to craft individualized plans to lift the family out of poverty, keeping in mind the impact of trauma they may be experiencing. While in our program, parents are expected to participate in case management, must work a full-time job (or access entitlements if disabled), and save 30 percent of their expendable income. They must reduce debt and eliminate unnecessary expenses. If they have mental or physical health issues, or substance abuse issues, they must access clinical services.

TARGET POPULATION

Very low-income, local households at high risk of homelessness and facing imminent eviction due to poverty.

PERSONS SERVED

320

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of the 320 people provided with shelter, case management, anti-poverty classes, and children's programs, 224 (70 percent) will obtain permanent housing.
2. Of the 127 adults provided with shelter, case management, and anti-poverty classes, 102 (80 percent) will gain new income or increase existing income.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds would cover partial salaries for four employees: Shelter Case Manager who works directly with clients helping them stabilize, save money, set goals and find housing. Children's Program Director, who runs our Infant Care Center and other children's enrichment programs designed to help break the cycle of poverty. Intake Coordinator/Receptionist, who is the first point of contact and trust builder for clients that join the waitlist and ultimately enter the program. Executive Director, who oversees the program, including quality of service delivery, success, and program sustainability. Five percent of the requested funding will be provided to the City of Santa Barbara for grant administration.

Transition House

Homelessness Prevention Program

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$15,000	\$13,700

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The HPP helps very low-income families gain the financial stability needed to keep them from losing housing. Parents attend classes in career development (Job Club Workshop), English as a Second Language, Parenting, and Financial Literacy. This curriculum is provided at the Transition House campus four evenings a week with free childcare. In addition to classes, one-on-one assistance is provided in the drop-in computer lab to help clients sign up for health care coverage, file taxes, enroll children in school, access entitlements, apply for college, apply for copies of needed documents such as birth certificates, driver's license and school records.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Very low-income, local households at high risk of homelessness and facing imminent eviction due to poverty.	320

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Of the 200 adults who attend anti-poverty classes and seminars (financial literacy, ESL, computer skills, employment, etc.), 150 (75 percent) will indicate that they learned new specific skills related to financial literacy and employment.
2. 30 impoverished households at high risk of homelessness will participate in case management and retain housing for six months or more.

USE OF FUNDS

Funds will support partial salaries for 3 positions: The agency's Associate Director, who oversees the program; Education Program Manager, who oversees our classes; and the Computer Lab manager.

United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County

Academic Support at Westside Club

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
2	\$20,000	\$19,900

PROGRAM PURPOSE

The goal of our academic support programs is to provide high-quality academic support and mentoring to our members, who are primarily Latinx and experience socio-economic challenges. Children of color from low-income communities face significant educational barriers including language barriers, lack of access to reliable wifi/devices, limited access to tutoring or parent help, and food insecurity, among other challenges. If our program is successful, we will see measurable improvements in their academic performance and overall improvements in their attitude towards school and homework. We are making progress towards this goal by offering Power Hour programming throughout the school year and summer learning loss programming all summer.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
Our academic support programs primarily serve K-12 students from low income and Latinx backgrounds living in the Westside and Eastside communities of Santa Barbara who are in need of safety, educational support, and recreational and social opportunities.	844

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. In 2025, we expect to serve at least 100 youth members of the Westside Club with one hour of homework assistance each day they attend the Club. Students participating in Power Hour will have 90% homework completion each week.
2. Youth participating in the Freckle program will be assessed and any youth performing below grade level will participate in the program. Out of the students participating, we expect that 90% will reach grade level.
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USE OF FUNDS

CDBG funding will be used to support two Assistant Club Directors at the Westside Club. Under the direction of the Club Director, the Assistant Club Directors ensure that effective tutoring and homework assistance services are delivered by educational support staff.

WillBridge of Santa Barbara

Permanent Supportive Housing Program

PRIORITY	GRANT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
1	\$40,000	\$17,900

PROGRAM PURPOSE

WillBridge overall goal is to provide affordable housing with supportive services to chronic homeless adults with mental health challenges. Continued interaction through street outreach with the unhoused builds rapport & trust with the goal being for them to accept housing in WillBridge Emergency/Transitional or Permanent Supportive Housing residents' self-esteem & confidence increase, & perspective towards a lifestyle change becomes positive. The residents maintain sobriety, pursue career or vocational training, employment, adult education, involvement in community service, apply for housing subsidy become self-sufficient/ independent living. As of December 2023, WillBridge housed 1054 residents - 561 (51%) transitioned successfully.

TARGET POPULATION	PERSONS SERVED
<p>Target Population is chronic homeless mentally ill adults: Per HUD - a homeless individual with a disability that has been homeless for at least 12 months or had at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months. Chronic homeless individuals do not routinely access shelter services, instead they live in neighborhoods with a high mortality risk. These are the individuals WillBridge embraces.</p>	64

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. WillBridge will provide beds for 8 clients discharged from Cottage Hospital out of 12 referrals
2. WillBridge will house 8 at-risk homeless females out of 10 referrals
3. Fifteen residents out of 35 residents will successfully transition onto: residential treatment program, permanent supportive housing, independent living, relocate to another community of state, and/or family reunification

USE OF FUNDS

Funds will be used for salaries to cover the Director of Operations, who manages agency statistics, client data, housing applications, referrals, and resident advocacy, and the Program Coordinator/Case Manager, who handles intakes, interviews, residence oversight, case management, and advocacy meetings.