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DATE: April 15, 2014
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Gary A. Graves, Chief Operating Officer
SUBJECT: Submission of Ranked List for Measure A Funding

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report relating to the submission of the ranked list of Measure A projects for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific fiscal implications associated with this report. In FY 2014 the Administration estimated the County would receive \$45 million in Measure A sales tax revenues. Of that amount, \$20 million was appropriated to maintain the current level of County services, \$15,336,881 was appropriated to support a variety of projects displayed below and the remaining \$9,663,119 was set aside in a reserve to support additional projects submitted by the community and County departments. If the Board makes the decision to allocate Measure A resources to the proposals included on the ranked list, the Administration recommends these funds be made available on July 1, 2014. It is further recommended these allocations be included in the FY 2015 Final budget.

CONTRACT HISTORY

As mentioned above, \$15,336,881 in Measure A resources have been appropriated in FY 2014 to support the following projects and programs and are displayed below as reference information.

Community Health Partnership	\$3,350,000
Healthy Kids	\$3,000,000
Permanent Supportive Housing	\$4,000,000
SCVMC Patient Advisory Task Force	\$ 700,800
SCVN-SSA Safety Net Contract Funding	\$ 845,860
SCVHHS Center for Pop Health Improvement	\$1,574,671
Community Solutions	\$ 130,900

Domestic Violence Advocacy Solutions	\$ 624,650
District Attorney	\$1,110,000

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Following the approval of Measure A, the Board of Supervisors approved a process through which a portion of the annual proceeds, \$9,663,119, would be made available to fund proposals submitted by members of the community and county agencies. This process was initiated in the fall of 2013 and resulted in the receipt of 92 proposals with a value of \$45.3 million.

Based on decisions made in December of 2013 and the time it has taken to complete the hearing process, the Board will begin making allocation decisions on April 15. As we move deeper into the FY 2015 budget process, it is important for the Board to recognize that the Administration is projecting some growth in Measure A sales tax revenues in the range of 5%, or \$4 million. At this point in time, we recommend that we maintain the allocation at \$9,663,119 for the proposals that have been submitted and hold the remaining ongoing funding in a reserve that could be used to address the resource needs associated with the Daughters of Charity (DOC) transaction. While it is true that the County’s involvement in that transaction is uncertain at this point, it would be prudent to have some capacity to address this need if the County and DOC do enter into an agreement at some point in the near future.

Other one-time savings from unspent Measure A resources will also be available in FY 2015 and the Administration will make a recommendation regarding the use of those funds in the FY 2015 Recommended Budget to be released on or about May 1, 2014. OBA is in the process of projecting the unspent balances at this time but the amount will be substantial. As discussed during the 5 Committee hearings of the Measure A proposals, the Board has the discretion to make funding decisions at any point in time as we move toward the FY 2015 budget process. The Administration will be prepared to discuss the implications of the myriad of options available to the Board when this item is discussed on April 15.

Consistent with the approved process, the Administration created a committee to review the proposals against the guiding principles and priorities approved by the Board in December 2013. As requested, the Administration has constructed a rank order list of the proposals and recommended funding levels for projects in order to stay within the \$9,663,119 allocation. We view this list as a starting point in the effort to reach consensus regarding how Measure A resources should be allocated.

This process has been very challenging, as the number of quality proposals that address the many needs in our community far exceeded the resources available. Recognizing this, we have created a ranked list that we believe best meets the guiding principles and priorities created in December. In some cases, we are recommending reduced funding from what was originally requested in order to fund more proposals on the list.

Other factors were also considered and are identified here in order to provide additional insight into the development of the ranked order list.

Impact - Our recommendation places significant importance to the concept of impact as the discussion by the Board in December focused on the need to demonstrate a significant impact on residents throughout Santa Clara County.

Direct Services vs. bricks and mortar – based on the demand in the community, our list prioritizes direct services over capital projects.

Balance – the demand for services is great across the spectrum. The list attempts to address programs for children, seniors, the homeless and those re-entering the community from institutions. In addition, balance was also a consideration in viewing proposals that focused on public safety, health, social services and housing programs to name a few.

Prior funding – we took into consideration whether programs and services had been previously funded by Measure A resources.

CHILD IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on children and youth.

SENIOR IMPACT

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

BACKGROUND

Measure A is a 1/8 cent sales tax approved by the voters in November of 2012. Measure A is a general tax that was approved to address service and program needs across all functional areas. In the FY 2014 budget process, Measure A proceeds were allocated to maintain the current level of service across several disciplines and initiate expanded and new services in a variety of areas described above.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Final Measure A Ranked List (XLSX)