

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, MAY 06, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 6

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ACTIONS RELATED TO THE 2026-2027 COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN AND APPROVE REVISED BY-LAWS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

As the region's designated Community Action Agency, the County of San Diego (County) is eligible to receive an annual allocation of federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) revenue. CSBG funds local programs that increase economic security for individuals and families, as well as supports civic engagement in low-income communities across all of San Diego County, particularly around addressing barriers to economic inclusion. CSBG revenue is available to California Community Action Agencies each year through a revenue agreement with the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD), pending the submission of a two-year Community Action Plan. On June 13, 2023 (5), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) authorized the Clerk of the Board to execute the CSBG revenue agreements for calendar years 2024 and 2025, and any amendments in alignment with the Plan for those same years.

Today's proposed action requests the Board to authorize submission of the 2026-2027 Community Action Plan (Plan) to CSD and accept approximately \$3,550,000 annually in CSBG funding for the periods of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027. Today's proposed action also requests Board authorization to execute CSBG revenue agreements and any amendments, and to pursue additional funding opportunities to address barriers to economic inclusion and promote civic engagement in the region's low-income communities. Lastly, today's proposed action requests the Board to approve updates to the Community Action Board By-laws.

The programs outlined in the 2026-2027 Plan support the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically for communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. Allowing the continuation of CSBG-funded programs helps to improve lives by strengthening economic inclusion and civic engagement in low-income communities throughout the region.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Authorize submission of the calendar years 2026 and 2027 Community Action Plan and acceptance of approximately \$3,550,000 annually of Community Services Block Grant funding from the California Department of Community Services and Development, for the periods of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027.
2. Authorize the Clerk of the Board, upon receipt, to execute all required revenue agreement documents, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

3. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for future funding, including grants, supplemental funding and other funding opportunities for programs or projects that address barriers to economic inclusion and promote civic engagement in the region's low-income communities.
4. Approve the revised By-laws for the Community Action Board that incorporates clarifying language for a clear democratic selection process for the representatives of the low-income sector and incorporates Assembly Bill 2449 limited teleconferencing scenarios.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The County of San Diego (County) Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Strategy and Community Engagement (DSCE) strives to enhance community engagement and collaboration and devote efforts to meet the needs of underserved communities. The County Community Action Partnership (CAP), within DSCE, is the locally designated Community Action Agency for San Diego County, and addresses identified issues of poverty through Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding. CSBG-funded programs advance equity and opportunity for economically disadvantaged communities through the DSCE mission of creating innovative and strategic solutions with our partners for collective impact in creating healthy, safe, and thriving communities.

To utilize CSBG funding, CAP is required to gather community input through a Community Needs Assessment every two years, which utilizes data and information collected to be incorporated into program design and service delivery, to reflect the needs and priorities of the community. Strategies for expanding input during this process include utilizing existing meetings consisting of stakeholders from various sectors, such as the Resident Leadership Academy Council and Regional Community Leadership Team Meetings, leveraging a text messaging campaign supported through County Self-Sufficiency Services for CalFresh recipients, and a series of needs assessment presentations to gather feedback. CSBG funding advances equitable opportunities as information collected through the Community Needs Assessment is made available to community stakeholders for their own use in developing and enhancing programs and services addressing similar needs.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's proposed action supports the County Sustainability Goal #1 of engaging the community, Sustainability Goal # 2 of providing just and equitable access, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region. This will be accomplished by engaging the public and providing residents with opportunities for self-sufficiency through the Community Action Board meetings, which facilitate discussion regarding program development and oversight of the biennial Community Needs Assessment. These programs serve to remove barriers from low-income families seeking crisis stabilization services, provides opportunities for equitable access to health resources, and reduces the demand on other County and community services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$1,775,000 in FY 2025-26, costs and revenue of approximately \$3,550,000 in FY 2026-27 and cost and revenue of \$1,775,000 in FY 2027-28. The funding source is the Community Services Block Grant from the California Department of Community Services and Development. Funds for subsequent years will be included in future Operational Plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

State of California)

County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed

by Andrew Potter