



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: March 17, 2015

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS (DISTRICTS: 2 AND 3)

Overview

Funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program was included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 CAO Adopted Operational Plan in order to further public purposes throughout San Diego County. Today's action will provide funds to the Alzheimer's Association, San Diego/Imperial Chapter for Alzheimer's disease drug diagnostic screening projects.

Recommendation(s)

VICE-CHAIRMAN DAVE ROBERTS AND SUPERVISOR DIANNE JACOB

1. Allocate \$50,000 from the District Two Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15655) and \$50,000 from the District Three Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15660) to the Alzheimer's Association, San Diego/Imperial Chapter for the Collaboration 4 Cure San Diego research fund for Alzheimer's disease drug diagnostic screening projects.
2. Authorize the Chief Financial Officer to execute a grant agreement with the organization above establishing the terms for receipt of the funds and to make minor amendments to the agreement that are consistent with the general purpose of the grant but do not increase the grant.
3. Find that these grant awards have a public purpose.
4. Waive Board Policy B-72 with respect to the purposes for which grants may be made.

Fiscal Impact

The combined total cost of this project is \$100,000. Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 CAO Adopted Operational Plan for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15655 and Org 15660). The funding source is General Fund balance. This action will result in the addition of no new staff years and no future costs.

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Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

Background

On December 2, 2014, the County Board of Supervisors held a board conference, received a presentation and adopted The Alzheimer’s Project: A Call to Arms report recommendations. A key recommendation from the Cure Roundtable called for the establishment of a local research fund. With leadership from technical and oversight committees, the Collaboration 4 Cure (C4C) local research funding program, administered by the Alzheimer’s Association, San Diego/Imperial Chapter, would provide seed money for potentially ground-breaking Alzheimer’s disease drug research ideas to move forward through the drug discovery process.

The unprecedented Alzheimer’s Project collaboration between the County of San Diego, City of San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, Alzheimer’s Association, Scripps Research Institute, Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, University of California, San Diego, and the Salk Institute has created a flagship funding program with the goal of raising \$7 million. The purpose of this research funding program is to support the 5-year mission to catalyze drug discovery to find an effective treatment and cure for Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. The personal and public costs associated with Alzheimer’s disease can be substantial. Finding an effective treatment and cure for the disease is in the public interest because it would reduce the substantial public cost associated with treating and caring for persons suffering from Alzheimer’s disease.

Board Policy B-72 establishes requirements for the allocation of Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP) funds to projects that serve a public interest. The Policy allows for funding of real property acquisition, purchase of goods, computer software acquisition and other identified items by government agencies and non-profit corporations. While the allocation of NRP funds to the Alzheimer’s Project may well be within the scope of the Policy if funds are limited to uses defined in the Policy, this could create an increased administrative burden for the grant recipient and undermine the utility of the grant. Today’s allocations of \$100,000 will fund approved Alzheimer’s disease diagnostic screening projects and will waive Board Policy B-72 with respect to the purposes for which grants may be made.

Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

These grants provide an opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to assist organizations that support the County’s vision of a region that is safe, healthy, and thriving.

Respectfully submitted,

VICE-CHAIRMAN DAVE ROBERTS
Supervisor, Third District

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

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ATTACHMENT(S)
N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
Board Policy B-72

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Vice-Chairman Dave Roberts and Supervisor Dianne Jacob

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