

AGENDA ITEM 10
SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

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Subject

Development of a Countywide Nonprofit Capacity – Building Strategic Plan

Recommendations

Receive information regarding the San Bernardino Countywide Nonprofit Capacity – Building Strategic Plan.
(Affected Districts: All)
(Presenter: Cindy Faulkner, Operations Manager 387-1504)

Background Information

Last year a James Irvine Foundation report was presented to the Board of Supervisors. This report stated that foundation support for nonprofits in San Bernardino County is only \$3.00 per capita compared to \$119.00 per capita throughout the rest of California.

In response to this finding, on March 27, 2012 the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with the Community Foundation for a wide range of technical support services in an effort to improve the ability of nonprofit agencies to raise funds through foundation support, grant-writing and other capacity building strategies.

Through this contract, the Community Foundation has partnered with the San Bernardino Capacity Building Consortium to assess a number of issues facing the nonprofit sector including the lack of funding for the sector, infrastructure challenges and the potential of less funding from County of San Bernardino (County) departments due to reduced budgets. As a result of this partnership, the Community Foundation has asked the San Bernardino Capacity Building Consortium to be the lead entity in spearheading the development of a Capacity Building Strategic Plan.

First 5 is an active member of the County Consortium and supports capacity building of San Bernardino's nonprofits through the First 5 Capacity Building Academy. First 5 is also serving on the County's Consortium Capacity Building Strategic Planning Committee.

The County's Capacity Building Strategic Plan is anticipated to be completed by January 2013 and will include the following components:

- Development of a nonprofit capacity building strategic plan to increase funding from outside the county and improve the support network and infrastructure of nonprofits;
- Training forums for the Boards of Directors of specified nonprofit organizations within each supervisorial district;
- Two series of in-depth grant development training sessions for nonprofit staff and volunteers;
- Professional fundraising and grant writing consultation and technical assistance for participating nonprofit agencies.

In addition to the strategic planning activities, the Consortium and First 5 are working with consultants to develop a Nonprofit Economic Impact Report. This report will document the contributions of nonprofits to the economic health and social well-being of the County and its citizens through employment, tax revenue generation from inside and outside the county, purchasing power, service provisions and volunteer engagement.

The Consortium will utilize this report to engage key decision-makers in their planning processes, policy development, service design, and budgetary decisions in an effort to develop the capacity of local nonprofits and motivate legislators/policy makers to advocate on behalf of nonprofits in securing outside funding streams.

Dissemination of the Capacity Building Strategic Plan and the Nonprofit Economic Impact Report will increase awareness about the vital role the nonprofit sector plays in the economic and social health of the County – as an economic driver creating jobs, strengthening families, helping children and youth become successful, building community and improving the quality of life in San Bernardino County.

First 5 will continue to be involved with building capacity amongst nonprofits and will provide periodic reports to the Commission on the progress of the County's Capacity Building Strategic Plan.

Financial Impact

None

Review

Regina Coleman, Commission Counsel

Report on Action as taken
Action:
Moved: _____ Second: _____
In Favor:
Opposed:
Abstained:
Comments: _____
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