

Budget Hearings Board Inquiry Form

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Request/Question: Please clarify the funding request from Casa Esperanza and how much we currently fund.

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Response:

As part of the requests from outside agencies for fiscal year 14/15 Casa Esperanza originally requested \$380,000 from the County in order to is continuing work to stabilize their funding and service delivery. For fiscal year 14/15 it is estimated that the County of Barbara will provide over \$480,000 in funding to Casa Esperanza through compensation for bed days contracted by various departments as well as shelter monies derived from Housing and Community Development.

In conversations with Mr. Bob Bogel and Mr. Rob Person, it is understood that Casa will revise the FY 14/15 budget request downward to \$200,000 at the June 11, 2014 hearing.

The City of Santa Barbara allocated an additional \$125,000 to Casa during their budget hearings. However, only \$60,000 was set for distribution as of July 1. The remainder is to be considered later in the fiscal year.

In a recent meeting with the City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara and Casa Esperanza, County staff continued to express concern regarding the multiple changes to the Casa budget and lack of definitive documentation on costs and resulting bed rates. It was determined that City staff and County staff would work in concert with Casa to better understand their fiscal outlook, budgeting and rate structure so that appropriate reasoned recommendations could be made to the respective governing bodies. Additional time is needed for these conversations to occur.