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Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Recommendation of Supervisor Bennett to direct the CEO to make a one-time contribution of \$100,000 from unexpended year-end appropriations for fiscal year 2012/2013 to the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura, Saticoy Club for its new construction project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct the CEO to make a one-time contribution of \$100,000 from unexpended year-end appropriations for fiscal year 2012/2013 to the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura, Saticoy Club for its new construction project in order to bring the County support for clubhouse construction back to the level previously approved by the Board.

DISCUSSION:

Our Board previously approved \$400,000 of one time General Fund dollars and \$300,000 in CDBG funding to the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura toward the construction of the Saticoy Boys & Girls Club, serving hundreds of youth. It was necessary for the Club to return the CDBG portion of those funds due to the high cost of complying with federal guidelines associated with the CDBG grant.

Providing \$100,000 in funding this year toward the construction for the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura facility in Saticoy will help restore the Board's commitment to funding of the Saticoy Boys and Girls Club. Since the CEO's Office has projected sufficient unexpended appropriations for the current fiscal year (FY 2012/13), I request that the Board approve this funding to help replace some of the Club's lost CDBG funds (which were used to complete a County project in Piru) by using funds from this year's unexpended appropriations.

At our May 7, 2013 Board meeting there was significant discussion about the need for programs to deal with rehabilitation of criminals. Helping young people, at risk of gang involvement, find alternatives that help them avoid becoming involved in gangs and violence



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and lead productive lives should be the basis for starting such efforts. Study after study has demonstrated the effectiveness of Boys & Girls Club programs, including an almost 100% high school graduation rate and 0% teen pregnancy. The program provides a safe, supportive environment for youth with an emphasis on education and healthy living. The results are healthy and productive citizens who bring social and economic benefits back to our community. Assuring that the youth of Saticoy get a good start on their young lives will pay long term dividends for both them and our community.

I hope you will join me in supporting this effort to restore the previously-approved funding to the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura for their Saticoy facility. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Bennett".

Steve Bennett
Supervisor, First District