



# City of San Marcos

## Meeting Human Services Advisory Board September 21, 2023, at 6:00 pm

### Attend in person

San Marcos City Hall Complex – Building 4  
630 E Hopkins Street  
San Marcos, Texas

or

### Attend virtually online

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or

### Join by Telephone

Dial 346 248 7799

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***The presiding officer for this meeting will be present at the meeting location described above.***

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Note: The weekly Board Packet usually only contains the Agenda and Minutes because all program applications were provided to the Board at the beginning of the review cycle. All information that has been provided to the Board is on the HSAB webpage:

<https://sanmarcostx.gov/HSAB>

**I. Call To Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Citizen Comment Period:**

*Each speaker will be provided up to three minutes to speak.*

**IV. MINUTES**

1. Minutes are not yet available for the September 7, 2023 and September 14, 2023 meetings.

## **V. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Receive a five minute presentation by the following applicant agencies for each program for which an agency has applied for Human Services Grant funding. Each presentation will be followed by a ten minute question and answer session between board members and the agency regarding the program or application.
  - a. Hays County Food Bank - General Operations
  - b. Hays-Caldwell Women's Center - Non-Residential Family Violence and Transitional Housing Program
  - c. Hays-Caldwell Women's Center - Roxanne's House (Child Abuse Program)
  - d. Hays-Caldwell Women's Center - Sexual Assault Program
  - e. San Marcos Youth Services Bureau - Facilities Grant

## **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Hold discussion among board members on programs, agencies, and applications for the purpose of clarification, comparison, evaluation, and assessment.

## **VII. REPORTS**

1. Receive updates from board members on activities since the last meeting.

## **VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Board Members may provide requests for discussion items for a future agenda in accordance with the board's approved bylaws. *No further discussion will be held related to topics proposed until they are posted on a future agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.*

## **IX. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PRESS AND PUBLIC.**

*This is an opportunity for the Press and Public to ask questions related to items on this agenda.*

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Notice of Assistance at the Public Meetings**

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**For more information on the Human Services Advisory Board**, please contact Carol Griffith, Housing and Community Development Manager, 512-393-8147, [cgriffith@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto:cgriffith@sanmarcostx.gov)



# MEMO

**TO:** Human Services Advisory Board  
**FROM:** Carol Griffith, Housing and Community Development Manager – Planning and Development Services  
**DATE:** September 14, 2023  
**RE:** CASA Revised Request for Funding

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Dear Board Members,

Initially Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) requested \$60,000 in funding in the FY 2024 application. In their presentation to the Board on September 7, 2023, Nicole Solis-Douglass, Director of Development, requested that the request be reduced to \$25,000 since \$35,000 had been received through the Community Development Block Grant for FY 2024.

Since that date, Ms. Douglass and Norma Castilla-Blackwell, Chief Executive Officer, have reviewed their financials and found that reducing their initial request to \$35,000 would actually be more appropriate due to the projected number of children they expect to serve. Ms. Blackwell has submitted the attached letter to the Board explaining the need for the change.

Also attached is the funding request table, revised to show the change in CASA's request from \$60,000 to \$35,000.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Amendment Letter CASA.pdf
- 17b\_AgencyList.pdf



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September 13, 2022  
Human Services Advisory Board  
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[cdbg@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto:cdbg@sanmarcostx.gov)

Dear HSAB,

Thank you for your time and consideration of our FY2024 Human Services Funding Application. We hope that our recent presentation aided in illustrating our funding request and the need of your continued support.

Since our presentation, our Chief Program Officer has revised the projected number of San Marcos children that we hope to serve. At the time of our application and presentation, we requested \$60,000 and projected serving 135 children. We now estimate serving 155 children. With this adjustment along with our CDBG funding of \$35,000, we identify a real need of at least \$30,000 in Human Services funding so that we may recruit, train, and support community volunteers as Guardian ad Litem advocates for the children.

Without at least \$30,000 in Human Services funding, there will be approximately 89 children who will be left without the voice of a trained volunteer to advocate for their medical, mental health, education, housing and long-term permanency needs. As you know, funding from the City of San Marcos is leveraged with outside funding received by CASA of Central Texas so that more children are able to receive our critical services. CASA has seen increases in expenses especially in utilities and mileage. San Marcos is growing and we are striving to grow alongside in effort to meet community needs.

Whether from the CDBG pool of funds or the HS pool, our objective is to maintain at least the same level of service for San Marcos and restore COSM funding to previously received totals.

We greatly appreciate your reconsideration to recommend \$35,000 in Human Services funding support for Court Appointed Special Advocates – CASA of Central Texas.

Kindly,

Norma Blackwell (Sep 13, 2023 15:10 CDT)

Norma C. Blackwell  
Chief Executive Officer

**Applications for FY2023 Funding (to be spent Calendar Year 2024)**

<b>Presentation Order</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Min Needed</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Program</b>
1	\$15,000	\$10,000	Greater San Marcos Youth Council	Children's Shelter
2	\$53,000	\$40,000	Greater San Marcos Youth Council	Family and Youth Success (FAYS)
3	\$5,000	\$3,000	Nostros la Gente	Coats Program
4	\$10,000	\$5,000	Nostros la Gente	"Viva Zapatos" Shoe Drive
5	\$35,000	\$30,000	Court Appointed Special Advocates	Advocacy for Abused and Neglected Children in San Marcos
6	\$10,000	\$0	Habitat for Humanity	Housing Counseling
7	\$20,000	\$18,000	Community Action of Central Texas	San Marcos Senior Citizen Center
8	\$20,000	\$10,000	Price Center	Healthy Living Programming
9	\$25,000	\$0	Society of St Vincent de Paul	Emergency services to the Poor and Needy in the San Marcos Area
10	\$70,000	\$0	Seek Institute	Community Wellness Initiative
11	\$80,000	\$80,000	Hays County Food Bank	General Operations
12	\$62,500	\$62,500	Hays-Caldwell Women's Center	Non-Residential Family Violence and Transitional Housing Program
13	\$31,250	\$31,250	Hays-Caldwell Women's Center	Roxanne's House (Child Abuse Program)
14	\$25,000	\$25,000	Hays-Caldwell Women's Center	Sexual Assault Program
15	\$39,400	\$22,500	SM Youth Services Bureau	Facilities Grant
16	\$25,000	\$15,000	Hays County Child Protective Board	Hays County Child Protective Board
17	\$34,500	\$34,500	School Fuel	Weekend Food for Hungry Children in the SMCISD
18	\$115,172	\$107,095	Hill Country MHDD Centers	Mobile Crisis Outreach Team
19	\$12,000	\$10,000	Communities in Schools	Mental Health and Wellness Counseling Team
20	\$30,000	\$24,000	ACCEYSS Network	ACCEYSS STEEAAM Program
21	\$41,500	\$35,000	BCL of Texas	Homebuyer & Financial Empowerment Development Program
22	\$30,000	\$30,000	Any Baby Can	Early Childhood Intervention (ECI)
23	\$50,000	\$24,000	Outsiders Anonymous	Outsider Peer Program
24	\$15,000	\$7,500	Cenikor	Prevention of Substance Use
25	\$15,000	\$7,500	Cenikor	Youth Recovery Community
26	\$38,000	\$17,800	HOME Center	San Marcos General Assistance Program Bridge
27	\$15,000	\$10,000	Combined Community Action	Meals on Wheels Rural Capital Area
28	\$70,000	\$50,000	Southside	Specific Assistance, Shelter, Case Management
29	\$45,000	\$0	Prevent A Litter (PALS)	Helping Underserved People for a Healthy Community
30	\$5,000	\$3,000	Bobcat Pride Scholarship Fund	Jeremy O. Torres Emergency Stabilization Fund (JOTESF)
31	\$16,000	\$8,250	Centro Esperanza	Overhead Costs Needs Fulfillment
32	\$15,000	\$0	SM Consolidated ISD	School Age Parenting Program
33	\$325,000	\$97,000	Boys and Girls Club	Texas Preparatory School-San Marcos
34	\$20,000	\$20,000	Girls Empowerment Network	Girl Connect
	\$1,418,322	\$837,895		