FY 2021-22 Budget Workshop Board Inquiry Form

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Request/Question:
How much funding would be required for a study of options available to the County to develop employee housing – such as looking at similar projects by Cottage Hospital and UCSB Faculty and Staff Housing and others to determine costs and revenues that can be used and to make recommendations for how to move such an initiative forward.

At a high level, the development of an employee housing program would consist of:

- Conducting an assessment to identify and quantify the need for an employee housing program
- Identifying the target current and/or prospective employee population
- Evaluating similar local employer programs or those developed by other counties
- Assessing potential county-owned or privately-owned locations, taking into consideration:
  - Geographic dispersion within the County
  - Consistency with existing zoning and land-use restrictions
  - Competing needs for county-owned sites
- Develop project options for the Board’s consideration that consist of different:
  - Levels of housing density
  - Mix of multi-family and single-family housing
  - Project size and scope
- Identify project delivery models, including at a minimum:
  - Public-Private partnership
  - Housing Authority
  - County-developed
- Performing a thorough cost and revenue analysis for the various options

Impacted departments:
- Community Services
- Planning
- General Services
- Human Resources

Expected cost: $195,000 to $245,000