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## Hutton, Santa Barbara foundations mount joint funding effort

The Hutton Foundation and the Santa Barbara Foundation have formed a strategic funding partnership designed to maximize benefits for the local nonprofit sector.

As of April 1, all Standard Grant Program requests received by Hutton Foundation will be redirected to the Santa Barbara Foundation's Mini and Impact Grant programs for consideration and processing. The arrangement allows the Hutton Foundation to reduce its administrative costs and maintain or surpass the same level of support to the nonprofit community. Hutton Foundation Executive Director Pam Hamlin will serve on the combined grant-making committee to ensure a smooth transition, according to a release.

Hutton Foundation will continue to fund the programs that are focused on their core competencies, like the building acquisition and tenant management program, program-related Investments and media and marketing grant opportunities.

"This is a collaboration of two outstanding organizations, with the ultimate beneficiary being the nonprofit community," said Hutton Foundation President Tom Parker. "In these tight economic times, it's about doing business smarter and scaling back on some things so we can give more on others. Under this new model, we will use the experienced leadership of both foundations to make effective countywide community funding decisions, and save considerable administrative dollars that can otherwise go to nonprofit grant-making."

Said Ron Gallo, president and CEO of the Santa Barbara Foundation, "We are honored to help steward the Hutton Foundation's legacy to sustain the nonprofit sector and their important role in our communities. The Santa Barbara and Hutton foundations have been partners for 15 years with similar grant-making priorities: Creating solution oriented partnerships and sharing knowledge only further enables us to positively impact the county's most pressing needs. This collaboration is community philanthropy at its best."

— Staff report