



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Housing & Community
Development
Department No.: 055
For Agenda Of: 5/25/2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium and CDBG Urban County Partnership
Final 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and 2010 Annual Action Plan

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a.) Adopt a Resolution (Attachment A), authorizing submittal of the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium and Urban County Partnership 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan (Attachment B), a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-required five-year strategic planning document articulating the partnerships' priorities, goals and objectives for allocation and expenditure of HUD entitlement funding over the next five years, and 2010 Annual Action Plan (Attachment C), which represents the grant application for the first operating year of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan.

Summary

The recommended Board action authorizes the CEO, or his designee, to execute the required documents necessary for submittal of the respective plans and allows the County partnerships to realize federal CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding. The 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan is a mandated five-year strategic planning document, in the form of a federal grant application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), that describes the goals, priorities and objectives of the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium and CDBG Urban County Partnership for three federal entitlement grant programs provided to the County:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG),

- HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), and the
- Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG).

Submittal of the Consolidated Plan is a federal requirement that allows the region to maintain eligibility for approximately \$20 million in funding over the applicable five-year period. As lead agency under the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium and CDBG Urban County Partnership, the County is responsible for the development and submittal of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan on behalf of its six partner cities, which include Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Solvang.

Background:

At its May 11, 2010 public hearing, the Board of Supervisors received a report from the County Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) staff regarding the CDBG Urban County Partnership and HOME Consortium 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and 2010 Annual Action Plan. The meeting was continued to a Monday, May 17, special hearing, at which staff presented additional information related to project review criteria. Specifically, the discussion focused on project eligibility, project readiness and the expectations associated with applicant administrative capacity. Following this presentation, the Board selected the final projects to be funded and included in the 2010 Annual Action Plan. The Board also provided additional comments regarding the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan.

Since the May17, 2010 hearing, staff has incorporated the Board final project choices and funding recommendations into the 2010 Annual Action Plan. Staff has also incorporated Board comments and recommendations related to the draft 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan prior to final submittal to HUD. Although reflected in the 2010 Annual Action Plan, final proposed allocation of CDBG capital funding has also been summarized in a table as Attachment D.

Submittal of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan are not projects subject to NEPA or CEQA because it is a preliminary mechanism for funding proposed projects that may be modified or not implemented depending on a number of factors including environmental review.

Performance Measure:

Safe and Healthy Families: Housing for all Segments of the Population; Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents; and Strengthen the Safety and Well-Being of Children and Their Families to Ensure a Strong Future for our Community.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

| <u>Funding Sources</u> | <u>Current FY Cost:</u> | <u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u> | <u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|
| General Fund | | | |
| State | | | |
| Federal | | | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

Fiscal Analysis:

Funds under the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs are restricted federal entitlements that are administered by the County and obligated to a variety of community-based organizations that provide housing-related activities (HOME), community development projects, programs, and human services (CDBG), and homeless services and shelters (ESG). 10% of HOME funds, 20% of CDBG funds, and 2.5% of ESG funds are retained by the County to partially cover the costs of administration, program compliance, applicant monitoring and evaluation, as well as federal reporting. Adoption of this document is required for the county to maintain eligibility for approximately \$20 million in funding across the region over the 2010-15 operating period. The \$20 million is leveraged by program partners to produce a total of \$120 million dedicated to eligible community development programs across the region.

Since becoming a CDBG Urban County entitlement jurisdiction in 2007, HCD's programmatic, financial, regulatory, and oversight responsibilities have increased considerably. During that same period, Federal requirements have also increased, yet administrative allowances have remained static or decreased. As noted during the budget workshop hearings on March 16, 2010, and during the staff presentation on May 17, 2010, HCD uses \$371,741 of County General Fund to support ongoing costs associated with managing these federal awards. HCD will continue to explore efficiencies to decrease the spending gap needed to properly maintain federal entitlement relationships.

Attachments:

- A. Authorizing Resolution
- B. 2010-2015 Final Consolidated Plan
- C. 2010 Annual Action Plan
- D. County CDBG Capital Projects Funding Allocation Table

Authored by:

HCD Staff