



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Housing & Com Dev  
Department No.: 055  
For Agenda Of: 4/12/2011  
Placement: Set Hearing  
Estimated Tme: 30 minutes on 4/19/11  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Sharon Friedrichsen, 568-2068  
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Senior Housing Programs Specialist  
**SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium and CDBG Urban County Partnership  
Draft 2011 Action Plan**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for April 19, 2011 to:

- a. Receive a staff report on the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium and CDBG Urban County Partnership draft 2011 Action Plan and the annual Notice of Funding Availability process, including recommendations for award of HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) funding.
- b. Direct staff to finalize the 2011 Action Plan, including the final funding awards under the HOME, CDBG and ESG programs, and return to the Board on May 10 for consideration of approval for final submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**Summary Text:**

The 2011 Action Plan serves as the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium<sup>1</sup> and CDBG Urban County Partnership<sup>2</sup> operating plan for receipt and expenditure of federal entitlement funding provided to the County by HUD under three programs:

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<sup>1</sup>Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium is a partnership dating back to 1994 that includes the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Solvang, along with the County.

<sup>2</sup> Santa Barbara Urban County Partnership is a partnership created in 2007 under the CDBG program, which includes the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Lompoc and Solvang, along with the County.

- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (affordable housing funds)
- Community Development Block Grant (community projects and services funds)
- Emergency Shelter Grants (homeless shelter and services funds)

The 2011 Action Plan represents the County's formal federal grant application to HUD for the 2011 program year. The Action Plan is a component of and annual update to the Consolidated Plan, a mandated 5-year strategic planning document reflecting the goals, priorities, objectives and performance measures of the HOME Consortium and CDBG Urban County. The Action Plan outlines and discusses the County's operating plan for the 2011 program year, including program specific requirements, and details the partnerships' 2011 allocations<sup>3</sup> and proposed use of funds to further the federal and local affordable housing and community development goals and objectives articulated in the Consolidated Plan. The development, approval and implementation of the Action Plan is required under HUD community development entitlement funding programs, and must be submitted annually in order to maintain eligibility for this grant funding.

The departmental item on April 19, 2011 will describe the 2011 funding process, including funding reservations made by the Capital Loan Committee and Public Services Committee. All funding reservations made by the review committees will be incorporated into the draft Action Plan, which will be considered by the Board of Supervisors during the April 19, 2011 hearing. The Action Plan and corresponding funding reservations are subject to Board approval.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: Funds are passed through to organizations providing affordable housing and housing-related activities (HOME), community development projects and programs (CDBG), and homeless services and shelters (ESG). The County retains 10% of HOME funds for grant administration and an additional 5% for program/project implementation expenses, 20% of CDBG funds for administration and 2.5% of ESG funds for administration. Adoption of this document is required for the county to maintain eligibility for \$4 million in annual grant funding across the region.

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<sup>3</sup> All allocations included in the draft Action Plan are estimates based on the 2010 allocations, as congress has not yet adopted a budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year.