

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 8/4/03  
**Department Name:** Housing and Community  
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**Department No.:** 055  
**Agenda Date:** 8/26/03  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:** None  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Edward Moses, Director  
Housing & Community Development Department

**STAFF**

**CONTACT:** Patricia Gabel, #3522

**SUBJECT:** Renewal of HOME Consortium Subrecipient Agreements

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**Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the renewal of the City of Lompoc and the City of Santa Maria Subrecipient Agreements that implement the *Cooperative Agreement to Renew a HOME Consortium*.
- B. Designate the Housing and Community Development Director to execute the City of Lompoc and the City of Santa Maria Subrecipient Agreements on behalf of the County consistent with the terms and conditions detailed in the *Cooperative Agreement to Renew a HOME Consortium*

**Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goals No. 5. and No. 7. 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.

**Executive Summary and Discussion:**

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003 the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution authorizing the County to enter into the amended *Cooperative Agreement to Renew a HOME Consortium* between the County of Santa Barbara and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Solvang. The renewal continues the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium initiated in 1994 ongoing from the 2004 federal fiscal year starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003.

The Consortium allows the County to receive annual affordable housing grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The HOME Program funds are used to produce and preserve affordable housing opportunities for low and very low – income families. The Consortium has received approximately \$11.5 million in HOME funds over its initial nine years in operation and utilized these funds to leverage additional state, federal and private housing funds at \$5 for every \$1 invested. Annual grant awards depend upon Congressional appropriations levels.

As lead agency for the Consortium, the County provides General HUD HOME Program administration, administers the First – Time Homebuyer Program, and administers the annual Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) process for the cities of Buellton, Solvang, Carpinteria and Goleta. The Subrecipient Agreements with the Cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria passes through responsibilities for administering the annual NOFA process for each city’s formula allocation of HOME funds; receipt, reporting and transfer of program income to the County from funded projects; and other related activities to the cities for their own jurisdictions. There are no financial terms to this Agreement. All funds remain with the County as HOME Program administrator.

The attached Agreements renew that relationship ongoing from Federal fiscal year 2004 starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003. The Subordination Agreement can be amended as required at the request of either the County of the subject City.

Both the Cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria are Community Development Block Grant Entitlement jurisdictions. As such, they already have in place the systems required to implement these activities. Lompoc and Santa Maria Subrecipient Agreements passing through these responsibilities were negotiated as part of the original implementing Consortium Agreement in 1994.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Housing Finance and Development’s program is not mandated; however, acceptance of federal HOME funds to carry out affordable housing activities requires the County to comply with the conditions attached to those funds. There is no change in service levels anticipated by the approval of this grant.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Each of the three Santa Maria Subrecipient Agreements and the three Lompoc Subrecipient Agreements requires three original signatures. Please call Lisa Snider ext. 3520 for pick up of two originals of each Agreement. HCD will forward one set of originals to Santa Maria and Lompoc and one is kept in the Consortium administration files.

**Concurrence:**

Auditor Controller  
Risk Management