



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Housing and
Community
Development
Department No.: 055
For Agenda Of: 7/17/07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Name & Phone
Director(s) John Torell, Housing and Community Development Director x 3520
Contact Info: Name & Phone
Patricia Gabel, Housing Finance Manager x 3522
SUBJECT: Amendment to Loan Agreement for CHANCE, Inc.'s Disabled Move-In Costs Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve amending an existing Loan Agreement (Attachment 1), with the Coalition of Housing Accessibility, Needs, Choices and Equality, CHANCE, Inc., to allocate \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Program Income funds and extend the term of the Loan Agreement to December 31st, 2009, for continued implementation of the Disabled Move-In Costs Program.

Summary Text:

At its October 17, 2005 public meeting, the Board of Supervisors took action adopting amendments to the county's CDBG Program Income Reuse Plan. The amendments allowed the Housing and Community Development Department to reuse a portion of the CDBG Program Income to fund implementation of a program under the sponsorship of CHANCE, Incorporated. CHANCE, Inc.'s Disabled Move-In Costs Program provides financial assistance to disabled individuals and households for costs associated with acquiring rental housing. Today's recommended Board action would allocate an additional \$100,000 in CDBG Program Income to CHANCE, Inc., for continued implementation of the program through December 31st, 2009, or until program funding is exhausted.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Background:

Based on its extensive experience in working with the disabled community throughout Santa Barbara County, CHANCE, Inc. identified a lack of financial resources as a significant barrier to disabled person's ability to acquire rental housing. In response to this, CHANCE, Inc. developed a program providing financial assistance with rental and security deposits that would enhance and improve their housing choice options. The Disabled Move-In Costs Program filled a needed gap and was implemented by CHANCE, Inc., using its own limited financial resources.

In December 2006, Santa Barbara County provided additional resources to the Disabled Move-In Costs Program by entering into a \$50,000 Loan Agreement with CHANCE, Inc. The funding for the program was made available through CDBG Program Income, pursuant to the April 2005 county-approved amendments to its CDBG Program Income Reuse Plan. Currently this contract remains in effect and program implementation and service delivery continues. Since implementation in May 2006, the program has assisted twenty-six (26) households with rental subsidies: half have been single-person households and half have been families. The average level of assistance per-household has been on the order of \$1,400.00. Seven (7) additional loans are currently in process, and the remaining program funds in the amount of \$10,800 will likely be committed to these households.

Pursuant to Santa Barbara County's Housing and Community Development Department's 2007 Notice of Funding Availability, CHANCE, Inc., submitted a funding application request in the amount of \$100,000 for continuation and expansion of the Disabled Move-In Costs program. Upon review of the application and a presentation articulating the success and continued need for the program and services by CHANCE, Inc.'s Executive Director, at its March 8, 2007 funding application review meeting, the county's Affordable Housing Loan Committee recommended allocating \$100,000 in CDBG Program Income to the Disabled Move-In Costs Program. Through approval of the Amendments to the existing Loan Agreement, today's board action serves to authorize the commitment of the CDBG funding,

Performance Measure:

Safe and Healthy Families: Housing for all Segments of the Population.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

The CDBG Program income Reuse Plan allows for program expenditures consistent with CHANCE, Inc's Disabled Move-In Costs Program. Currently, the CDBG Program Income funding account has an available balance of \$276,000. Therefore, sufficient funding is available for allocation for the program's continuation through December 2009, or until the \$100,000 in funding is expended, whichever occurs first.

Staffing Impacts: None

Special Instructions:

Execute three (3) original copies of the Amendment to Loan Agreement and contact Miriam Gallardo at ext. 3529 to pick up two (2) copies.

Attachments: Attachment 1 - Amendment to Loan Agreement with CHANCE, Inc. (3 copies)

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