



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: 05/05/2009
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department John McInnes, 568-3552
Director
Contact Info: Carlos Jimenez, Division Manager, 568-3523
SUBJECT: Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan for the
Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the County Executive Officer to execute and submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development a Substantial Amendment to Santa Barbara County's Consolidated Plan's 2008-09 Action Plan (Attachment A) and associated documentation supporting the submittal and approval of the Substantial Amendment.

Summary Text:

The Obama administration has allocated \$829,013 to Santa Barbara County for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program activities under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that all jurisdictions receiving an allocation through this program prepare a Substantial Amendment to their Consolidated Plan 2008-09 Action Plan.

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors approved its Consolidated Plan 2008-09 Action Plan in May of 2008. The Board's approval of the attached Substantial Amendment will authorize the County Executive Officer to update the Consolidated Plan 2008-09 Action Plan in order to facilitate the use of this new source of funds for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing activities.

Background:

On March 19th, 2009, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a Notice of Allocations, Procedures, and Requirements for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program Grantees. This notice includes program specifics such as activities eligible for funding, a timeline with critical dates, regulations regarding the administration of funds, reporting requirements, and other federal overlays.

The first step in the process is the approval of the attached Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008-09 Action Plan, which must be completed by May 17, 2009. The Substantial Amendment has been available for public comment since April 12th. Public notices regarding the availability of the document for public comments were published in the Santa Maria Times and Santa Barbara Newspress.

In general, the Notice requires that grantees respond to the following questions:

1. How will Santa Barbara County follow its Citizen Participation Plan during the Substantial Amendment process?
2. What public comments did the County receive during the public review period?
3. What process will the County utilize to allocate funds to organizations providing services and ensure effective and timely use of the funds?
4. How will the County collaborate with other organizations implementing federal stimulus dollars?
5. How will the County collaborate with other organizations which currently plan for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing activities?

Answers to each of these questions and other significant information can be found in the attached proposed Substantial Amendment. HUD will respond with approval or comments within 60 days of the County's submittal of the Substantial Amendment.

Housing and Community Development staff is currently conducting public outreach efforts to inform the process of selecting local agencies which could potentially carry out activities eligible for funding through this program. Staff expects to release a formal Notice of Funds Available in July, 2009, so that contracts can be awarded by the end of September in concurrence with HUD's stated timeline.

Performance Measure:

Housing Opportunities for all Segments of the Population

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

A budget revision in the amount of \$829,013 will be prepared for Board consideration once HUD has approved the Substantial Amendment and provided the County a grant agreement for this program.

Fiscal Analysis:

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing program allows for a maximum of 5% of funds (\$41,012) to be used for administrative purposes. Program regulations also mandate that the County share these administrative funds with subgrantees. Since administrative funds are normally split 50/50, County HCD expects to receive \$20,506 over three years to offset a portion of the administrative costs associated with facilitating this new program.

Staffing Impacts:

None.

Special Instructions:

Execute three original copies of Exhibits A, B, C and D and retain one copy of each at the Clerk of the Board. Please call extension 1090 when remaining two copies of each are ready for pickup.

Attachments:

Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan 2008 Action Plan (Exhibit A)
Form SF-424 (Exhibit B)
General Consolidated Plan Certification (Exhibit C)
Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Certification (Exhibit D).

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