



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: HCD
Department No.: 055
For Agenda Of: 12/4/07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: None
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Housing and Community Development
Director John Torell, CPA x3520
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SUBJECT: Budget Appropriation for Federal Community Development Block Grant Award

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize a budget appropriation to provide for the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award in CDBG Federal (Fund 0064) for \$2,074,256.

Summary Text:

Approval of this budget appropriation will allow for the disbursement of grant funds for projects and programs already approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 22, 2007. Previous Board action and approval by HUD enables the County to receive Federal CDBG funds.

The projects that will be funded through this disbursement were all included in the CDBG Annual Action Plan to HUD that is approved by the Board of Supervisors each year and is consistent with the strategies, goals and priority needs articulated in the Board-approved CDBG Consolidated Plan. Attachment A lists CDBG projects and programs by partner jurisdiction. (Cities of Buellton and Solvang are not included in Attachment A, because these jurisdictions elected to defer their 2007 CDBG award to a future year.) Attachment B is the budget revision necessary to establish the appropriation and distribute funds to the partner jurisdictions/approved projects.

Background:

On May 22, 2007, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution approving the Santa Barbara Entitlement County 2007-2010 Consolidated Plan and 2007 Action Plan for submittal to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive Federal CDBG funds. (The

Consolidated Plan identified funding priorities and the Action Plan identified projects for funding for 2007-2008.) The CDBG Entitlement County consists of the County and its partner cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Lompoc and Solvang.

County HCD administers the federal CDBG Program on behalf of the County and its partner jurisdictions. Once your Board approves staff recommendations for awards of funds for capital projects and human service programs, the County then requests the disbursement of funds from HUD. A budget appropriation is necessary to receive and disburse these CDBG funds.

On September 4, 2007, the Board of Supervisors authorized the HCD Director to execute subrecipient agreements in order to pass through federal funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to human service agencies receiving CDBG funds. On September 18, 2007 the Board authorized HCD to pass through funds to the City of Lompoc for city CDBG projects and programs.

With approval of this final budget action, all requests for reimbursement of eligible project and program costs can now be drawn down from HUD and disbursed as required.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

Previous Board Action and approval by HUD enables the County to receive Federal CDBG funds. The Housing Finance budget can be found on pages D250 & D251 of the current fiscal year County Budget. See Attachment A for the detailed list of projects by jurisdiction along with their allocation of grant funds.

Staffing Impacts: None

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments: Attachment A – List of CDBG Projects by Awarding Jurisdictions
Attachment B – Budget Revision

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