

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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## Agenda Number:

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Grant Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development

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## Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt a resolution approving the submittal of a \$75,000 grant to the Department of Housing and Community Development Downtown Rebound Planning Grant Program to fund a County Workforce Housing Program.

## Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 4: A Community that is Economically Vital and Sustainable; and Goal No. 5: A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

## Executive Summary and Discussion:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development, issued a request for grant applications for its 2001 Downtown Rebound Planning Grant (DRPG) Program on January 9, 2001. The purpose of this program is to facilitate the development of infill housing and the updating of general plans and zoning ordinances to encourage adaptive reuse, higher density residential development, mixed-use development and residential development located within walking distance of schools, shopping, transit nodes, and major employment centers. A total of \$1.575 million was available statewide, with individual grants not to exceed \$75,000 each. No matching funds were required. However, if matching funds are provided competitiveness of the grant is increased.

In early 2002, Planning and Development (P&D) was notified that \$75,000 was awarded to fund establishment of a Workforce Housing Program. The grant is matched with \$25,000 of P&D in-kind staff services for a total project cost of \$100,000. The purpose of the Workforce Housing Program is to plan for increased housing in the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara county and is proposed to consist of the four following principle tasks:

- Initiate and adopt a new Workforce Housing zone district;
- Update and amend community plans to encourage workforce residential development;
- Analyze and update infrastructure financing plans to accommodate workforce housing; and
- Conduct public outreach to encourage public participation and educate the general public about the proposed changes.

Prior to executing the grant agreement, HCD requires a signed resolution from the Board of Supervisors authorizing the director of P&D to execute and submit all documents which may be necessary for completion of the project. The grant proposal is attached.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

State Government Code 65583 requires local jurisdictions to conduct an inventory and analysis of suitable sites for housing as part of their housing element update. The Santa Barbara County Workforce Housing Program assists in the implementation of this requirement. This project is for planning purposes only and would not impact public service levels.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

This grant augments the Housing Element budget that was adopted as part of the P&D FY 2002-2003 budget.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return a copy of the signed resolution to John Cuykendall of Planning and Development for transmittal to the State.

**Attachments:**

Resolution  
Grant Application

**Concurrence:**

County Counsel