



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Housing and Comm Dev.  
Department No.: 055  
For Agenda Of: 06/23/2009  
Placement: Administrative  
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If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department John McInnes, 568-3552  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT: 2010-2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cooperation Agreement  
between the City of Lompoc and County of Santa Barbara**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: Select\_Concurrence

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors

- A. Authorize the County Chief Executive Officer to execute a Cooperation Agreement (Attachment A) and any additional documentation required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in order to continue a partnership with the City of Lompoc pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County for the three-year period covering fiscal years 2010-2012; and
- B. Adopt an Authorizing Resolution (Attachment B) for the Chair of the Board’s signature authorizing County staff to submit the Cooperation Agreement to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Summary Text:**

Since 2007, Santa Barbara County has received federal funding under the CDBG program as an Urban County entitlement jurisdiction. This designation resulted from a three-year Cooperation Agreement entered into by the City of Lompoc and County that covered the period of 2007-2009. The current agreement expires September 30, 2009, and the County and City of Lompoc must enter into a new agreement for the next three-year qualification period encompassing 2010-2012. At its May 19, 2009 public hearing, the Lompoc City Council voted unanimously to continue the Urban County Partnership and enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the County.

**Background:**

On May 23, 2006 the Board of Supervisors authorized the Housing and Community Development Department to execute a three-year Cooperation Agreement with the City of Lompoc in order to form a the CDBG Urban County under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The partnership allowed the County to receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds on an entitlement basis. Prior to acquiring Urban County status, the County applied for CDBG funding on an annual competitive basis through the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development Department.

Since becoming an Urban County significant new grant resources have been realized by the County through HUD funding. Over the initial three-year operating period, approximately \$3,651,000 in CDBG funds has supported projects and programs throughout the County. Over the same period, the City of Lompoc realized \$2,440,161 in federal CDBG funding. Urban County status has also resulted in the award of \$178,295 in federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds targeted to addressing emergency shelter and human services needs, and the recent County allocation of CDBG – Recovery (“CDBG-R”) and Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (“HPRP”) funding under the Obama Administration's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, is also directly attributable to CDBG Urban County entitlement status.

The 2007-09 agreement between the City of Lompoc and the County included funding incentives in which the County allocated a portion of its entitlement funding to the City of Lompoc; no such incentives or bonuses are reflected in the 2010-2012 Agreement and the City of Lompoc has agreed to receive its baseline formula allocation of CDBG under the CDBG Urban County. As Lead Agency, Santa Barbara County assumes responsibility over CDBG program administration which includes preparation of plans submitted to HUD, issuance of notices, programmatic and financial oversight, and monitoring and reporting. Under the agreement, the City of Lompoc retains responsibility for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act and for all required noticing and documentation for projects funded within its jurisdictional boundaries.

The Cities of Carpinteria, Solvang and Buellton are also jurisdictional members of the CDBG Urban County and receive a formula allocation of CDBG funds through the Urban County partnership. The current Agreement between the County and these three cities includes an automatic renewal clause and does not require legislative action pursuant to their continuation as members. Each of the cities has confirmed their desire to remain members of the Urban County for the successive three-year period.

**Performance Measure:**

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.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: Submission to and approval by HUD of the Cooperation Agreement is required for continued receipt of federal CDBG funds. The County retains 20% of the CDBG funds that are not allocated to the City of Lompoc for administration.

**Staffing Impacts:**

NA

**Special Instructions:**

Please execute three original Cooperation Agreements and Authorizing Resolutions and dial extension 3529 for pick – up. *Agreements must be submitted to HUD no later than Friday, July 10, 2009.*

**Attachments:**

- A. Cooperation Agreement
- B. Authorizing Resolution

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**cc:**