



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: 9/18/07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: None  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Housing and Community Development  
Director John Torell, CPA x3520  
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**SUBJECT: Pass Through of HUD Funds to Partner Jurisdictions**

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**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 the County HCD to pass through HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to Santa Maria and Lompoc for projects identified in the 2007 HOME and CDBG Annual Action Plans, previously approved by your Board and submitted to HUD.

**Summary Text:**

County HCD administers both the HOME and CDBG programs on behalf of its partner jurisdictions. Funding for specific Santa Maria and Lompoc housing and capital projects, once approved by your Board, is requested from HUD by the County. HUD remits the requested funds to the County which then forwards ('passes-through') the funds to the appropriate partner jurisdiction.

HCD is seeking Board authorization to pass-through HOME and CDBG funds received by the County from HUD to the cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc for projects already approved. These projects were included in the HOME and CDBG Annual Action Plans to HUD that are approved by the Board of Supervisors each year and are consistent with the strategies, goals and priority needs articulated in the Board-approved HOME and CDBG Consolidated Plans. Attachments A and B detail the Santa Maria and Lompoc Projects for which the cities will receive pass-through funds.

The authorization requested by this board letter applies only to Santa Maria and Lompoc because the County does not forward federal funds to the other partner jurisdictions. Instead, the County *directly* administers projects and programs for these smaller jurisdictions, thereby eliminating the need to transmit funds to them for their administration.

*Approval of this Board Letter will enhance the efficiency of processing Board–approved funding for housing and capital projects by permitting funding pass-throughs in accordance with County Auditor–Controller procedures and will eliminate the need to return to your Board for each individual project. Instead, the City Councils of Santa Maria and Lompoc will undertake individual project review.*

**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 CDBG Entitlement County consists of the County and its partner cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Lompoc and Solvang.

On May 15, 2007, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution approving the Santa Barbara HOME Consortium 2007 Action Plan for submittal to the HUD in order to receive Federal HOME funds. The HOME Consortium consists of the County and its partner cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Solvang.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

Previous Board action and approval by HUD of the Annual Action Plan enables the County to receive Federal HOME and CDBG funds. Approval of this Board Letter fulfills the specific Auditor – Controller requirements for processing the pass through of Santa Maria and Lompoc HOME and Lompoc CDBG funding made available through the Annual Action Plans. The Housing Finance budget can be found on pages D250 & D251 of the current fiscal year County Budget.

**Staffing Impacts:** None

**Special Instructions:**

None

**Attachments:** Attachment A – HOME Housing Projects  
Attachment B – CDBG Capital Projects

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