



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Community Services
Department No.: 057
For Agenda Of: January 11, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Approval of HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Action Plan Substantial Amendment

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors (Board):

- A. Approve the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2021-22 Action Plan (Attachment A), which 1) adds HOME-ARP eligible activities, and 2) adds the use of \$4,647,509 in federal Home Investment Partnership funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (HOME-ARP), and direct staff to submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD;
- B. Approve the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (Attachment B), which details the HOME-ARP program activities and funding amounts, and direct staff to submit the Allocation Plan to HUD;
- C. Authorize the County Executive Officer or her designee to execute all certifications, standard forms and other related documents required for the acceptance and administration of HOME-ARP funds and authorize the County Executive Officer or her designee to execute all certifications, standard forms, and other related documents required for the submittal to and approval by HUD of the Allocation Plan and Action Plan Substantial Amendment; and
- D. Determine that the recommended actions are not the acceptance and approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the project is a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any

commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) includes an additional \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. These funds are administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (“HUD”) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (“HOME”). Jurisdictions that receive annual HOME allocations qualified for a supplemental HOME allocation for FY 2021 (hereinafter, “HOME-ARP”). The Santa Maria/Santa Barbara HOME Consortium, (Consortium), which includes the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Solvang, Goleta, Santa Maria, and Lompoc, has been awarded \$4,647,509 in HOME-ARP funds. The City of Santa Barbara received its own \$1,862,192 allocation of HOME-ARP.

The recommended actions are to approve the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which identifies the eligible uses and funding for the eligible categories of HOME-ARP funds that were selected by the Consortium, and a FY 2021 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment which adds the additional HOME-ARP funds and eligible uses to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan that the Board approved on April 20, 2021.

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and FY2021-22 Action Plan Amendment recommended for approval in this board letter include the following eligible uses:

<u>Eligible Activity</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
Administration and Planning	\$697,126
HOME-ARP Rental Housing	\$2,430,383
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$840,000
Supportive Services	\$680,000
Non-Congregate Shelter	\$0
Total	\$4,647,509

Background:

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development provides annual allocations of HOME funds to the County of Santa Barbara HOME Consortium. The County Community Services Department (CSD), Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the lead entity of the HOME Consortium, which includes the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Solvang, Goleta, Santa Maria, and Lompoc.

Each year, a draft Action Plan that contains the proposed uses of HOME funds is made available to the public for input for a period of thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing at which the County Board of Supervisors (Board) approves the Action Plan and funding awards. Likewise, substantial amendments made to prior year Action Plans must undergo a public comment period and public hearing. HUD requires that the proposed uses of federal funds be included in an Action Plan or substantial amendment to an Action Plan and made available to the public for input and approved by the County Board of Supervisors. HOME-ARP funds must also be included in a separate Allocation Plan.

The Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium has been awarded \$4,647,509 in HOME-ARP funds through the U.S. Department of Urban Development (HUD) provided by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. On December 2, 2021 the Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium Steering Committee unanimously voted to approve the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The HOME-ARP allocation plan includes three of the four eligible activities: rental housing development, tenant based rental assistance, and supportive services for homeless and at-risk populations. The HOME Consortium Steering Committee did not select the eligible HOME-ARP use of development of non-congregate shelters due to the availability of other State and federal funds for this use, such as Project HomeKey.

Community Outreach and Stakeholder Input

Because of HOME-ARP’s focus on homeless populations, HUD required an additional stakeholder input process before approval of the HOME-ARP allocation plan by the Board. County HCD staff presented the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to the Santa Maria/ Santa Barbara Continuum of Care on November 4, 2021, the Elected Leaders Forum to Address Homelessness on November 5, 2021, the Coordinated Entry System Committee on November 10, 2021 and the COVID-19 Task Force on November 17, 2021. Feedback from these outreach efforts was overwhelmingly supportive of the draft Allocation Plan (Attachment B).

Public Comment Period

The draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Substantial Action Plan Amendment (Attachment A) were available for review by the public during a 30-day public comment period, which commenced on December 10, 2021. As of the date this Board Letter was submitted to the Clerk of the Board for docketing, no public comments were received.

Performance Measure:

County HCD Staff will report to HUD on individual activities utilizing HOME-ARP funds through HUD’s integrated disbursement information system (“IDIS”) and the County’s Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (“CAPER”).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Federal HOME-ARP funds are a supplemental federal allocation awarded to Santa Barbara County pursuant to congressional budget appropriation in the American Rescue Plan. County HCD will retain fifteen percent (15%) of HOME-ARP funds for Program administration as authorized by HUD. County general funds are used for a portion of HCD’s overall administrative expenses; however, no County funds are being used to fund the Program.

Fiscal Analysis:

Federal	4,647,509
Fees	
Other	
Total	\$4,647,509

Key Contract Risks:

Contracts are not being recommended for approval at this time. County HCD Staff will return to the Board for the execution of contracts to subrecipients to administer one or more eligible activities utilizing HOME-ARP funds. HUD could require the County to repay federal funds expended for ineligible expenses with non-federal funds. Funds will be provided to subrecipients on a reimbursement basis and HCD staff will approve payments only for eligible costs.

Staffing Impacts:

No new staffing impacts. The Program will be overseen by existing HCD staff.

Special Instructions:

1. Please return one copy of the Minute Order to Ted Teyber at eteyber@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

- A: Action Plan Substantial Amendment
- B: HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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Attachment A
Action Plan Substantial Amendment

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Attachment B
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan