

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Gary L. Feramisco, Treasurer-Tax Collector
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SUBJECT: 2002 Update to the Consolidated Plan

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the resolution approving the 2002 update to the Consolidated Plan (Action Plan) to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and
- B. Authorize the Treasurer-Tax Collector to 1) execute all certifications and grant application (SF 424) included with the submission of the 2002 update, and to 2) execute documents required for administration of the HOME Program. (An approval by the Board of the 2002 update to the Consolidated Plan is also an approval of a reservation of funds for the projects listed therein.)

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goals No. 5 and No. 7. 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.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The 2002 update to the County of Santa Barbara HOME Consortium's Consolidated Plan (also known as Action Plan) is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order for the HOME Consortium to receive its 2002 HOME Program entitlement grant. The County is the lead agency of the HOME Consortium which includes the member cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Santa Maria,

Solvang and Lompoc. HUD has allocated \$1,587,000 to the Consortium in 2002, a \$55,000 decrease over 2001 funding.

The 2002 Action Plan that dates the Consolidated Plan approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 2, 2000. It includes the current resources available for affordable housing as well as the list of projects proposed to be funded with 2002 HOME and other County funds. An approval by the Board of the Action Plan is also an approval of preliminary fund reservations for the projects listed therein. All projects will be brought to the Board of Supervisors individually for final approval of a commitment of funds as they become ready for implementation.

The Housing Finance and Development Division of the Treasurer - Tax Collector's Office held two public forums (January 23rd and 24th, 2002) to announce available affordable housing resources, update the public on Housing Finance and Development activities and to explain the process of applying for housing development resources. A notice of funding availability was published January 8, 2002 with responses due February 18, 2002. The Action Plan was published for public comment March 29, 2002 with comments due by April 29, 2002. At the time of this writing, no comments from the public have been received on the Action Plan. Any comments received prior to April 30, 2002 will be provided to the Board. All public comments received will be included in the Action Plan submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Housing Finance and Development Division Program is not mandated; however, acceptance of funds to carry out affordable housing activities requires the County to comply with the conditions attached to those funds.

The Housing Finance and Development Division is responsible for all administration of the HOME Program funds. Since the County is the lead agency in the HOME Consortium, it is the responsibility of the Housing Finance and Development Division to ensure that the Consortium complies with all related federal regulations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Submission to and approval by HUD of the 2002 Action Plan is required for receipt of the federal HOME funds. For County fiscal year 2002/03 that amount is \$1,587,000, ten percent of which is available to the County for program and Consortium administration.

Concurrences:

Auditor-Controller

Special Instructions:

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