



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Housing & Community
Development
Department No.: 055
For Agenda Of: 08/28/07
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: n/a
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department John Torell, Director Housing and Community Development
Director 568-3520
Contact Info: Patricia Gabel, Housing Finance Division Manager
568-3522
**SUBJECT: Amendment of Community Development Block Grant Budget to Women's
Economic Ventures**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution (Attachment A) amending the budget of a State Community Development Block Grant funding Women's Economic Ventures, 1st District

Summary Text:

The Board of Supervisors authorized County Housing and Community Development to submit an application for State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on March 15, 2005. The \$300,000 grant partially funds Microenterprise Assistance activities provided to the County unincorporated area by Women's Economic Ventures (WEV).

The grant budget included a line item for Small Business Loans in the amount of \$149,750, and Small Business Training in the amount of \$100,000. WEV has expressed a desire to amend the budget to reflect \$42,500 for small business loans and \$207,250 for small business training. This request is based upon the fact that it has proven to be more efficient to use local funds for small business loans and State funds for small business training seminars. The State of California Housing and Community Development Department has authorized this budget amendment pending your Board's adoption of the attached resolution.

Background:

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Women's Economic Ventures has served Santa Barbara County since 1987. WEV is dedicated to helping low-income persons become economically self-sufficient through entrepreneurship. Although WEV's original mission was to assist primarily low-income women, programs have grown to include low- to moderate-income men as well, especially Latinos.

Small business training funded by this grant consists of comprehensive, 14 week, 56 hour self-employment seminars. Charges for trainings are based upon the income of each participant. Grant funds are used to supplement the tuition of participants with income less than 80% of the area median income. WEV is responsible for marketing the program, facilitating the seminars, tracking the use of services and providing full compliance and reporting information to the County. County Housing and Community Development serves as the grantee and passes the funds through to WEV. Consequently, County HCD is responsible for grant reporting to the State Housing and Community Development Department.

Performance Measure:

No performance measures are affected by the amendment of this grant budget.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: County Housing and Community Development receives \$22,500 for the General Administration of this grant. Reducing the amount of funds to be used for small business loans and increasing the amount dedicated towards training does not affect the County's portion of the overall grant budget.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

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FTEs:

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Special Instructions:

Please send two original executed copies of the attached resolution to Housing and Community Development, Room #3.

Attachments:

Resolution authorizing grant budget amendment.

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cc: