



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: July 1, 2014
Placement: Set Hearing on July 8, 2014 for 15 minutes
Estimated Time: NA
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Renée E. Bahl, Interim Community Services Director (805) 568-2467
Director(s)
Contact Info: Laurie Baker, Grants and Program Manager (805) 568-3521
SUBJECT: Set Hearing for FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 Substantial Action Plan Amendments (“Substantial Amendments”) for the use Federal Funds under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; Fourth Supervisorial District.

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Risk Manager Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

On July 1, 2014, the Board of Supervisors will set a public hearing for July 8, 2014 to obtain public input on draft Substantial Action Plan Amendments for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Action Plans for Lompoc’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and approve the Action Plan Amendments.

On July 8, 2014 your Board’s actions should include the following:

1. Consider public comments pertaining to the draft 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Substantial Action Plan Amendments received during the thirty (30) day public comment period which will run from June 6, 2014, through the July 8, 2014 Board hearing;
2. Amend the FY 2012-2013 and FY 2013-2014 Annual Action Plans and Action Plan Amendments to *revise* the following Lompoc projects and thereby make \$41,671 available for the reprogramming set forth in Recommended Action 3:
 - a) Reduce the Emergency Repair Grant Program (Catholic Charities) by \$35,000 from \$70,000 to \$35,000 to reflect Lompoc City Council’s decision to approve only \$35,000;
 - b) Remove the Domestic Violence Solutions Facility Improvements (\$1,375);

- c) Revise the Code Enforcement Program to reduce the amount by \$5,296 from \$16,255 to \$10,959;
3. Amend the FY 2012-13 (\$26,315) and FY 2013-14 (\$15,356) (\$41,671 total) Annual Action Plans to reprogram unspent Lompoc CDBG funds as follows:
 - a) FY 2012-13 funds (\$26,315) to fund upgrades to the Lompoc Libraries electrical system;
 - b) FY 2013-14 funds (\$15,356) toward the Library electrical upgrade project; and
4. Determine that the recommended actions are not the approvals of a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are not a project as they are the 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, and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption.

Summary Text:

The 2012-13 and 2013-14 Action Plans reflect the City of Lompoc's decision to award \$26,315 in CDBG funds each fiscal year (total \$52,630) to the Community Action Commission ("CAC") for a Youth Employment and Training program. This program was later funded with non-federal dollars, which enabled the City of Lompoc to reprogram the unused CDBG funds. The City of Lompoc staff originally recommended reprogramming the CAC funding to the projects listed below:

- \$35,000 for Emergency Repair Grant Program (which increased the total amount of funding from \$35,000 to \$70,000)
- Domestic Violence Solutions Facility Improvements \$1,375
- Additional Code Enforcement of \$16,255

On April 15, 2014, the Board considered an Action Plan Amendment that incorporated these recommendations. On May 6, 2014, the Board approved the Action Plan Amendment it had considered on April 15, 2014, and authorized its submittal to HUD. During this time, however, the Lompoc City Council approved reprogramming the CAC funding to different projects (below) than what its staff originally recommended and the Board approved on May 6, 2014:

- Eliminate the increase of \$35,000 for Emergency Repair Grant Program
- Eliminate the \$1,375 to DV Solutions Facility Improvements
- Increase funds to Code Enforcement by only \$10,959
- Add \$41,671 to the Library electrical upgrade project

The purpose of the current Substantial Action Plan Amendments is to update the May 6, 2014 Action Plan Amendments for the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 Annual Action Plans to reflect the use of funds approved by the Lompoc City Council. The Board of Supervisors must approve Substantial Action Plan Amendments prior to their submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Background:

The County's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), requires a Substantial Action Plan Amendment if there is an increase to the funding level of a project by 50% or more, when a new project is approved, when there is a change in the purpose, scope, location or beneficiaries of a project to the extent that it would be considered a new project or when there is a change in the type of beneficiaries proposed to be served by 50% or more. As the lead agency for the Santa Barbara County HOME Investment Partnership, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the CDBG Urban County Partnership, HCD is responsible for preparing Substantial Action Plan Amendments as needed, on behalf of the partnerships. The City of Lompoc is making a change to the number and type of projects that will receive CDBG funds, which requires a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 Annual Action Plans.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal impacts as the funds are federal funds that have been awarded by HUD and the projects have been approved by the Lompoc City Council. Staff has determined that the proposed projects are eligible under the CDBG program.

Special Instructions:

Please email an electronic copy of the Minute Order to CSD, attention: Laurie Baker (x3521) at lbaker@co.santa-barbara.ca.us

Attachments:

Attachment A - 2012-13 and 2013-14 Draft Substantial Action Plan Amendments
Attachment B - CEQA Notice of Exemption

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