

ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
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Dear Board Members:

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-RECOVERY (CDBG-R) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Board authorize delegation of authority to the Community Development Agency Director (or his designee), and the Public Works Agency Director (or his designee), upon approval by County Counsel, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Community Development Agency's Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department and the Public Works Agency for Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R) funds for the period of August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010 in the amount of \$130,000.

SUMMARY/ DISCUSSION:

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was enacted. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was given the responsibility to develop an allocation of the \$1 billion CDBG-R funds to be distributed to states and localities to carry out eligible activities on an expedited basis. The Alameda County Urban County (the cities of Albany, Emeryville, Piedmont, Dublin, Newark and the Unincorporated County) will receive a CDBG-R allocation totaling \$525,144, of which \$274,126 is for projects in the Unincorporated County.

The Public Works Agency requested funding for sidewalk improvements to Grove Way in the Cherryland Area of the Unincorporated County. The Grove Way Sidewalk Project will install sidewalks between Meekland Avenue and Haviland Way on Grove Way. The project will provide curb, gutter, sidewalk, landscaping, pavement reconstruction and drainage improvements. Grove Way serves as a primary pedestrian route for recreation and schools and is part of the Walkable Routes for Seniors in the Cherryland Area.

Staff is still in the process of determining the exact project expenses to be paid for by CDBG-R funds in order to meet the project needs and CDBG-R eligibility and timing requirements. Therefore, the MOU is not ready for execution by your Board prior to the Summer recess and the request is to authorize the two Agency Directors to execute the

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MOU when it is finalized and approved by County Counsel. CDBG-R regulations require the funds to be committed as soon as possible, ideally within 120 days after the grant award is finalized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. HCD is currently awaiting final approval and expects to receive it in this month.

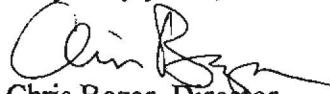
SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS:

For Unincorporated County CDBG-R projects, HCD staff determined that there was not sufficient time to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify projects for CDBG-R funding and meet the HUD application deadline. Therefore, staff focused on projects that were not able to be fully funded during the regular FY2009 CDBG Unincorporated County CDBG RFP process and subsequent projects which had approached HCD for funding. On May 12, 2009, the Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee members present at its regularly scheduled and noticed meeting, though lacking a quorum, unanimously supported the recommendation to submit the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan, and proceeding to recommend projects without an RFP process. Your Board approved the Substantial Amendment, which included the three projects recommended for funding under the Unincorporated County's allocation of CDBG-R, on June 2, 2009.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

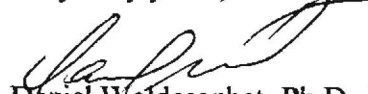
Funds for this contract and associated administration are included in CDA's 2009/10 Budget. There is no Net County Cost as a result of this action.

Very truly yours,



Chris Bazar, Director
Community Development Agency

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Daniel Woldesenbet, Ph.D., P.E.
Director of Public Works

cc: Susan Muranishi, County Administrator
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