

# ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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March 11, 2025

Honorable Board of Supervisors Administration Building 1221 Oak Street, Suite 536 Oakland, California 94612

Dear Board Members:

# SUBJECT:ACCEPT TWO GRANT AWARDS FROM THE U.S.<br/>DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN<br/>DEVELOPMENT FOR A HEALTHY HOMES<br/>PRODUCTION PROGRAM AND AN OLDER ADULTS<br/>HOME MODIFICATION PROGRAM IN ALAMEDA<br/>COUNTY

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Accept a grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a 42-month Healthy Homes Production Program to fund the expansion of case management services of lead poisoned children in East and West Oakland for the term 3/25/2025 – 9/24/2028, in the amount of \$2,000,000; and
- B. Accept a grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a 36-month Older Adult Home Modification Program in Alameda County for the term 3/25/2025 3/24/2028, in the amount of \$2,000,000;
- C. Delegate authority to the Agency Director or her designee, subject to review and approval as to form by County Counsel, to execute grant agreements, amendments, and all other documents necessary to implement these grants and return executed copies to the Clerk of the Board for filing;
- D. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make the related budget adjustments.

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#### **DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:**

On October 8, 2024 (Item 19), and on November 12, 2024 (Item 34) subsequently, your Board authorized the Community Development Agency's (CDA's) Healthy Homes Department to submit grant applications to the U.S. Department of Urban Development (HUD) for a Healthy Homes Production Grant Program and an Older Adults Home Modification Program. On January 6, 2025, CDA received notification from HUD that it was awarded a \$2,000,000 for each of the grants. The Healthy Homes Production Grant aimed at expanding the existing lead poisoning prevention program in Alameda County through comprehensive healthy homes assessments with a focus on Racial Equity was funded for 42 months and the Older Adults Home Modification Program in Alameda County was funded for 36 months.

Funding for the Healthy Homes Production Program will provide 270 comprehensive healthy home assessments, identify environmental home-related hazards, refer high-risk clients for housing remediation and employment services, offer case management services for children and youth from birth up to age 21 with respiratory illness intervention, therapeutic supports, and barrier removal services. The program will educate 500 households on lead poisoning prevention and pollution reduction, engage 50 contractors in workforce training and job placement, and implement a robust Equity Action Plan to address barriers such as language access, cultural sensitivity, and economic constraints. The program will also streamline referral processes and integrate remediation with asthma and lead poisoning prevention services. Funding will support comprehensive data collection and evaluation plan to monitor project implementation.

Funding for the 36-month Older Adults Home Modification Program will provide essential safety and accessibility modifications, such as grab bars, ramps, and non-slip flooring, targeting 120 seniors aged 62 and older, particularly those residing in underserved areas of the County. This funding will enhance housing safety, reduce fall-related injuries, and improve overall quality of life for seniors, allowing them to safely remain in their homes and avoid institutional care. The Department is currently evaluating staff capacity and will return to your Board if additional positions are needed.

### **FINANCING:**

Appropriations in the amount of \$37,865 is being requested per the attached financial recommendation offset with the grant revenue. The remaining amounts will be requested in subsequent fiscal years. There is no impact on the Net County Cost as a result of this action.

#### VISION 2036 GOAL:

The HUD Healthy Homes Production Program and HUD Older Adult Home Modification Program aligns with the County's 10X goal pathways of <u>Health for All</u> and <u>Employment for All</u>, supporting our shared vision of <u>Safe and Livable Communities</u> and a <u>Thriving and</u> <u>Resilient Population</u>.

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Sincerely,

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Sandra Kivera <sup>4C216765DCDF437...</sup> Sandra Rivera, Director Community Development Agency

cc: Susan S. Muranishi, County Administrator Donna R. Ziegler, County Counsel Melissa Wilk, Auditor-Controller Peilin Chen, County Administrator's Office Andrew J. Massey, Office of the County Counsel Lucy Romo, Community Development Agency

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Subject of Board Letter:		Accept Two Grant Awards From the U.S. Department of Housing			
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