

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: DPSS-Dept. of Community Action

SUBMITTAL DATE:
11/17/03

SUBJECT: Financial Assistance Award #90EI0252/01 with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Accept the attached \$300,000 Financial Assistance Award #90EI0252/01 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Services (DHHS) on behalf of the Department Public Social Services-Department of Community Action (DPSS-DCA), for the Riverside County Individual Development Account Program (RivCo.IDA) covering the term September 30, 2003 through September 29, 2008;
- 2) Authorize the Director of DPSS to sign assurances, exhibits, and reports required by the Award; and
 Authorize the Director of DPSS-DCA to administer the Award.

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL
NOV 19 2003
BY *[Signature]*

Lois J. Carson

Lois J. Carson, Executive Director

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 29,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 03/04

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Federal and Local Funds	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

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Policy Policy
 Consent Consent
 Dep't Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 2/29/00 (#3.52)
2/5/02 (#3.18)

District: All

Agenda Number:

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BACKGROUND:

On February 29, 2000 (Agenda #3.52) and February 5, 2002 (Agenda #3.18), the Board of Supervisors approved the acceptance of the multi-year discretionary Award #90EI0040/01 and Award #90EI0150/01 from DHHS to empower low-income people to become economically self-sufficient. The RivCo.IDA has terms of September 30, 1999 through September 29, 2004, and September 30, 2001 through September 29, 2006.

DPSS-DCA has partnered with San Bernardino County Community Action Partnership and the Riverside Community Investment Corporation to submit a grant application to DHHS for an additional discretionary grant of \$300,000. This grant would accomplish the same goals through RivCo.IDA for the term September 30, 2003 through September 29, 2008, contributing additional funds for the RivCo.IDA program as well as establish through the partnership an Individual Development Account for San Bernardino County. The partnership is known as the Inland Empire Individual Development Account (IE.IDA).

RivCo.IDA is a savings incentive program for low-income participants in which every dollar saved by the participant, up to \$2,000 is matched 2:1, with one Federal dollar and one local dollar held in a parallel savings account. For example, a participant saves \$2,000, the Federal program matches \$2,000, and local funding agencies match \$2,000, for a \$6,000 total allowable savings per participant.

Three asset building goals are available for participants to save toward:

- Small business startup or expansion
- Educational or vocational pursuit
- House purchase closing costs

During the savings period (2-3 years) each participant will be required to participate in skill-building workshops in areas such as asset building, goal setting, credit counseling, money management, personal budgeting, business set up, home maintenance, etc., depending upon the particular goal designated. Various services and group support meetings will provide reinforcement and motivation to savings participants as they work toward their savings goals. When the savings goal is reached, the monies saved are pooled and paid directly for small business costs, to the educational (vocational) institution, or directed toward closing costs for a house purchase.

Over the five-year period, San Bernardino Community Action Partnership has agreed to furnish \$150,000 in matching funds, Community Investment Corporation has agreed to furnish \$5,000, and DPSS-DCA will raise \$145,000 in additional matching funds. Federal funds will be available for draw-down as local matching funds are deposited in the parallel account. The following chart highlights the projected five-year funding commitments from local sources.

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BACKGROUND (Cont.):

Projected Five-Year Local Funding Chart for Award #90EI0252/01 RivCo.IDA

Agency Name	Year 1 2003	Year 2 2004	Year 3 2005	Year 4 2006	Year 5 2007	Total 5 Years
San Bernardino Community Action Partnership	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$150,000
Community Investment Corporation:	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,000
DCA to Raise Match	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	\$145,000
Total	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$300,000

Therefore, the Director of DPSS-DCA requests that the Board of Supervisors accept Financial Assistance Award #90EI0252/01 from DHHS on behalf of DPSS-DCA, to provide additional funds to be used for the RivCo.IDA program for the period September 30, 2003 through September 29, 2008. This Award was received in DPSS-DCA on October 28, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No County General Funds will be required. The local match raised by DPSS-DCA would be directed to the account established at Riverside County's Credit Union. The credit union would advise the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services of the local match, at which time the Federal share would be wired directly to the credit union account.

CONCUR/EXECUTE: County Counsel

DB:DT:clh