

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 17, 2007

SUBJECT: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the Environment and Intent to Request Release of Funds for North Shore Group 4 Homes

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached Environmental Assessment Report and FONSI for the North Shore Group 4 Homes based on the findings incorporated in the report and conclude that the project is not an action which may effect the quality of the environment; and
2. Approve the attached Request for Release of Funds; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Assessment Report to be filed with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

BACKGROUND: The environmental effects of activities carried out with HOME Investment Partnerships Act grant funds must be assessed in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the related authorities listed in HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 50 and 58. These regulations specify procedures for conducting environmental review, including finding a
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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 225,000	In Current Year Budget:	YES
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2006/2007

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA: NO

SOURCE OF FUNDS: HOME Investment Partnerships Act Grant 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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Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ **District:** 4th **Agenda Number:** _____

COUNTY COUNSEL
 JAN 23 2007
 Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND (Continued):

level of clearance and requesting release of funds. The Economic Development Agency (EDA) has completed applicable review procedures and has evaluated the potential effects of the project on the environment. The attached documentation was prepared pursuant to NEPA and the environmental procedures cited in 24 CFR 58.5 and 58.6, and EDA has found that the proposed North Shore Group 4 project would not have a significant effect on the environment. Publishing requirements have been met in accordance with 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.45.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The applicant, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, a non-profit housing developer, is proposing to use up to \$225,000 in HOME funds in the development and construction of nine (9) new single family homes for lower-income families in the unincorporated Community of North Shore in Riverside County. The homes will be built through the mutual self-help construction method on 9 scattered residential lots located in an existing urban residential neighborhood. The proposed project will consist of 4 three-bedroom homes and 5 four-bedroom homes. The project is located on scattered in-fill sites throughout the unincorporated Community of North Shore and within the blocks bounded by Admiralty Way to the North, Pleasant View Dr. to the South, Windward Dr. to the East, and Sea View Way to the West.

The applicant intends to use up to \$225,000 in HOME funds for hard and soft construction expenses. Other funding sources that are being sought by the applicant include a \$926,000 loan from US Department of Agriculture Section 502 Program, a \$315,000 grant from the Farmworker Housing Grant, and \$187,000 from Buyer Sweat Equity. The total development costs are estimated to be \$1,653,000.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the attached Environmental Assessment and Request for Release of Funds. Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached documents.