

618



SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FROM: Redevelopment Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Submittal of an application to the Joe Serna, Jr. Farm Worker Housing Grant Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

- 1) Approve and adopt Resolution Number 2008-054 authorizing the submission of an application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") Joe Serna, Jr. Farm Worker Housing Grant Program ("Farm Worker Program"); and
- 2) Approve the application and authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute the application and all other subsequent and necessary documents needed to complete the application as required by HCD for the Farm Worker Program.

BACKGROUND:
Continued on Page 2

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: MICHELLE CLACK
DATE: 6/5/08
Departmental Conference

RZ:DL:ER:TF:MT

Robin Zimpfer
Robin Zimpfer
Executive Director

R:\RDACOM\HOUSING\2008 RDA HOUSING PROJECTS\2008_JSJFWHG APPLICATION\FORM 11_6-4-08_FINAL

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2007/2008

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA: No

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE
BY: *Jennifer L. Sargent*
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

Consent
 Policy

 Consent
 Policy

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

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

4.2

The Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside ("RDA") recognizes the need to address the unsafe living conditions of the low and very-low income farm working community in the Eastern Coachella Valley. Typically these families live in non-permitted, substandard mobile home parks that lack basic items such as, proper sewage systems and safe drinking water.

As a direct result of the RDA's commitment to address these issues, the RDA has entered into a formal agreement with Desert Empire Homes ("Developer") for the development and construction of the first phase of the Mountain View Estates Mobile Home Park ("Project"). The development of the Project will provide farm worker households who currently reside in unsafe mobile home parks the opportunity to live in a decent, safe and sanitary environment.

The Project will be located on approximately 79 acres situated south of 66th Avenue, west of Polk Street and on the east side of Harrison Street in the unincorporated area of Riverside County in the Community of Oasis. The project will consist of 360 mobile home park spaces for rent and will be built out in two phases; the first phase will consist of approximately 181 mobile home park spaces, including one on-site manager's unit. The balance of the mobile home park spaces will be built out in a second phase at a future date.

The RDA proposes to assist low and very low-income farmworker households by utilizing the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Funds with the Mobile Home Tenant Loan Program as a matching source of funds. The combination of funds will play an essential role in providing the farmworker community with an opportunity of homeownership in a decent, safe and sanitary environment at Mountain View Estates Mobile Home Park. Therefore, RDA intends to submit to HCD a funding application in the amount \$1,500,000 from the Farm Worker Program. The solicited grant funds would be used to purchase 100 units enabling the families to reside in the Project.

The Developer has agreed to reserve a total of 90 units, in the first phase of the Project, for very low-income households whose income does not exceed fifty percent (50%) area median income for the County, adjusted by family size at the time of occupancy, as defined by California Health and Safety Code Sections 50079.5 and 50105.

2
3 **RESOLUTION No. 2008-054**
4 **AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO**
5 **THE JOE SERNA, JR. FARM WORKER HOUSING**
6 **GRANT PROGRAM**

7 **WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside ("Agency")
8 is a Redevelopment Agency duly created, established and authorized to transact
9 business and exercise its powers, all under and pursuant to the provisions of the
10 Community Redevelopment Law, which is Part 1 of Division 24 of the California Health
and Safety Code (commencing with Section 33000 et seq.);

11 **WHEREAS**, the Agency is providing the farmworker community with an
12 opportunity of homeownership through its existing Mobile Home Tenant Loan ("MHTL")
13 Program;

14 **WHEREAS**, the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant funds will be used as
15 a matching source of funds for the existing MHTL Program;

16 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Housing and Community Development
17 ("HCD") has issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") for the Joe Serna, Jr.
18 Farmworker Housing Grant Program;

19 **WHEREAS**, the Agency wishes to submit to HCD an application to obtain an
20 allocation of grant funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the Joe Serna, Jr.
21 Farmworker Housing Grant Program; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the Executive Director of the Agency has notified the Executive
23 Office of applying for state grant funds for general program support.

24 **BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED** by the Board of
25 Directors of the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside, in regular session
26 assembled on June 17, 2008, as follows:

- 27 1) The Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside will submit an
28 application, in response to the open NOFA for the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008-054

JOE SERNA, JR. FARM WORKER HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: MICHELLE CLACK DATE: 6/15/08

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

Housing Grant, requesting funding for the matching source of contribution to the RDA's existing Mobile Home Tenant Loan Program.

2) The Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside hereby agrees to use the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program funds for eligible activities in the manner presented in the application as approved by HCD and in accordance with program guidelines.

3) The Board of Directors for the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside authorizes the Executive Director or designee to execute the application and all other subsequent and necessary documents needed to complete the application as required by HCD for participation in the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program.

//
//
//
//