

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

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FROM: Economic Development Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Application submittal to the Notice of Funding Availability for the HOME - Competitive Reallocation of CHDO Funds

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and adopt Resolution Number 2008-304 authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for HOME Investment Partnership Program Competitive Reallocation of CHDO Funds; and
2. Authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA or designee to execute the application and all other subsequent and necessary documents needed to complete the application and/or required by HUD for participation in the NOFA.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") released a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") on May 16, 2008, announcing the availability of approximately \$1 million in de-obligated HOME CHDO set-aside funds for competitive reallocation in order to expand the supply of energy efficient and environmentally-friendly housing that is available to low-income families.

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current F.Y. Total Cost: | \$ N/A | In Current Year Budget: | YES |
| | 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 DIRECTORS AGENDA: NO

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| 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

Jennifer L. Sargent
BY: _____
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Michelle Clack*
DATE: 6/11/08
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Departmental Concurrence

Policy
 Policy
 Consent
 Consent
 Dept's Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: N/A **District:** 5th **Agenda Number:**

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BACKGROUND: (Continued)

The attached resolution will authorize the County of Riverside ("County"), through the Economic Development Agency of the County of Riverside ("EDA"), to apply for the Competitive Reallocation of CHDO Funds ("Reallocation Grant") for an allocation of up to \$250,000.

Applicants must be HOME participating jurisdictions that are currently participating in the regular HOME program. Applications will be ranked and those receiving the highest scores, based on the NOFA's criteria, will be awarded a maximum of \$250,000 each. Only HOME-assisted and eligible CHDO set-aside environmentally-friendly Green projects that qualify for and that receive Energy Star Certification by an independent Home Energy Rater (HER) upon completion are eligible. Furthermore, the NOFA requires that projects funded with this allocation be carried out by a non-profit organization in the applicant's jurisdiction that has been determined currently to meet the definition of a Community Housing Development Organization ("CHDO") pursuant to 24 CFR 92.2.

The EDA has selected a project submitted by Coachella Valley Housing Coalition ("CVHC"), a qualified and certified CHDO, for this application submittal.

CVHC has proposed to use \$1,000,000 in regular HOME funds for the development and construction of a 62-unit multifamily housing complex for low-income families (the "Project"). The additional Reallocation Grant of \$250,000 will allow CVHC to provide standards above the minimum requirements of the Energy Star Certification, as required for the Reallocation Grant.

The proposed Project is located on a 4.77 acre vacant lot located at the southwest corner of Flora Avenue and West Drive in the City Desert Hot Springs. The site lies to the south of Pierson Boulevard and north of Hacienda Avenue. The Project will consist of 11 one-bedroom units, 26 two-bedroom units and 25 three-bedroom units. The units will be located in nine (9) one- and two-story buildings. CVHC proposes to utilize materials, equipment, and/or systems that increase the energy efficiency of the buildings by at least 15 percent above the Title 24 energy standards, feature energy efficient appliances, and will get Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System certification for this development. Residents will have access to a swimming pool, sports court, tot lots, and a 2,000 square foot community room with a computer learning center. The applicant has proposed to make all units available to low- and very low-income households.

The regular HOME funds and Reallocation Grant will be used to assist with development and construction expenses along with higher energy efficient elements.

The attached resolution will authorize the EDA to apply to the HOME Program for an allocation of \$250,000 which will finance the higher energy efficient elements of the Project.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the attached Resolution. Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached document.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-304

**APPLICATION SUBMITTAL TO THE NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA) FOR
HOME - COMPETITIVE REALLOCATION OF CHDO FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside ("County"), a political subdivision of the State of California, wishes to apply for and receive an allocation of funds through the HOME Investment Partnership Program ("HOME") for its Competitive Reallocation of CHDO Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity ("NOFA") for the Competitive Reallocation of CHDO funds available as a result of the de-obligation by HUD of CHDO set-aside funds, reallocated by competition as per established by Section 217(c) of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12704 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Competitive Reallocation of CHDO Funds ("Reallocation Grant") will be used for the development and construction of an energy efficient and environmentally-friendly 62-unit multifamily housing complex for low-income families; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to submit to HUD an application to obtain an allocation of Reallocation Grant funds in the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000); and

WHEREAS, the County is a HOME Participating Jurisdiction and therefore an eligible applicant; and

WHEREAS, the County agrees to use the Reallocation Grant funds for eligible activities in the manner presented in the application as approved by HUD and in accordance with the NOFA.

BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside in regular session assembled on June 24, 2008, as

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
DATE 6/16/08
MICHELLE CLACK

1 follows:

2 1. That the County of Riverside, through the Economic Development Agency of the
3 County of Riverside, will submit an application to participate in the NOFA, issued on May
4 16, 2008, for the Competitive Reallocation of CHDO Funds through the HOME
5 Investment Partnership Program for an allocation of up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand
6 Dollars (\$250,000) for the following activity:

7 The development and construction of a HOME-assisted and eligible CHDO set-aside
8 multifamily housing complex for low-income families that provides standards above
9 the minimum requirements for Energy Star Certification; and

10 2. That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Assistant County Executive
11 Officer/EDA or designee to execute and submit the applications and all other
12 subsequent and necessary documents needed to complete the application and/or
13 required by HUD for participation in the HOME Investment Partnership Program
14 Competitive Reallocation of CHDO Funds NOFA, and any amendments thereto.