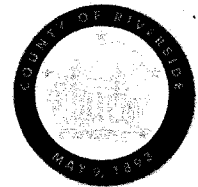


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

713



**FROM:** Economic Development Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
October 15, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R) Program - Substantial Amendment to the 2008-2009 One-Year Action Plan of the 2004-2009 Five Year Consolidated Plan

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors amend the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment to the 2008-2009 One-Year Action Plan by the following actions:

- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| 1. Add New Project "Mid-County Senior Services Center" | \$900,000 |
| 2. Remove Project "Kay Cenicerros Senior Center"       | \$900,000 |

**BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that all substantial amendments to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the One-Year Action Plan be approved by the Board of Supervisors. All new activities added to the One-Year Action Plan as well as any significant increases in funding to an existing project will be considered substantial amendments.

(Continued)

Robert Field  
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA

**FINANCIAL DATA**

|                               |            |                         |       |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Current F.Y. Total Cost:      | \$ 900,000 | In Current Year Budget: | Yes   |
| Current F.Y. Net County Cost: | \$ 0       | Budget Adjustment:      | No    |
| Annual Net County Cost:       | \$ 0       | For Fiscal Year:        | 08-09 |

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:** No

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Community Development Block Grant (Recovery) Funds - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

|                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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

County Executive Office Signature

- Dept't Recomm.:  Consent  Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.:  Consent  Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.33 of 6/2/09

District: All

Agenda Number:

3.25

**BACKGROUND: (Continued)**

Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105, and the CDBG-R regulations, the Economic Development Agency published a 9-day public notice notifying the public of the proposed amendment.

The Kay Cenicerros Senior Center was selected as one of the original projects to receive CDBG-R funding. However, due to the importance of having this project implemented and completed in a timely manner, work was begun in July 2009; this was prior to the final approval of the CDBG-R grant agreement with HUD, which was not effective until August 18, 2009. Consequently, the regular allocation of 3<sup>rd</sup> District CDBG funds are being used for the project costs.

A new eligible project, the Mid-County Senior Services Center, has been selected to replace the Kay Cenicerros Senior Center project for the CDBG-R funds. Staff recommends approval of the new project as described in Attachment "A."

**Financial:**

The use of CDBG-R funding for the Mid-County Senior Services Center will have no impact upon the General Fund.

## ATTACHMENT A

- (1) Activity Name: **Mid-County Senior Service Center (CDBG-R 1-Amended)**  
**749 South State Street, Hemet, CA 92543**  
**\$900,000 CDBG-R Funding**
- (2) Activity Narrative: In addition to the Spreadsheet for Reporting Proposed CDBG-R Activities, grantees must provide a narrative for each activity describing how the use of the grantee's CDBG-R funds will meet the requirements of Title XII of Division A and Section 1602 of ARRA. The grantee's narrative must also state how CDBG-R funds will be used in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit in relation to the CDBG-R funds obligated, and will address the Recovery Act, by:
- Preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery;
  - Assisting those most impacted by the recession;
  - Providing investment needed to increase economic efficiency;
  - Investing in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits;
  - Minimizing or avoiding reductions in essential services; or
  - Fostering energy independence.

**RESPONSE:** The County of Riverside is proposing to amend the CDBG-R Substantial Amendment by adding a new project: Mid-County Senior Service. The County will utilize \$900,000 of CDBG-R funds to pay for costs associated with the development of this new 13,248 square foot facility located in the City of Hemet. The new facility, to be located in an existing commercial building, will replace the existing 8,000 square foot Hemet Senior Services Center. The existing Center can no longer provide adequate and functional space for the essential services needed by seniors in the mid-county region.

The project includes the conversion and renovation of a vacant, 13,248 square foot, County-owned commercial building (former *Smart and Final*). This renovated facility will provide space for employment, counseling, referral, and veterans' services. The reconfigured interior will include conference and meeting rooms, waiting areas, offices, storage space, restrooms, activities areas, a break room, as well as electrical and plumbing improvements. The exterior of the building will be redesigned to provide a modern façade. Other exterior improvements include parking, vehicular and pedestrian flow, landscaping, outdoor activities, drainage, signage, and other improvements. Further, the modernization and renovations to the structure will incorporate energy efficiency and water conservation measure where practical.

This project has been selected for CDBG-R funding because this project can be started and completed expeditiously; it is anticipated that the contract for construction of these improvements can be awarded in December 2009. The mid-county region of Riverside County was particularly hard hit by the foreclosure crisis. The resulting downturn and excessive unemployment rates in the construction industry has had a tremendously adverse impact upon the region's economy. Moderate to large construction project are eagerly sought in this region to mitigate this devastating economic impact.

Furthermore, the mid-county region has a large senior population. The economic downturn has adversely impacted the retirement assets of many seniors, thereby affecting their livelihoods and standards of living. The expanded and improved services provided by the Senior Service Center will assist seniors and enable them to be self-sufficient and better adapt to these economic conditions.

- (3) **Jobs Created:** (Report the number of full- and part-time jobs estimated to be created and retained by the activity (including permanent, construction, and temporary jobs).

**RESPONSE:** It is anticipated that these construction activities will result in the creation of at least twenty-five (25) temporary construction jobs. According to the operator of the Senior Center, the new facility will allow for the retention of fifteen (15) full-time staff and fifteen volunteers. It is also expected that additional services providers will locate to the Center. This could result in the retention or creation of an additional five-to-ten (5-10) full-time positions. In addition, the project will create jobs in various construction related trades including surveying, materials testing, and inspection.

It is estimated that the new Senior Service Center will allow for a ten-to-fifteen percent (10-15%) increase in the number of seniors utilizing the Center. This equates to an increase of 200-300 seniors per year.

- (4) **Additional Activity Information:** (A description of how the activity will promote energy conservation, smart growth, green building technologies, or reduced pollution emissions, if applicable.)

**RESPONSE:** The renovation and modernization of the facility to house the Senior Service Center will incorporate various energy-saving upgrades including insulation, weatherization, lighting, and water conserving plumbing improvements. In addition, the landscaping will incorporate water conserving measure.

- (5) **Responsible Organization:**

Riverside County Economic Development Agency  
1325 Spruce Street, Suite 400, Riverside, CA 92507  
Natalia Brown, Regional Manager, 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
(951) 955-8916 FAX (951) 955-9505 FAX  
[nataliabrown@rivcoeda.org](mailto:nataliabrown@rivcoeda.org)