

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

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**FROM:** Economic Development Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 14, 2011

**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 project: County Service Area 115 Road Improvements; \$600,000.

**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. Staff recommends approval of the new project as described in Attachment "A."

Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105, and the CDBG-R regulations, the Economic Development Agency published a 30-day public notice notifying the public of the proposed amendment.

*Lisa Brandl for*  
Robert Field  
Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA  
By Lisa Brandl, Managing Director

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 600,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2008-2009

**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

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

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

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

3.15

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## ATTACHMENT A

(1) Activity Name: **County Service Area 115 Road Improvements (CDBG-R 5-Amended)  
Desert Hot Springs (Unincorporated)  
\$600,000 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: County Service Area 115 Road Improvements. The County will utilize \$600,000 of CDBG-R funds, and approximately \$250,000 of CSA funds, to pay for costs associated with the design, engineering, and construction of approximately 70,000 lineal feet of street improvements in an established, rural residential community with a low/moderate income population of more than 70%.

The project area is located in the unincorporated area of the County, south of the City of Desert Hot Springs. The proposed street are all within the boundaries of CSA 115 – Bubbling Wells Road to the west, Mountain View Drive to the east, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north, and 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the south.

The resulting economic downturn and excessive unemployment rates in California, specifically 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. Further, public improvements such as these will result in an increase in overall property values in the community, thereby enhancing the residents' investment in their neighborhood and off-setting some of the drastic loss in property values. Once the street are improved, they will be accepted into the County's road maintenance systems

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 begin by July 2011 and be completed by December 31, 2011.

- (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 fifteen (15) temporary construction jobs. Due to the nature of the project, there will be no creation or retention of long-term jobs.

**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 construction work associated with this type of project (base preparation, widening, paving) will not utilize energy conservation and green building technologies directly. However, the improvements are expected to result increased safety and accessibility. Furthermore, as noted above, these improvements will improve storm water drainage and runoff in the area thereby aiding in the mitigation of water pollution; the improvements will also allow improved street cleaning thereby reducing PM10, dust mitigation, and other pollution emissions.

- (4) **Responsible Organization:**

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