

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



**ITEM
3.4
(ID # 4993)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

FROM : ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA):

SUBJECT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (EDA): Approve Substantial Amendment to the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan of the 2014-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan , All Districts[\$1,940,508], Community Development Block Grant 82.45% and Emergency Solutions Grant 17.55%, CEQA Exempt

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the substantial amendment to the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan of the 2014-2019 Five Year Consolidated plan (Substantial Amendment) is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3);
2. Find that the Substantial Amendment is exempt from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations Section 58.34(a)(1) and (a)(3);

ACTION: Policy

Robert Field, Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA 8/17/2017

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington, Perez and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: September 19, 2017
xc: EDA,

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board

Deputy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

3. Approve the substantial amendment to the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan of the 2014-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, to add the following Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project, which is fully described in Attachment A, attached hereto:

Affordable Housing Renovation and Modernization Project (Beaumont, Desert Hot Springs, Lake Elsinore, and Thermal)	\$1,600,000	Add New Project
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4. Approve the substantial amendment to the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan of the 2014-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, to modify the following Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) projects, which are fully described in Attachments ESG1 and ESG2, attached hereto:

Emergency Homeless Program-Rapid Rehousing (Supplemental FY 17 ESG Funding)	\$314,970	Increase ESG Funding
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General ESG Program Administration (Supplemental FY 17 ESG Funding)	\$ 25,538	Increase ESG Funding
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5. Authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA or designee to sign the attached Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) for the ESG program, as set forth in the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan; and

6. Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk within 5 working days.

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 1,940,508	\$ 0	\$ 1,940,508	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Community Development Block Grant 82.45%; Emergency Solutions Grant 17.55%			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	17/18

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that all substantial amendments to the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the One-Year Action Plan are subject to the Citizen Participation Plan and are approved by the Board of Supervisors and HUD. In accordance with the County of Riverside's Citizen Participation Plan for the 2014-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, all new activities added to the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan,

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any significant increases in funding or changes to an existing project, or other changes or amendments to the 2014-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan are considered to be substantial amendments.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project, as described in Attachment A, attached hereto, has been determined by staff to be an eligible activity that meets a National Objective of the CDBG program. Staff recommends approval of the new CDBG project as a substantial amendment. The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) projects, as described in Attachments ESG1 and ESG 2, attached hereto, have been determined by staff to be eligible ESG activities. Staff recommends approval of the modifications to the ESG projects as substantial amendments.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the substantial amendment to the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan of the 2014-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan set forth in this action, was reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule or "Common Sense" exemption. The project, the Substantial Amendment to the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan of the 2014-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan is an administrative planning document that will only have financial effect. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed substantial amendment may have a significant effect on the environment and will not lead to any direct or reasonably indirect physical impacts. The individual projects identified in the substantial amendment will be subject to separate CEQA environmental review prior to taking any choice limiting action or discretionary action on those specific projects. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by County staff with the County Clerk within five days of the approval of the substantial amendment of the 2017-2018 One Year Action Plan.

Furthermore, the substantial amendment to the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan of the 2014-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan was determined to be exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to Title 24 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 58.34 (a)(1) and (a)(3) since the proposed substantial amendment is an administrative activity. The individual projects identified in the substantial amendment of the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan will be subject to separate NEPA environmental review prior to taking any choice limiting action or discretionary action on those specific projects.

Pursuant to 24 CFR Section 91.105 and the Citizen Participation Plan, the Economic Development Agency published the required public notice notifying the public of the comment period for the proposed substantial amendment to the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan of the 2014-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. No public comments have been received.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the substantial amendment to the 2017-2018 One-Year Action Plan of the 2014-2015 Five-Year Consolidated Plan as to form.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

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Affordable Housing Renovations and Modernization Project: The Riverside Community Housing Corp. (RCHC), a nonprofit organization, is proposing to use \$1,600,000 of CDBG funds to pay for the costs associated with the renovation of kitchens, bathrooms, and flooring in ninety eight (98) affordable housing units located in Thermal, Desert Hot Springs, Beaumont, and Lake Elsinore. RCHC provides decent, safe, and affordable housing to low and very-low income families. Preservation of the affordable housing stock is a priority community development need of the County.

Supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): On July 11, 2017, the County was notified by HUD that it was selected to receive \$340,508 of supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding in addition to the regular FY17 allocation of \$655,174. The Board of Supervisors had already approved the 2017-2018 One Year Action Plan for CDBG, ESG, and HOME funding prior to the HUD notification. Consequently, a substantial amendment to the 2017-2018 One Year Action Plan is required to accept these supplemental ESG funds.

ESG funds are used by the County and its subrecipients for emergency shelter, outreach, rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, reporting, and program administration. Staff are proposing that the \$340,508 of supplemental ESG funds be allocated towards rapid re-housing activities and program administration.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

No impact upon the County's General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CDBG Attachment A – Project Description
- ESG Attachments ESG1 and ESG2 – Project Descriptions
- Standard Form 424 for ESG
- Public Notice and Proof of Publication
- Notice of Exemption

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