

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Planning and Community Development

BOARD AGENDA # \*D-1

Urgent  Routine

AGENDA DATE April 14, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Consider an Amendment to the Consolidated Plan FY 2007-2012 and Annual Action Plan FY 2008-2009, to Include the Expenditure of \$1,023,163.00 in Housing and Urban Development Under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Initiate a 15-day public comment period for the proposed amendment to the FY 2007-2012 Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan and the FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan to incorporate the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funding of \$1,023,163.00 and direct staff to bring this item back to the Board of Supervisors on May 5, 2009 to hold a public meeting and for final review and approval of the amended FY 2007-2012 Consolidated Plan and FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocation for the Stanislaus County Consortium to implement the new Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funding in the amount of \$1,023,163.00. The Department of Planning and Community Development will administer the program for the County. Administrative costs are estimated to be approximately 5% (or \$51,158) of the total allocation as directed per HUD guidelines. There will be no net cost to the County General Fund as all program delivery and administrative costs will be borne by the funds allocated through HUD.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-231

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

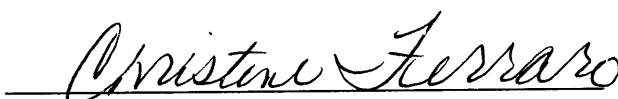
1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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**DISCUSSION:**

The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Recovery Act") congress designated \$1.5 billion for communities to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

The funding is provided through HUD's Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program on a formula basis. Pursuant to HUD's discretion under the Recovery Act, 24 CFR part 91, as modified needs to comply with the following requirements to be considered for utilization of HPRP funds:

The county must prepare and submit a substantial amendment of its Consolidated Plan FY 2007-2012 and Annual Action Plan FY 2008-2009 within 60 days of the March 19, 2009 notice received from HUD; along with a minimum 12-day public comment period.

Stanislaus County's HPRP funds will be utilized to assist individuals and families under a combination of eligible activities as outlined below:

- Short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and motel or hotel vouchers.
- Services that assist program participants with housing stability and placement.
- Provide program administration.
- Data collection and evaluation includes costs associated with operating HUD-approved homeless management information systems for purposes of collecting unduplicated counts of homeless persons and analyzing use of funds.

Under the Emergency Grant application process, applicants were scored utilizing criteria that included, their ability to serve the population in the greatest related HPRP needs, along with the necessary capacity and experience to undertake such activities. This criteria provides the following recommendations for distribution of funds to be utilized throughout the consortia's participating communities, that include, Stanislaus County unincorporated areas, the Cities of Ceres, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, and Waterford.

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### Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program

Agency	Need	ESG Capacity	H. R. & S. Services	Administration	Totals	Capacity %
Administration				\$51,158.00	<b>\$51,158.00</b>	
We Care \$		\$42,206.00	\$12,165.00		<b>\$139,371.00</b>	10.5%
Inter-Faith	\$85,000.00	\$37,793.00	\$10,549.00		<b>\$133,342.00</b>	9.4%
CHSS	\$85,000.00	\$253,400.00	\$88,886.00		<b>\$427,286.00</b>	63.2%
CCC	\$85,000.00	\$67,803.00	\$21,453.00		<b>\$174,256.00</b>	16.9%
Salvation Army	\$85,000.00		\$12,750.00		<b>\$97,750.00</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$425,000.00</b>	<b>\$401,202.00</b>	<b>\$145,803.00</b>	<b>\$51,158.00</b>	<b>\$1,023,163.00</b>	100%

In order to implement this program, the County's CDBG Consolidated Plan for FY 2007-2012 and the Annual Action Plan for FY 2008-2009 must be amended to include this new program. The substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan is provided as Attachment 1.

The preparation of this Consolidated Plan Amendment utilized consultation and coordination among various non-profit agencies, prior to amending the document. Relationships with these resource providers consisted of face-to-face meetings in *March of 2009*. A meeting will also be conducted with Consortium partners to solicit input from the membership of the Stanislaus County Housing and Support Services Collaborative will be considered.

Prior to approving the final Consolidated Plan FY 2007-2012 Update and modification to the Annual Action Plan FY 2008-2009, the Board of Supervisors must hold a public meeting to solicit public comment. It is NOT required that this item be a "Public Hearing." However, the Board is being requested to hear this item on May 5, 2009 to close the public comment period and for final review and approval of the amended Consolidated Plan FY 2007-2012 and Annual Action Plan FY 2008-2009.

A final Consolidated Plan must be submitted to HUD by May 18, 2009.

#### **STAFFING IMPACT:**

The Department of Planning and Community Development will be administering this program for the Consortium and all funds must be spent within 36 months. Administration will require a full-time staff person. The Department anticipates using existing staff to administer this and other ESG programs throughout the next three years. All staff costs will be borne by the various programs and there will be no net cost to the County General Fund.

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**POLICY ISSUES:**

This program directly reflects the following priorities of the Board of Supervisors:

1. A safe community
2. A healthy community
3. Effective partnerships
4. Efficient delivery of public services

The programs and projects are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Stanislaus County Consolidated Plan, the Stanislaus County General Plan, specifically the Housing Element, the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Plan and the comparable plans of the cities of Ceres, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, and Waterford. These programs and projects also serve as the chief means to implement those goals, objectives, and plans.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Substantial Amendment of the FY 2007-2012 Consolidated Plan and FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan
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2. FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan
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ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE  
FROM YOUR CLERK

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **May 5, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be presented, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors will meet in the Basement Chambers, Lower Level, 1010 10th St., Modesto, CA, to consider an amendment to the Consolidated Plan FY 2007-2012 and Annual Action Plan FY 2008-2009, to include the allocation of **\$1,023,163.00 in Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Grant Funds under the Federal Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HP&RR) Program.**

**INTRODUCTION** - The Consortium's Consolidated Plan Update outlines the goals and policies for utilizing CDBG funds to assist low-income households and persons in the areas of housing and the foreclosure market.

The three specific goals of the CDBG program are: 1) Provide decent housing; 2) Provide a suitable living environment; and, 3) Expand economic opportunities.

For Fiscal Years 2008-2011 (March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 through September 30, 2011), the Consortium will spend approximately \$1,023,163.00 of HP&RR funds on the following activities:

- Short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and motel or hotel vouchers.
- Services that assist program participants with housing stability and placement.
- Provide program administration.
- Data collection and evaluation includes costs associated with operating HUD-approved homeless management information systems for purposes of collecting unduplicated counts of homeless persons and analyzing use of funds.

**PLAN PREPARATION AND PROCESS** - The preparation of the Consolidated Plan Update utilized consultation and coordination among various agencies, private groups (for- and non-profit) and individuals. Relationships with these resource providers consisted of face-to-face meetings. Most important among them were the meetings with the Consortium partners and the input from the membership of the Stanislaus County Housing and Support Services Collaborative.

The Draft Plan Update will be released for a 15-day review on April 14, 2009, to solicit input from the public with formal adoption by the Board of Supervisors following.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** - Input was sought from citizens regarding homeless prevention within the unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County, as well as the cities of the Consortium.

**CONCLUSION** - The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HP&RR) Program is an opportunity to address needs and challenges that are faced by the members of the Consortium related to eligible homeless prevention activities outline within federal HR&RR regulation. If any member of the public has a question regarding the full Consolidated Plan, please

call Aaron Farnon at 209-525-6330, or come to the Stanislaus County Department of Planning and Community Development at 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3400, Modesto, CA between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A copy of the Draft Annual Action Plan Update will be available for review at the Planning Departments of each member of the Consortium and online at <http://www.stancounty.com/>

Interested persons may submit written comments to Stanislaus County regarding the program to Kirk Ford of the Stanislaus County Department of Planning and Community Development at the above-referenced address or call (209) 525-6330.

DATED: April 14, 2009

KF and AF(2) approved 4/6/09(rh)

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