

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 May 19, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO   
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Request to Initiate a 14-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 Community Development Block Grant - Recovery Act Funds (CDBG-R) in the Amount of \$669,134.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Initiate a 14-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 Community Development Block Grant - Recovery Act Funds (CDBG-R) in the amount of \$669,134.00 and direct staff to bring this item back to the Board of Supervisors on June 2, 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 Recovery Act Funds (CDBG-R) in the amount of \$669,134.00. The Department of Planning and Community Development will administer the program for the County. Administrative costs are estimated to be approximately 10% (or \$66,913.00) 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. 2009-344

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

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) X 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 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) appropriated \$1 billion in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to states and local governments to carry out, on an expedited basis, eligible activities under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Pursuant to Recovery Act provisions, HUD is treating CDBG-R funds as a special allocation of CDBG funding. To receive CDBG-R funding, the County must prepare and submit a substantial amendment of its Consolidated Plan FY2007-2012 and Annual Action Plan FY 2008-2009 by June 5, 2009 along with a minimum 7-day public comment period.

Funding available under the Recovery Act has clear purposes – to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation's infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities. While a full range of CDBG activities are available to grantees, HUD strongly urges grantees to use CDBG-R funds for hard development costs associated with infrastructure activities that provide basic services to residents or activities that promote energy efficiency and conservation through rehabilitation or retrofitting of existing buildings.

Following the intent of the Recovery Act and HUD's recommendations, Stanislaus County's CDBG-R funds will be utilized to modernize and improve energy efficiency and expand educational opportunities within the housing industry. These services will be provided in the form of rehabilitation or the retrofitting of Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) acquired units with solar systems and other related energy efficiency improvements. These improvements will help those impacted by the recession by reducing their energy costs and foster energy independence for first time home buyers.

The program will provide the opportunity to hire a minimum of two (2) part-time interns to expand their exposure to the community development industry and acquire expertise to become employable within community development, redevelopment, and the related public and private housing sector of the community. The interns will be employees of Project YES.

The solar system and energy efficiency installations will employ a minimum of five (5) contractors over the next 24 months.

Funds will be tracked to ensure that a fair distribution on the energy efficiency improvements will occur within the Consortium as follows:

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<b>Area</b>	<b>Admin/Intern</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stanislaus County	\$4,245.00 /\$44,000.00	\$ 228,845.00	\$ <b>277,090.00</b>
City of Ceres	\$ 3,613.00	\$ 72,267.00	\$ <b>75,88.000</b>
City of Newman	\$ 3,312.00	\$ 66,244.00	\$ <b>69,566.00</b>
City of Oakdale	\$ 2,710.00	\$ 54,199.00	\$ <b>56,909.00</b>
City of Patterson	\$ 5,420.00	\$ 108,400.00	\$ <b>113,820.00</b>
City of Waterford	\$ 3,613.00	\$ 72,266.00	\$ <b>75,879.00</b>
	<b>Admin/Intern</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$ <b>66,913.00</b>	\$ <b>602,221.00</b>	\$ <b>669,134.00</b>

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 the CDBG Consortium jurisdictions.

Prior to approving the final Consolidated Plan FY 2007-2012 update and amendment 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 June 2, 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 and Annual Action Plan must be submitted to HUD by June 5, 2009.

With the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors' approval, the plan will be forwarded to Housing and Urban Development for review and program approval; 24-month contracts will be executed within 30 days of the project-funding award. Funds will then be expended within the 24-month period.

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CDBG-R grant funds will be monitored under the established Stanislaus County Rehabilitation Program format, which includes quarterly monitoring visits to ensure effective and timely use of funds and utilization in an eligible manner. Utilization of the IDIS system will also provide administrators the ability to monitor grantees on an ongoing basis to ensure timely and accurate use of CDBG-R funds.

### **STAFFING IMPACT:**

The Department of Planning and Community Development will administer this program for the Consortium and all funds must be spent within 24 months. The Department anticipates using existing staff to administer and oversee this and other HUD programs. All staff costs will be borne by the various programs and there will be no net cost to the County General Fund.

### **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
5. A well planned infrastructure

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. The programs and projects also serve as the chief means to implement those goals, objectives, and plans.

### **ATTACHMENTS: (Available from Clerk)**

1. Substantial Amendment of the FY 2007-2012 Consolidated Plan and FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan
2. FY 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan
3. Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 2, 2009 at 9:00 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 **\$669,134.00 in Housing and Urban Development Entitlement Grant Funds under the Federal Community Development Block Grant-Recovery Act Funds (CDBG-R) Program.**

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

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 2008-2012 (May 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012), the Consortium will spend approximately \$669,134.00 of CDBG-R funds on the following activities:

- Rehabilitation or retrofitting of Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) acquired units with solar systems and other related energy efficient improvements.
- Expand educational opportunities within the housing and community development field for eligible college students.

**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 14-day review on May 19, 2009, to solicit input from the public with formal adoption by the Board of Supervisors following.

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

**CONCLUSION** - The CDBG-R Program is an opportunity for the CDBG Consortium to meet the intent of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 which is to stimulate the economy through measures that modernize the Nation's infrastructure, improve energy efficiency, and expand educational opportunities. 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 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 regarding the program to Kirk Ford, Stanislaus County Department of Planning and Community Development at the above-referenced address or call (209) 525-6330.

DATED: MAY 20, 2009

CDBG Dept is publishing due to time line requirements (rh)

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KF and AF(2) approved \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION  
(C.C.P. S2015.5)**

**COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident Of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of Eighteen years, and not a party to or interested In the above entitle matter. I am a printer and Principal clerk of the publisher of **THE MODESTO BEE**, printed in the City of **MODESTO**, County of **STANISLAUS**, State of California, daily, for which said newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of **STANISLAUS**, State of California, Under the date of **February 25, 1951, Action No. 46453**; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each issue there of on the following dates, to wit:

May 20, 2009

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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury That the foregoing is true and correct and that This declaration was executed at

**MODESTO, California** on

May 20th, 2009

(Signature)

  
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