

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

DEPT: Planning and Community Development *PK*

BOARD AGENDA # *D-2

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE August 6, 2013

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Authorize the Director of Planning and Community Development to Serve as the Stanislaus Urban County's "Authorized Representative", "Authorized Official", and "Certifying Officer" for all Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grants Administered by the County's Planning and Community Development Department

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the Director of the Planning and Community Development Department to serve as the Stanislaus County's "Authorized Representative", "Authorized Official", and "Certifying Officer" for all federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants, and associated programs, administered by the County's Planning and Community Development Department.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The authorization of the Director of the Planning and Community Development Department to serve as the "Authorized Representative", "Authorized Official", and "Certifying Officer" will simplify processes and improve the efficiency in administration of federal HUD grants.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2013-399

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Withrow, Monteith, De Martini and Chairman Chiesa

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

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DISCUSSION:

Stanislaus County, along with the cities of Ceres, Hughson, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, and Waterford, form what is known as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consortium (federally defined and hereafter referred to as the "Stanislaus Urban County"). The Stanislaus Urban County is an Entitlement Jurisdiction and receives CDBG and Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) entitlement funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis based on a formula allocation. Stanislaus County is recognized as the "lead entity" under these entitlement programs. CDBG and ESG funds are utilized to provide infrastructure, economic development, public services, fair housing, homeless prevention, and homeless service activities benefiting members of the population meeting a targeted income.

Under federal HUD regulations, the County Chief Executive Officer is currently recognized as the "Authorized Representative", "Authorized Official", and "Certifying Officer" for the purposes of signing annual grant applications, agreements, environmental clearances, and other official grant documents on behalf of the Stanislaus Urban County. HUD regulations allow the Board of Supervisors to reassign the authorization for signing on behalf of the Stanislaus Urban County.

All signatures of the "Authorized Representative", "Authorized Official", and "Certifying Officer" are in response to the routine administration and implementation of HUD grants and associated programs as approved by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. Authorizing the Director of Planning and Community Development to serve as the "Authorized Representative", "Authorized Official", and "Certifying Officer" will simplify processes and improve the efficiency by centralizing all administrative functions of the HUD programs in the Planning and Community Development Department. The Director of Planning and Community Development is annually authorized by the Board of Supervisors to execute any agreements, contracts, or other documents required for implementation of HUD programs; however, the Chief Executive Officer has historically been authorized to sign the Application for Federal Assistance and program Certifications. This item reassigns past authorizations.

POLICY ISSUES:

The recommended action supports the Board's priority of a Well Planned Infrastructure, a Strong Local Economy, and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by simplifying the process and improving the efficiency of implementing grants and programs already authorized by the Board of Supervisors.

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STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.

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