

<b>County of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report</b>			<b>Clerk of the Board Use Only</b>	
			Meeting Date ____/____/____	Held Until ____/____/____
			Agenda Item No. _____	Agenda Item No. _____
Department: <b>Community Development Commission</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> <b>4 / 5 Vote Required</b>	
Contact: <b>Mark Krug</b>	Phone: <b>(707) 565-7509</b>	Board Date: <b>11/3/09</b>	Deadline for Board Action:	
<b>Agenda Short Title:</b> FY 2010-2011 CDBG, HOME and ESG Policies and Projects				
<b>Requested Board Action:</b> Concurrent approval by the Board of Supervisors, Commission and South Park County Sanitation District to:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve policies for the FY 2010-2011 Consolidated Plan federally-funded programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG).</li> <li>2. Authorize submittal of project funding requests by the Departments of General Services and Regional Parks, the South Park County Sanitation District, the Sonoma County Housing Authority, and the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, for consideration during the Consolidated Plan funding process.</li> <li>3. Approve submittal of project funding requests by the Sonoma County Fairgrounds as County-Owned Public Facilities projects for consideration during the Consolidated Plan funding process.</li> </ol>				
<b>CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT</b>				
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING APPROVAL</u>		
Estimated Cost	\$	Contingencies	\$	
		(Fund Name:	)	
Amount Budgeted	\$	Unanticipated Revenue	\$	
		(Source:	)	
Other Avail Approp	\$	Other Transfer(s)	\$	
(Explain Below)		(Source:	)	_____
<b>Additional Requested:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Add'l Funds Requested:</b>	<b>\$</b>	
Explanation: (If required)				
<b>Prior Board Action(s):</b>				
11/4/08: Board approved FY 2009-2010 Consolidated Plan Policies and project submittals by County departments.				
05/5/09: Board approved FY 2009-2010 Consolidated Plan: One-Year Action Plan.				
<b>Alternative --Results of Non-Approval:</b>				
Non-approval would result in the delay of funding allocation and could result in the possible loss of approximately \$3.5 million in federal funds.				

**Background:**

FY 2010-2011 FUNDING ALLOCATION

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not yet announced FY 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) program allocations. It is anticipated that funding levels will be slightly more than allocations received in FY 2009-2010, with some variance by program. Therefore, estimated allocations for Sonoma County CDBG, HOME and ESG for FY 2010-2011 are as follows:

CDBG	\$2,175,000
HOME	1,265,000
<u>ESG</u>	<u>93,000</u>
FY 2010-11	\$3,533,000

FY 2010-2011 POLICY REVISIONS

The attached draft Funding Policies: Federal CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding Programs have been revised as indicated on the attached Summary of Proposed Sonoma County Policy Revisions, to make miscellaneous revisions for clarification of existing procedures, to improve the wording of the existing provisions, and to comply with the Sonoma County Consolidated Plan and HUD regulations.

The policy revisions were considered by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), which is comprised of the seven incorporated jurisdictions participating in the HUD-entitlement Urban County, and the Community Development (CD) Committee, the eight-member citizens advisory panel, at concurrent public hearings on 10/13/09. During the hearings, no members of the public made verbal comments, and no written comments have been received.

After the hearings, the TAC and CD Committee each reached a majority vote to recommend Board approval of the revised policies, as attached.

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**Attachments:**

- Summary of Proposed Sonoma County Policy Revisions
- Summary of Public Improvement Projects & Housing Rehabilitation Proposals
- Resolution from the Fairgrounds Board approving application for CDBG funds

**On File With Clerk:** 1) Draft: Funding Policies: Federal CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding Programs; and 2) Consolidated Plan Application Process Timetable.

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**Board Action (If Other than "Requested")**

**Vote:**

Background (Continued):

FY 2010-2011 PROPOSED HOME PROJECTS:

Under the Funding Policies, 45% of the County's HOME funding is available for rental housing development projects and, as limited by HUD and local policy, operating support for one or more Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Per federal requirements, a minimum of 15% of total HOME funding will be awarded to qualified CHDO-sponsored projects.

Under the Funding Policies, 45% of the County's HOME allocation is designated for Tenant Based Rental Assistance. The Sonoma County Housing Authority is requesting the Board's approval to submit a proposal for \$650,000 in HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program funding.

Per local policy, the above allocations are to be adjusted annually to reflect any reprogrammed funds during the previous fiscal year.

FY 2010-2011 PROPOSED CDBG PROJECTS:

Under the attached FY 2010-2011 Funding Policies, 15% of the County's CDBG allocation is available for County-Owned Public Facilities and Improvements projects, 19.5% is available for other Unincorporated Area or Countywide Projects, and 12.5% is available for Public Service projects, with an additional 2.5% reserved for allocation by the Board for any eligible CDBG project. All projects must benefit households with incomes at or below 80% of median area income, as determined and updated annually by HUD.

Public Service Projects: The Sonoma County Housing Authority is authorization to submit a proposal for \$10,000 in CDBG Public Services funding for the Project HERO: Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

County-Owned Public Facilities and Improvements Projects: Two County departments (General Services and Regional parks) and a County agency (South Park County Sanitation District) request authority to submit five proposals shown below for FY 2010-2011 CDBG funding in this category. In addition, the Sonoma County Fairgrounds is requesting the Board approval to submit two proposals under this category. Fairgrounds staff has provided a resolution from the Fair Board authorizing submittal of an ADA project for CDBG funding consideration.

- (1) *General Services*  
Los Guilicos Complex Pathway ADA Improvements.....\$80,000
- (2) *South Park County Sanitation District (Water Agency)*  
Gloria & Meekland Dr. Area Collection System Rplcmnt Project...\$100,000
- (3) *Sonoma County Fairgrounds*  
Finley Hall Restrooms ADA Improvements.....\$40,390
- (4) *Sonoma County Fairgrounds*  
Kraft Hall ADA Improvements.....\$62,260
- (5) *Regional Parks*  
Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach ADA Improvements.....\$50,000
- (6) *Regional Parks*  
Ernie Smith Community Park ADA Improvements.....\$50,000
- (7) *General Services*  
Administration Complex Pathway ADA Improvements.....\$30,000

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**Background (Continued):**

Each of these projects, listed above in recommended priority order is described in more detail in the attached Summary of Public Facilities and Improvements Projects.

Countywide and Unincorporated Area Projects: The Commission requests approval to submit a proposal for \$450,000 in CDBG funding under this category for the Housing Rehabilitation Loan and Earthquake Resistant Bracing System Grant programs. As stipulated in the Funding Policies, the Commission will allocate program income/ reprogrammed funds derived from all sources, except first-time homebuyers programs, to the Commission Housing Rehabilitation program, described in more detail in the attached Housing Rehabilitation Program summary. Repayments of previously loaned CDBG funds for first-time homebuyers will continue to be set-aside for new first-time homebuyer loans.

**FY 2010-2011 CONSOLIDATED PLAN APPLICATION PROCESS**

As shown on the attached Application Process Timetable, a Technical Assistance Session will be held for all interested applicants on 11/5/09. All CDBG, HOME and ESG applications will be submitted directly to the Commission by 1/8/10. The TAC will hold a public hearing on the incorporated area CDBG applications on 3/8/10. The CD Committee will hold a public hearing on all other applications on 3/9/10. The recommendations of the CD Committee and the TAC will be included in a draft One-Year Action Plan, which will be discussed by the Board of Supervisors at the 5/4/10 meeting. The adopted FY 2010-2011 Consolidated Plan: One-Year Action Plan must be submitted to HUD no later than 5/15/10.

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION**

By approval of this agenda item, the Board, Commission and South Park County Sanitation District will authorize the submission of ten funding proposals generated by County departments and agencies, as further described above, and approve the draft Funding Policies: Federal CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding Programs.