



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Human Services Agency
Office of Housing

DATE: June 17, 2002

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 9, 2002

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Maureen Borland, Director, Human Services Agency
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SUBJECT: COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO AND THE CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS UNDER THE NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990 FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2003-2005

Recommendation

Adopt a Resolution authorizing execution of a Cooperation Agreement between the City of South San Francisco and the County of San Mateo for the purpose of receiving HOME Investment Partnership Program funds under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 for federal FYs 2003-05.

Background

In November, 1990, major housing legislation known as the National Affordable Housing Act was signed into law. Title II of the law created the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. The HOME Program provides funds to states and local governments for acquisition, rehabilitation and new construction of affordable housing and tenant based rental assistance.

HOME funds are allocated on a formula basis, which takes into consideration various factors such as age of housing, levels of poverty and population. Communities with a formula allocation of \$500,000 or more are eligible to become Participating Jurisdictions. Under the current appropriation levels for the HOME Program, the County of San Mateo, through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cooperation Agreements with 16 participating cities, would qualify for an allocation of funds under the HOME Program. Those communities not qualifying for the minimum allocation may join with a qualifying

jurisdiction to form a Consortium for purposes of receiving HOME funds. The demographics of all jurisdictions in the Consortium are then included in the formula for determining the allocation of HOME funds to the Consortium.

The City of South San Francisco has been a member of the San Mateo County HOME Consortium since the program inception.

Discussion

The County has advised HUD of its intention to continue the Consortium. Attached is the Cooperation Agreement between the CDBG entitlement communities of the City of South San Francisco and the Urban County, which represents the County and the 16 participating cities.

The HOME Consortium has received certification from the State that its activities will be directed toward alleviation of housing problems within the State.

The Resolution and Agreement have been approved by the County Counsel's Office, and meet HUD regulations.

Vision Alignment

This action keeps the commitment to offer a full range of housing choices and goal number 9: Housing exists for people at all income levels and for all generations of families. The action contributes to this commitment and goal by providing the mechanism to provide funding for affordable housing development throughout the County.

Fiscal Impact

Submission of the Cooperation Agreement to HUD will qualify San Mateo County and its member jurisdictions as a Consortium for the purposes of receiving HOME Program funds for federal FYs 2003, 2004 and 2005. This action has no impact on County general funds.

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COUNTY MANAGER