



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Human Services Agency
Office of Housing

DATE: February 27, 2003

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 11, 2003

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Maureen Borland, Director, Human Services Agency
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SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing execution of Agreements with the Cities of Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Bruno, San Carlos and Woodside

Recommendation

Adopt a Resolution authorizing execution of Agreements with the cities of Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Bruno, San Carlos and Woodside for Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program Services.

Background

The County of San Mateo, with participation of the non-entitlement cities listed above, qualifies as an Urban County under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program guidelines as described by Housing & Urban Development (HUD), and therefore is an "entitlement jurisdiction". As such, it is entitled to receive annual allocations of funding under HUD's CDBG program.

The County's four largest cities with populations over 50,000 (Daly City, South San Francisco, San Mateo and Redwood City) are entitlement jurisdictions for receipt of CDBG funding. The smaller cities in the County are "non-entitlement" jurisdictions and do not receive direct allocations from HUD. Through participation in the Urban County, non-entitlement jurisdictions can access CDBG funds.

Qualification as an Urban County requires that cooperation Agreements be executed between the County and its non-entitlement cities during a specific window of time for programs funded with CDBG funds. One of these programs is the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program.

Discussion

The previous Cooperation Agreements covered fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 and expired on June 30, 2002. These Cooperation Agreements cover the fiscal years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05. HUD now allows Cooperation Agreements to have an automatic renewal of three-year terms. Each participating jurisdiction will be notified before June of 2005, and in three year increments thereafter, of their opportunity to terminate their Agreement with the County.

The City of Menlo Park operates their own rehabilitation program under a long-standing Agreement with the County. The other fifteen non-entitlement cities: (1) Atherton; (2) Belmont; (3) Brisbane; (4) Burlingame; (5) Colma; (6) East Palo Alto; (7) Foster City; (8) Half Moon Bay; (9) Hillsborough; (10) Millbrae; (11) Pacifica; (12) Portola Valley; (13) San Bruno; (14) San Carlos and (15) Woodside have each approved their Cooperation Agreement.

This Agreement has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. Risk Management has reviewed and waived the contractor's insurance coverage.

Vision Alignment

These actions keep the commitments to: Offer a full range of housing choices, and responsive, effective and collaborative government; and goals number 9 and 22: Housing exists for people at all income levels and for all generations of families: County and local governments effectively communicate, collaborate and develop strategic approaches to issues affecting the entire County. The actions contribute to these commitments and goals through the cooperative efforts of public and private parties to advance the mutual goal of providing a continuum of housing opportunities for low and very low-income families.

Fiscal Impact

Submission of the Cooperation Agreements to HUD will re-qualify San Mateo County and the participating cities as an Urban County, as such being entitled to continue to operate the Countywide Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program under CDBG guidelines during FY 2002-03 to FY 2004-05.

There is no Net County Cost.

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COUNTY MANAGER