RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(1) Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the submission of a $35,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for 2009 to conduct a study of needs and feasibility of the development of a child care center;

(2) Approve the $35,000 2009 CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance (P/TA) application to request funding from the State Department of Housing and Community Development to support this effort;

(3) Authorize the Human Services Director to sign the agreement and any subsequent amendments with the State Department of Housing and Community Development if the grant is funded; and

(4) Authorize the Human Services Director to release the Request for Qualifications for consultants if the grant is funded.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

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Financial Impact? (X) Yes ( ) No

Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded

Amount in Budget: $ 2,800

Additional Funding Needed: $ 0

Source: Contracts/Grants

Internal Transfer

Unanticipated Revenue

Transfer Between Funds

Contingency

( ) General ( ) Other

Annual Recurring Cost:

Pages 1 & 2, Memo to the Board
Pages 3 – 30, CDBG P/TA Grant Application

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CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No. 524274

Vote – Ayes: 5

Noes: 

Absent: 

Approved

( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date:

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

County of Mariposa, State of California

By: Deputy

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended

No Opinion

Comments:

CAO: [Signature]
November 19, 2008

To: Members; Board of Supervisors
Richard Benson, CAO

From: James A. Rydingsword

RE: Public Hearing and Approval of the 2009 Community Development Block Grant General Allocation Planning and Technical Assistance Application for Childcare Planning

Recommendation
It is respectfully recommended that your Board:

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Background
The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) competitively awards CDBG monies to local government agencies. This amount of funding may be applied for upon the release of a Notice of Funding Availability, and can be used for a variety of community projects.

For the past 12 months, Mariposa County’s Human Services Department and community service providers have been formally meeting to discuss the gaps in services to individuals and families, as well as the barriers to accessing existing services. A major issue that has been discussed is the limited options for affordable, available and accessible childcare. Most childcare in Mariposa County is currently provided in the homes of licensed childcare providers, who take a limited number of children due to their licensing requirements. Many of these childcare options are in the outlying communities, over 15 minutes from Mariposa. Although this system seems to work for families with financial resources, those families with limited financial assistance or barriers to transportation are often left in a cycle of poverty due to their inability to access childcare, therefore their inability to access jobs. In addition, those families who need childcare intermittently (for therapeutic appointments, court dates, etc.) find themselves with no options in Mariposa County, other than individual babysitters, who are often expensive and rarely, if ever, licensed. The outcome is often missed appointments and/or ‘failure’ to comply with requirements of the Programs they are accountable to.

In addition to need, is opportunity. Mariposa County Human Services Department is currently in the process of planning for the development of a new Human Services Building/campus, which could serve as a “one stop” for multiple county departments and community based organizations, serving individuals, children and families. The prospect of co-locating a childcare center has been discussed, not only as a way to provide safe and affordable childcare in a
centralized location in Mariposa, but also as a way for clients who are accessing service to have childcare “drop-in” capabilities. In addition, another opportunity comes by way of the creation of employment opportunities for those interested in a field in childcare and early childhood development. There are many Mariposa residents who are interested in a field in early childhood development and are attending a community college in an adjoining County for their certifications, however, there are very few places for them to do their internships in Mariposa County. A childcare center could serve not only as a resource to families, but an opportunity for both new and existing childcare professionals.

We are currently requesting to submit an application to CDBG in the amount of $35,000, that would allow us to hire a consultant to do a study on the needs and feasibility of the development of a child care center in the Human Services campus.

Financial

If approved, this grant will bring $35,000 in Federal revenue into Mariposa County. The requirements for a Cash Match are 8% or $2,800. We are proposing the utilization of Community Services Block Grant funds (which currently funds health and safety related services and programs that promote self sufficiency for low-income persons), in the amount of $2,800 to be utilized as “in-kind salaries” for the Community Action Agency Staff to oversee this process and administer the grant. There will be no impact to the County General Fund.
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: JIM RYDINGSWORD, Human Services Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Submission of a $35,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for 2009 to Conduct a Study of Needs and Feasibility of the Development of a Child Care Center; Approve the $35,000 CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance (P/TA) Application to Request Funding from the State Department of Housing and Community Development to Support this Effort; Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the Agreement and Any Subsequent Amendments with the State Department of Housing and Community Development if the Grant is Funded; and Authorize the Human Services Director to Release the Request for Qualifications for Consultants if the Grant is Funded

RESOLUTION 08-574

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 9, 2008

ACTION AND VOTE:

12:03 p.m. Janet Gass and Debbie Smith/Human Services Department, appeared on behalf of Jim Rydingsword, Human Services Director;
PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Submission of a $35,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for 2009 to Conduct a Study of Needs and Feasibility of the Development of a Child Care Center; Approve the $35,000 CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance (P/TA) Application to Request Funding from the State Department of Housing and Community Development to Support this Effort; Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the Agreement and Any Subsequent Amendments with the State Department of Housing and Community Development if the Grant is Funded; and Authorize the Human Services Director to Release the Request for Qualifications for Consultants if the Grant is Funded

BOARD ACTION: Janet Gass presented the staff report; and responded to questions from the Board relative to developing statistical information and the need for day care providers to be available longer hours; whether there is coordination with Mariposa Safe Families and their efforts to build a family resource/enrichment center. The public portion of the hearing was opened and there was no public input. The public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. (M)Fritz, (S)Pickard, Res. 08-574 was adopted approving the submittal of the grant application as recommended/Ayes: Unanimous. The hearing was closed.

Cc: Chris Ebie, Auditor
File
RESOLUTION NO. 08-574

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ALLOCATION OF THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of [Mariposa] as follows:

SECTION 1

The County Board has reviewed and hereby approves an application under the General Allocation for up to $35,000 for the following planning activity(s):

Child Care Planning Project: $35,000

SECTION 2

The County Board has determined that federal Citizen Participation requirements were met during the development of this application.

SECTION 3

For Cash Match, the County Board hereby approves the use of: Community Services Block Grant Funds in the amount of $2,800.00 to be used as the County’s Cash Match for this application.

SECTION 4 Not Applicable

Commitment of additional local Program Income to activities in the application is hereby approved by the City's/County for the (Economic Development or General Allocation application) as follows:

SECTION 5

The Director of Human Services, Planning Director, County Auditor and CAO are hereby authorized and directed to act on the County’s behalf in all matters pertaining to this application.

SECTION 6

If the application is approved, the Director of Human Services is authorized to enter into and sign the grant agreement and any subsequent amendments with the State of California for the purposes of this grant.
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County held on December 9, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: ABORN, TURPIN, BIBBY NOES: NONE
FRITZ, PICKARD
ABSENT: NONE

Lyle Turpin, Board Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Mariposa

I, Margie Williams, Mariposa County Clerk of the Board of Mariposa County, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Supervisors on this date, 2008.

Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board