DEPARTMENT: Human Services / Community Action

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully recommended that your Board:

(1) Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the submission of a $162,162 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for 2006 to fund Mother Lode Job Training for Low-income Employment and Training Services; and

(2) Approve the $162,162 2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to request Funding from the State Department of Housing and Community Development of Housing and Community Development to support these Community Programs; and

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No Current FY Cost: $ Partially Funded
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $ $
Additional Funding Needed: $ $
Source: Contracts/Grants
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds 4/5's vote
Contingency 4/5's vote
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 582-583 Ord. No.______ Vote - Ayes: ______ 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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
______ Requested Action Recommended
______ No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ______

Revised Dec. 2002
RESOLUTION NO. 06-500

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

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

SECTION 1.

The County Board of Supervisors has reviewed and hereby approves an application for up to $162,162 for the following activities:

| Low-Income Job Training services | $150,000 |
| General Administration            | $ 12,162 |

SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 3.

The County hereby approves the use of In-Kind Staffing in the amount of $21,000 to be used as the County’s leverage for this application.

SECTION 4.

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

SECTION 5.

If the application is approved, the Director of the Human Services Department 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 the County of Mariposa held on October 24, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES: Stetson, Turpin Bibby, Fritz, Pickard

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

Lee Stetson, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Mariposa

I, Margie Williams, County Clerk of the County of Mariposa, 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 ___ day of Oct., 2006.

Margie Williams
Name, City/County Clerk of the City/County of Mariposa, State of California

By: ___________

Name, Title
DATE: October 12, 2006

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
RE: Public Hearing and Approval of CDBG General Allocation Grant Application for Public Services

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BACKGROUND

The State Department of Housing and Community Development competitively awards CDBG monies to local government agencies. The maximum amount Mariposa County is eligible for in a single year is $1,000,000. This amount of funding may be applied for annually, and can be used for a variety of community projects. The current Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released in late August, 2006 with a total allocation of $10,000,000 and a focus on Public Works projects. Local agencies, including those funded in 2003 were immediately informed about the funding and sent information given to this department by the state.

In 2003 the County applied for and was awarded $500,000 to fund Mother Lode Job Training and the Mariposa, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne (MACT) Health Board Dental Clinic to provide services to low-income residents. This prior grant was a 30 month term (2 1/2 years) that ended December 31, 2005.

CURRENT SITUATION

Your Board will need to conduct a formal Public Hearing to request community comment regarding this CDBG application as required by the State Department. Notification about this hearing was problematic due to the time frame and the department posted notices in an attempt to get information to the public.

Last week, Mother Lode Job Training (MLJT) made a decision to request funding to continue providing services to our low-income residents. Most probably due to the time difficulties, documents are missing from the application. The required letters of support are not in the application but MLJT has indicated they will provide them October 24, 2006. MLJT will need to finalize the application as well. They have been made aware
that to have their project even looked at by the state they must have not only letters of support, but the Application Checklist, Citizen Participation certification and substantiate the Severity of Need. MLJT is aware of this and has a placeholder in their application (page 90) stating that they will be able to provide the documents at the October 24, 2006 Board of Supervisor’s meeting.

Due to the reorganization of the MACT Health Board, they have decided not to apply for CDBG funding at this time. They provided an excellent service and have been encouraged to reapply.

Unlike most grant activities processed on behalf of other agencies through this department, this application is somewhat challenging. Grants statewide are very competitive and they are awarded on a point basis. This application will lose points due to the short notification for public hearing, the services are not the priority set for the state which is public works projects and during the last grant cycle, the organization did not meet what the grant funders consider "milestones". While Mother Lode hopes that the importance of their project will overcome the obstacles, it may not be enough. Nevertheless, this department will attempt to support their efforts.

FINANCIAL

MLJT has prepared the application in the amount of $162,162. MLJT is requesting $94,728 for direct program services and $55,272 for their administrative costs. The grant allows 7.5% ($12,162) for general administration for your County staff.

MLJT has requested local grant leverage (match) in the amount of $21,000. Other employers in the area will provide similar private leverage (match). The State awards points for both local and private support.

If awarded, staff in your Community Action Agency will provide administrative oversight of this grant. That is not always as easy for our staff. The Community Action Agency Board is becoming strict about projects meeting their goals and spending on a consistent basis. Money is actually held if milestone reports are not forwarded. The reason for that is how we manage grant money has a significant impact on our ability to attract new grant funds. While this project will not be under the purview of the CAA Agency Board, that type of monitoring may have to be discussed in general at a time convenient for your Board.
TO:  CHERYLE RUTHERFORD-KELLY, Human Services Director

FROM:  MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT:  PUBLIC HEARING – 1) Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding the Submission of a $162,162 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for 2006 to Fund Mother Lode Job Training for Low-Income Employment and Training Services; and 2) Approve the $162,162 2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to Request Funding from the State Department of Housing and Community Development of Housing and Community Development to Support these Community Programs; Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Sign Application

RESOLUTION 06-500

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on October 24, 2006

ACTION AND VOTE:

10:12 a.m.  Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, Human Services Director;
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BOARD ACTION:  Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly presented the staff report; and she responded to questions from the Board relative to the status of receiving letters of support for the grant; and relative to concerns with the timeframes and process for the grant application and whether it would affect other County applications in the future if the process requirements are not met.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Leann Hatton, Mother Lode Job Training, advised that she wrote the grant and attended the training and was advised that they would be docked points for not meeting all of the requirements, but it was recommended that they still submit the grant.

Paul Chapman asked about the effectiveness of the Mother Lode Job Training program, and he questioned why the program pays for car insurance for the participants.

Gwen Nitta, One Stop Manager for Mother Lode Job Training, provided information on the number of clients they have served and their success and the vocational skills training. She advised that the cost of having automobile insurance is an issue for people to be able to get to work. She responded to questions
from the Board relative to reimbursement for travel out of the County; relative to job placement; and relative
to the grant application.

The public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Cheryle
Rutherford-Kelly responded to questions from the Board relative to the administration of the grant by the
Community Action Agency and acceptance of the funds by the County; and she advised that this will come
back to the Board for acceptance of the grant if it is awarded. She responded to additional questions from
the County relative to the grant process and administration. (M)Pickard, (S)Bibby, Res. 06-500 was adopted
authorizing submission of the grant application as requested/Ayes: Unanimous. The hearing was closed.

Cc:    File