DEPARTMENT: Human Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
It is respectfully requested that the Board of Supervisors approve submission of the Community Challenge Planning Grant in the amount not to exceed $750,000 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (OMB Approval Number is 2501-0025)

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS
Please see attached memo.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Please see attached memo.

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: [ ] 1/24/11 Ord. No. _____
Vote – Ayes: _____ Noes: _____
Absent: _____ Abstained: _____
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 August 2011
September 8, 2011

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors  
Richard Benson, CAO

From: James A. Rydingsword, Human Services Director

RE: Approval for submission of "The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Challenge Planning Grant"

Recommendation
It is respectfully requested that the Board of Supervisors approve submission of the Community Challenge Planning Grant in the amount not to exceed $750,000 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (OMB Approval Number is 2501-0025)

Background
The purpose of this grant is to facilitate "affordable, economically vital, and sustainable communities by supporting innovative activities at the local and neighborhood level that coordinate housing, economic development, transportation, and environmental policies and goals."

Towards this end, if awarded, the County of Mariposa through the assistance of consultants will develop a housing plan to establish a blueprint for low-income and transitional housing opportunities throughout the Mariposa Town Planning Area that meet sustainability and livability principles outlined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan will identify and assess project sites for acquisition and construction, including the redevelopment, renewal, renovation, reconstruction and reconfiguration of real estate. Properties will be assessed based on criteria including access to public transit, job centers, County low-income services, schools, and retail centers.

A secondary benefit of the plan will be to identify individuals and families who are currently living in substandard housing or are at risk of homelessness. This will not only help to guide development efforts, but will assist the County and specifically the Human Services Department in developing programs to address homelessness based on true need and not just speculation.

The planning process will bring together key agencies for stakeholder outreach and data collection efforts to characterize household demographics and rent affordability. The project will also include the development of sustainable and aesthetic building guidelines for low-income and transitional housing. Finally, the plan will include the development of financial strategies for implementation. This is especially important to ensure we are not creating strategies or capital projects that cannot be financially operating or sustained over time.

Financial
If approved, this grant will bring approximately $750,000 in Federal revenue into Mariposa County. An in-kind match of 20% will come from time that agencies and Departments spend on assisting consultants with data collection in the form of accessing records and conducting surveys and brief interviews, as well as resources that the Human Services Department dedicates to administrative support, space and copying costs. There will be no impact to the County General Fund.
TO: JIM RYDINSWORD, Human Services Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Approval of Consent Agenda

RES. 11-424

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
ADOPTED THIS Order on September 6, 2011

ACTION AND VOTE:

Jim Rydinsword, Human Services Director, presented a copy of the plan for item 112 to do planning for low income housing in the town area. He advised that they are actually asking for approximately $160,000, and that this is being done with Capacity Consulting with Laura Phillips helping. Discussion was held relative to the match requirements.

CA-112 Human Services
Approve the Submission of the Community Challenge Planning Grant in the Amount Not to Exceed of $750,000 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (OMB Approval Number: 2501-0025); Res. 11-424

Cc: Bill Davis, Auditor
File