RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

It is respectfully recommended that your Board:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the submission of a $400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for 2010-11 to fund Rehabilitation and ADA access to a Historic Community Facility; and
2. Approve the $400,000 2010-11 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to request funding from the State Department of Housing and Authorize the Chairman of the Mariposa County Board to Supervisors to sign the Resolution; and
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.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) competitively awards CDBG monies to local government agencies. This funding may be applied for upon the release of a Notice of Funding Availability, and can be used for a variety of community projects. The Board generally approves CDBG applications as the benefit is for low- to moderate-income persons, the elimination of slums or blight or meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because of existing conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

On March 2, 2010, during the design phase public hearing, your Board was presented with the request for future preparation of applications and the Board unanimously agreed with staff pursuing future grant applications.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Your approval of this application will allow federal dollars to flow into the county and will not impact the County General Fund. Should your Board decide not to approve the application, the opportunity of $400,000 in federal dollars will be missed. The project to make ADA improvements to the Old Masonic Building would not be included in their rehabilitation.
RESOLUTION NO. 10-302


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 $400,000 for the following activities:

| General Program Administration | $ 12,000 |
| Public Improvements-HNC-Street Improvements | $388,000 |

SECTION 2:
The County has determined that federal Citizen Participation requirements were met during the development of this application.

SECTION 5:
The County Administrative Officer, County Auditor, Planning Director, Human Services Director and Board of Supervisors Chair are hereby authorized and directed to sign this application and act on the County's behalf in all matters pertaining to this application.

SECTION 6:
If the application is approved, the Human Services Director and/or the Board of Supervisors Chair are authorized to enter into and sign the grant agreement and any subsequent amendments with the State of California for the purposes of this grant.

SECTION 7:
If the application is approved, the Human Services Director or his Designee is authorized to sign Funds Requests and other required reporting forms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, that the 2010/2011 application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto from the General/Native American Allocation of the State CDBG Program.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of June, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: TURPIN, BIBBY, CANN, ALLEN
NOES: ABORN
ABSENT: NONE

Kevin Cann, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Mariposa

I, Margie Williams, 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 15th day of June, 2010.

Margie Williams, County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, State of California

By:

Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board
TO: JIM RYDINGSWORD, Human Services Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Submission of a $400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for 2010/2011 to Fund Rehabilitation and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Access to a Historic Community Facility; and Adopt a Resolution Approving a $400,000 2010/2011 Application Requesting Funding from the State Department of Housing; and Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the Agreement and any Amendments if the Grant is Funded

RES. 10-302

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS ORDER on June 15, 2010

ACTION AND VOTE:

Human Services
PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Submission of a $400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for 2010/2011 to Fund Rehabilitation and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Access to a Historic Community Facility; and Adopt a Resolution Approving a $400,000 2010/2011 Application Requesting Funding from the State Department of Housing; and Authorize the Human Services Director to Sign the Agreement and any Amendments if the Grant is Funded

BOARD ACTION: Chair Cann commented on the funding and the Rural Media/6th Street Cinema's project; and he advised of his discussion with the State Historic Preservation Commission concerning the processing of the grant application - they are requesting that the Chair be authorized to sign the application along with the Human Services Director if this is approved. Janet Gass, HSD/Contract Administrator, presented the staff report. Laura Phillips, Executive Director for the Rural Media Arts and Education Project, and Tony Radanovich/Rural Media Arts and Education Project, provided input on the project which will enable full ADA access for the building. Chair Cann noted that no County general funds are involved in this. Staff responded to questions from the Board relative to future maintenance; interaction with the County on this project; and whether these grant funds will be available in the future.

The public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:

Ruth Sellers stated she feels the 6th Street Cinema is a good thing; but is concerned with the financial condition of the State and questioned why Human
Services is involved in this; and she questioned the legal definition of a “community facility.”

The public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Chair Cann responded to the questions raised by Ruth Sellers. Supervisors Aborn and Bibby asked about the selection process for this project and whether there are other projects that would qualify. (M)Allen, (S)Turpin, Res. 10-302 was adopted approving the grant application as requested, with the addition of authorizing the Chair to sign. Supervisor Bibby asked that the Board be kept informed of the status of the application. Tony Radanovich clarified that they are a non-profit organization and not a private enterprise; and he provided input on the requirements for applying for these funds and the process. Ayes: Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen; Noes: Aborn. The hearing was closed.

Cc: Chris Ebie, Auditor
Tony Radanovich, Sixth Street Cinema
File
DATE:       June 4, 2010

TO:         Members, Board of Supervisors
            Rick Benson, CAO

FROM:       James Rydingsword

RE:         Public Hearing and Approval of the 2010-11 CDBG General Allocation Grant
            Application for Community Facilities

The Mariposa County Human Services has been requested to assist in the submission of a
2010-11 Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of $400,000 for ADA
access in the renovation of the Old Masonic Building by the Rural Media Arts and Education
Project.

Upon approval of your Board, this application will be finalized by signatures of various
department heads (as requested for approval in the Board Resolution), finalization of
environmental documentation and the addition letters of support.

As your Board is aware, CDBG applications are onerous in their preparation. We request your
approval as we continue to gather signatures and final documentation.

The application is due to the State Department of Housing and Community Development no
later than June 25, 2010. Upon submission to the State, a complete and final copy of the
application will be filed with your Board Clerk.
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 784
Mariposa, CA 95338

Dear Members of the Board,

In accordance with HCDA Section 24 CFR 570.202(d) and HCDA Section 105(a)(1)(C), the Rural Media Arts and Education Project (RMAEP), a 501(c)(3) corporation, is requesting Mariposa County apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for assistance in the rehabilitation of their historic building, known locally as the Old Masonic Lodge. As part of a larger, $2.9 million renovation, the requested funds are specifically for the removal of material or architectural barriers to the mobility or accessibility of elderly persons or of adults meeting the Bureau of the Census’ Current Population Reports definition of “severely disabled” and will assist a privately-owned nonresidential building or improvement that does not qualify under the Low/Medium Income Area Benefit criteria or the Low/Medium Income Jobs criteria.

CDBG monies are awarded to Counties based on a competitive process by the state of California. Through this program, Counties are then allowed to re-grant funds to eligible applicants. For FY 2011, no other County agency or entity within the County has applied for this funding.

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 570.483 requirements, this Project meets the following national objective: Benefit to Low/Moderate Income Persons. According to the 2000 Census, 21.9% of Mariposa County’s over age five population is considered disabled. In accordance with HCDA definitions, this group is considered a Limited Clientele, and therefore eligible for CDBG funds.

The RMAEP is the only public facility that provides 21st-century communication tools in the entire County, including access to live video conferencing and distance learning. Currently, the RMAEP provides only limited access for people with disabilities. The RMAEP is currently completing an ADA plan with consultant Don Fox, of which this request is a part.

In 2006, the RMAEP embarked on a $2.9 million rehabilitation of their 90-year-old building, which is considered a contributing structure in an historic district with State significance. The building, which is zoned for assembly purposes, suffered from years of deferred maintenance, and contained un-historic additions and aesthetics added by previous owners.
The RMAEP will successfully complete Phase I of the rehabilitation project in August 2010. This phase involved complete structural re-engineering, including completely replacing the foundation, and adding new, second story support; replacing historic windows with new, energy-efficient models; completely stripping and replacing the exterior siding; and adding new, recycled insulation.

Our current request will be used solely for the addition of ADA-approved facilities and access.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Phillips
Executive Director, Rural Media Arts and Education Project
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Mariposa will conduct a public hearing by the Mariposa Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, CA 95338 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) General Allocation application and to solicit citizen input.

The Mariposa County Department of Human Services on behalf of the County of Mariposa is applying for a grant amount of $400,000.00 under the General Allocation for Community Facilities funding to assist the Rural Media Arts and Education Project/Sixth Street Cinema become American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant for those with disabilities to access the building.

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed activities. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Department of Human Services, 5174 Highway 49 North, P.O. Box 99, Mariposa, CA 95338 or you may telephone (209) 966-3609. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

If you plan on attending the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, or have a need for an interpreter, please contact Janet Gass at (209) 966-3609 to arrange for those accommodations to be made.

The county promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low and moderate income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

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