RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (POLICY ITEM: YES ( ) NO (X))

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program Administered by the Housing and Community Development Agency.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

See attached memo.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

See attached memo.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
List the attachments and number pages accordingly:

2 page memo

SOURCE: ( ) 4/5's vote required
A. Unanticipated revenues $__________
B. Reserve for Contingencies $__________
C. Source description: __________________________

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: $__________

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Resolution No.: 97-19
Ordinance No.: __________________
Vote: Ayes:_____ Noes:_____ Absent:____ Abstain:____
( ) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) 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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:
This Item on Agenda as:
\[\checkmark\] Recommended
\[\] Not recommended
\[\] Policy determination
\[\] Submitted w/ comment
\[\] Returned for further action
Comment: ______________________

A.O. Initials: ____________
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: JIM EVANS, HCDA Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on January 14, 1997

ACTION AND VOTE:

A) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program Administered by the Housing and Community Development Agency

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. County Administrative Officer advised that they have identified one individual who could provide assistance through September 1997 with the pending projects. (M)Parker, (S)Pickard, Res. 97-19 adopted approving filling the 80% vacant position with the identified funding for administration of the projects, and direction was provided to the County Administrative Officer, County Counsel, Housing and Community Development Agency Director and Planning Director to initiate discussion with the consultant for oversight of the projects/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Ken Hawkins, Auditor
    Jeff Green, County Counsel
    Janet Hogan, County Administrative Officer
    Ed Johnson, Planning Director
    Nancy Kyle, Personnel
    File
December 18, 1996

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: James F. Evans, Director
SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs

As I mentioned during our discussion on December 10, 1996, I informed the Board that direction on the implementation of the CDBG Programs was the most pressing issue regarding the changes at the Mariposa County Housing and Community Development Agency (HCDA). This is due to the fact that Steve Hayes and I were responsible for the CDBG Programs. There are currently four programs in progress:

(1) Housing rehabilitation programs in Bear Valley, Catheys Valley, Coulterville, Hornitos, Mariposa, and Mt. Bullion. In addition, permission has been received to assist two victims of this past summer’s Stumpfield Mountain Fire. There is sufficient funds to complete this program by the termination date of September 30, 1996.

(2) Mariposa Pines Wastewater Improvements. This Project supplements Water Agency funds and provides funding for benefitted households that are income eligible. This construction project should be completed by this summer. Again, there is sufficient administration funds to complete this project.

(3) Public Service project that finances a share of dental services for eligible residents. Char Wilson is responsible for administration of this Project.

(4) Completion of the housing rehabilitation project at the George Washington/John Kowchitty allotment on Watt Road and electrical service to the Kitty Basau allotment on Pilot Peak Road. Again, there is ample administrative funding.

There are several options for your consideration:

(1) Hire an extra help replacement for the position previously occupied by Steve Hayes and contract with a professional firm or individual to provide program oversight.
(2) Contract with a professional firm or individual to provide total program administration and oversight.

(3) Hire or contract with a professional firm with a wide range of expertise including CDBG program administration and oversight.

I believe it is in the best interest of the County to take action regarding the CDBG programs. CDBG is the major source of funding for rural housing, economic development, water and sewer, public service, and other community development activities. Competition for these funds is great and performance is a major evaluation criteria.

On a more current note, the National Park Service (NPS) has recently issued the Housing Plan and will shortly issue the Valley Implementation Plan. There has been some discussion regarding the relocation of employee housing outside of the Park and El Portal. There is also the possibility that the NPS and Yosemite Concession Services will relocate some operations outside of the Park and El Portal. CDBG funds could be utilized to finance new housing construction for Park employees and/or economic development incentives for NPS and YCS administrative and/or service functions.

I believe the short and long-term issues facing Mariposa County justify taking action regarding this important source of potential funding.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this issue.