



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 27, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Housing and Redevelopment, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Appropriation Of American Re-Investment And Recovery Act Of 2009 (ARRA) Funds For Homelessness Prevention And Rapid Re-Housing And Community Development Block Grant Recovery

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$1,200,000 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing ARRA grant from the State Department of Housing and Community Development to fund the City of Santa Barbara Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Collaborative; and
- B. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$289,274 in the Community Development Block Grant Fund for the Community Development Block Grant ARRA grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to fund three City projects.

DISCUSSION:

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

On August 4, 2009, Council approved the submission of a competitive grant application to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for HPRP funding for homelessness prevention and homeless assistance. The City submitted the application as the Lead Agency in the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Collaborative that includes Transition House, Casa Esperanza, Catholic Charities, Bringing Our Community Home and Legal Aid Foundation.

The purpose of the HPRP is to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless and to provide assistance to rapidly re-house persons who are already homeless. Assistance can be in the form of financial assistance (rent, security and utility deposits, utility payments, moving costs, motel and hotel vouchers) and housing relocation and stabilization services to assist participants with housing stability and/or placement (case management, outreach and engagement, housing search and placement, legal services, credit repair).

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The City was notified on September 22, 2009, that a grant totaling \$1,200,000 over three years was approved. These funds now need to be appropriated in the City's Fiscal Year 2010 Miscellaneous Grants Fund and expended as follows:

Transition House	\$300,000
Casa Esperanza	\$300,000
Catholic Charities	\$300,000
Bringing Our Community Home	\$104,300
Legal Aid Foundation	\$91,238
City Rental Housing and Mediation Task Force (RHMTF)	\$53,762
City Administration and Data Collection	<u>\$50,700</u>
	\$1,200,000

The City's Housing and Redevelopment Development Division will monitor the HPRP funds and the implementation of the programs.

Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) Funds

On July 14, 2009, Council approved a substantial amendment to the City's 2008/2009 Consolidated Action Plan to include utilizing \$289,274 in CDBG-R ARRA funds for three City projects. The City receives these funds as an entitlement jurisdiction directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These recovery funds now need to be appropriated in the City's Fiscal Year 2010 Community Development Block Grant Fund and expended as follows:

Activity	Cost
Franklin Center and Public Health Clinic: The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the Franklin Center including roof replacement and various energy efficient upgrades.	\$89,000
Eastside Sidewalks and Access Ramps: The purpose of this project is to install sidewalks and curb cuts at intersections to meet ADA requirements.	\$156,883
Job Apprenticeship Program: The purpose of this project is to provide at-risk youth with training and temporary employment to increase their potential for future employability.	\$43,391
TOTAL:	\$289,274

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The two ARRA grants will cover all related expenses and will not impact the General Fund.

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