

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ON BEHALF OF THE
Placer County Housing Authority**

TO: Placer County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
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Cheryl S. Davis, Human Services and Housing Authority Director

DATE: March 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Federally Funded Housing Assistance for Very Low Income, Disabled, Veterans, or Elderly Placer County Residents

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the following items to secure \$2,230,957 in federal funding for the Placer County Housing Choice Voucher Program to provide subsidized housing for over 275 families, seniors and veterans:

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comment regarding the Placer County Housing Authority Public Housing Annual Plan for FY 2012-13 and the Placer County Housing Authority Administrative Plan.
- b. Adopt the Placer County Housing Authority Annual Plan for FY 2012-13 and updated Administrative Plan.
- c. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing submission of Placer County Housing Authority's Annual Plan for FY 2012-13 and certification of program compliance to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

BACKGROUND:

The Housing Choice Voucher Program is a federal program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, veterans, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Participants are able to choose their own housing provided it meets the housing quality standards of the program thus also supporting the private property owner in Placer County. Over \$2 million of the received funding is directed as subsidies to the local housing market while approximately \$200,000 is used for program administration.

Housing Choice Vouchers are administered locally with funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Pursuant to the 1998 Federal Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act, all housing authorities must submit an annual plan to HUD.

The changes to the Annual and Administrative Plans include: 1) recognition that the Placer County Housing Authority has been determined a "High Performing" Housing Authority for a second year; 2) reporting 100% utilization of the 25 vouchers to assist Placer County veterans awarded in 2010; 3) required changes to recognize the Violence Against Women Act; and 4) minor changes to the subsidy standards and medical allowance to better align with federal guidelines. The Plans are in template format, as required, and are submitted electronically.

The draft Plans were noticed in newspapers in Auburn, Rocklin, and Lincoln, and made available for review at the libraries in Auburn, Rocklin and Kings Beach, the Placer County Housing Authority office in Auburn, and the Placer County Human Services website, for a 45 day public comment period prior to the public hearing. No written comments have been received to date. Any comments from this hearing before your Board will be included in the final plan document, which will then be submitted to HUD.

The draft Annual and updated Administrative Plans are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Compliance with the Housing Authority Annual Plan requirement is necessary to continue to receive federal funding in the amount of \$2,230,957 for FY 2012-13. No County General Funds are required.

