

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

GRANTS AND LOANS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Rich Colwell, Chief Assistant CEO- Redevelopment Director *RC Colwell*
Rae James, Deputy Director Redevelopment
DATE: April 3, 2007
SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application in the Amount of \$600,000 to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for Funding Under the CalHome Program and Authorize the Chief Assistant CEO-Redevelopment Director or Designee to Execute a Standard Agreement and any Related Documents.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application in the amount of \$600,000 to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for funding under the CalHome program and authorize the Chief Assistant CEO-Redevelopment Director or designee to execute a standard agreement and any related documents.

BACKGROUND

On February 13, 2007, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released by HCD announcing the availability of funding for the CalHome Program with an application submittal deadline of April 18, 2007. The Agency will apply, on the County's behalf, for the maximum allowable grant of \$600,000. If awarded, funds will be used to assist households in purchasing homes in unincorporated Placer County.

The CalHome Program is a State of California first time homebuyer (FTHB) and owner occupied rehabilitation program. The program is designed to make funds available to local public agencies and nonprofit corporations to provide loans to support existing homeownership programs aimed at low and very low income households. This CalHome funding was made possible with the passage of Proposition 1C. The County previously applied for CalHome Program funds funded by Proposition 46, but was unsuccessful. With the increase in the number of loans in the County's portfolio funded by other State grants, this application will demonstrate an increase in the County's FTHB loan experience and is more likely to be funded.

To date, the County has provided FTHB assistance to 27 households. If awarded, the County can use these CalHome funds to provide additional FTHB assistance. Staff has an interest list of over 275 potential homebuyers that could benefit from the FTHB program.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

This proposed administrative activity is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

No local matching funds are required under this NOFA. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application in the amount of \$600,000 to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for funding under the CalHome program and authorize the Chief Assistant CEO-Redevelopment Director or designee to execute a standard agreement and any related documents.

Attachment: Resolution

cc: Sabrina Thompson, Deputy County Counsel

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application in the amount of \$600,000 to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for funding under the CalHome program and authorize the Chief Assistant CEO-Redevelopment Director or designee to execute a standard agreement and any related documents

Resol. No:

Ord. No:

First Reading:

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held April 3, 2007, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the County of Placer, a political subdivision of the State of California, wishes to apply for, and receive an allocation of funds through the CalHome Program; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), for the CalHome Program established by Chapter 84, Statutes of 2000 (SB 1656 Alarcon), and codified in Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 59650) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code (statute). Pursuant to the statute, HCD is authorized to approve funding allocations utilizing monies made available by the

State Legislature to the CalHome Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the statute and the CalHome Program Regulations adopted by HCD on August 15, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer wishes to submit an application to obtain from HCD an allocation of CalHome funds in the amount of \$600,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer that the County of Placer shall submit to HCD an application to participate in the CalHome Program in response to the NOFA issued on February 13, 2007, which will request a funding allocation for First Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance in the amount of \$600,000 for households purchasing a home located in unincorporated Placer County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer that if the application is approved, the County of Placer hereby agrees to use the CalHome funds for eligible activities in the manner presented in the application as approved by HCD in accordance with regulations cited above. The County of Placer also may execute any and all other instruments necessary or required by HCD to implement the CalHome Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer that if the application is approved, the County of Placer hereby agrees to accept CalHome program funds in the amount of up to \$600,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer authorizes the Chief Assistant CEO-Redevelopment Director or designee to execute in the name of the County of Placer, the application, the Standard Agreement, and all other documents required by HCD for participation in the CalHome Program, and any amendments thereto.