

PLACER COUNTY
COMMUNITY GRANTS AND LOANS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer
James LoBue, Deputy Director Redevelopment *James J. LoBue*
DATE: June 22, 2010
SUBJECT: Authorize the Submission of a 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant General Allocation Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for up to \$800,000 for Housing Rehabilitation and Water System Improvements in Sheridan, with up to 10% of the Grant Set Aside for Public Services at Sheridan School, and Authorize up to \$250,000 of Budgeted Water System Funds to Match the Grant.

ACTION REQUESTED

Conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of a 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) General Allocation application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for up to \$800,000 for housing rehabilitation and water system improvement in Sheridan with up to 10% of the grant set aside for public services at Sheridan School, and authorize up to \$250,000 of budgeted water system funds to match the grant.

BACKGROUND

The next CDBG competitive application is due June 25, 2010. In the past CDBG funds were received for surveys, feasibility studies, and repair of sewer lines to reduce inflow and infiltration in Sheridan. Five housing rehabilitation loans were also made in Sheridan in 2005 using CDBG funds.

This proposed application has three parts:

- 1) \$380,000 is for part of the cost of a new well to increase flow for the existing County Service Area system. An additional \$250,000 in General Fund money has already been committed to the new well. Completion of the well will provide increased flow levels to meet State Dept. of Public Health standards.

- 2) \$280,000 is for housing rehabilitation loans and/or grants serving low-income households for owner occupants or investor owners of single family dwellings in Sheridan. One of these loans could be to the Sheridan Mobile Park owner to rehabilitate up to 4 mobile homes to rent to low-income households. Also eligible would be loans and/or grants for houses that need such improvements as roofs, siding, windows, and doors.

3) The grant also allows for up to 10% of the total grant amount to be used for CDBG eligible activities that do not have to be ranked competitively. The category of public services is proposed by the Principal of Sheridan Elementary School to provide funds to expand the schools garden project and facilitate computer usage by students and their parents.

Agency staff has conducted both income and housing conditions surveys in Sheridan, which are required by CDBG. Those surveys documented that Sheridan has enough low income residents to qualify for the grant and that there is enough of a housing rehabilitation need to qualify for the grant.

Agency staff presented information about the CDBG program and the potential grant application at the May and June Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) meetings. At the June 9th meeting, the activities proposed in this memo and resolution were recommended by the MAC.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is an approved General Fund contribution of \$250,000 towards construction of a new well. The CDBG Funds are federal dollars.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

The proposed filing of an application for grant funds to use for housing rehabilitation and water system repairs is exempt under both the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15302 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Attachment: Resolution

cc: Karin Schwab, Deputy County Counsel

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

In the matter of:

Authorizing the submission of a 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant General Allocation application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for up to \$800,000 for housing rehabilitation and water system improvements in Sheridan, with up to 10% of the grant set aside for public services at Sheridan School, authorizing up to \$250,000 of budgeted water system funds to match the grant, and authorizing the County Executive Officer or his designee to execute the application and all other 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 _____,

by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Chair, Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, Placer County wishes to apply for and receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) General Allocation Funds made available by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD);

WHEREAS, HCD notified eligible jurisdictions of the release of the CDBG General Allocation fund with a Notice of Funding Availability in April 2010;

WHEREAS, separate public hearings were held on July 7, 2009 by the Placer County Redevelopment Agency and on June 22, 2010 by the Placer County Board of Supervisors to inform the public and seek input from area residents, property owners, and other interested parties on the subject and scope of the 2010-2011 CDBG General Allocation application;

WHEREAS, the County of Placer has prepared an application for CDBG funding of up to \$800,000 for housing rehabilitation, water system improvements, and public services in Sheridan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Allocation application was prepared in compliance with federal statutes and state regulations including those regarding citizen participation and the National Environmental Policy Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Placer County hereby authorizes the submission of a 2010-2011 CDBG application to HCD for up to \$800,000, for the purpose of housing rehabilitation, water system improvements, and public services in Sheridan, to be used as follows:

General Program Administration -	\$ 60,000
Housing Rehabilitation -	\$280,000
Water System Improvements -	\$380,000
Set Aside Public Services at Sheridan School -	\$ 80,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, that the following amount has been committed as Local Leverage for this application:

Placer Co. General Fund -	\$250,000 (Water System Improvements)
In-Kind Staff -	\$160,000 (Facilities Services)

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, that the County Executive Officer, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to sign the application and to execute for the County of Placer all necessary contracts, grant agreements, fund requests, amendments, and all documents related thereto with the State of California and others to implement and carry out the purposes specified for the CDBG application for the above General Allocation Grant including all understandings and assurances contained therein.