



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Planning and Building Services

Meeting Date: February 5, 2019

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Item Type: Noticed Public Hearing

Time Allocated for Item: 15 Mins

Agenda Title:

Noticed Public Hearing - Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the County of Mendocino to Submit an Application to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds in the Amount of \$2,140,001 for Three Projects; 1. Rural Community Housing Development Corporation (RCHDC) Public Improvements in Support of Affordable Housing; 2. West Company Microenterprise Technical Assistance; and 3. Economic Development Finance Corporation (EDFC) Planning Technical Assistance (PTA) Study
(Sponsor: Planning & Building Services)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Resolution authorizing the County of Mendocino to submit an application to HCD for CDBG funding in the amount of \$2,140,001 for three projects; 1. RCHDC public improvements in support of affordable housing; 2. West Company Microenterprise Technical Assistance and; 3. EDFC PTA study; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

The County regularly applies for CDBG funding. This item was withdrawn at the request of the Department from the January 22, 2019 Board Agenda; no previous action was taken by the Board.

Summary of Request:

In late November 2018, the State Department of Housing and Community Development posted the 2018 CDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for rural counties to apply for Community Development Block Grant funding. In order to qualify for the application process, Mendocino County must submit an application prior to February 26, 2019 and meet all necessary guidelines. As such, the Department of Planning and Building Services held a public meeting on December 18, 2018 to solicit input on possible projects to bring forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval. From the public meeting, staff recommends three projects to be included in the Resolution by the Board for inclusion in the application to HCD, based on the likelihood that these projects would be funded by the State. The first project for RCHDC is a public improvement project in support of affordable housing that is "shovel ready" and stands the highest likelihood of funding. There are approved permits in place for the site, as well as an identified budget and conceptual development plans. The second project for West Company is Microenterprise Technical Assistance, which also has a high likelihood of being funded as each application to HCD requires two types of projects and, historically, microenterprise has

been in high demand in Mendocino County. The third project is a Planning Technical Assistance (PTA) Study requested by EDFC to comply with the County Broadband plan and would benefit low to moderate income households. It is the intent of the county to pursue utilization of the CDBG funds immediately upon completion of all conditions required by the Housing and Community Development Agency. The County anticipates receiving approximately \$ 120,000 in CDBG Program Income that would be expended on these projects/activities prior to expending awarded grant funds. Attached to this summary is a more detailed memo related to HCD methodology for scoring applications.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not adopt the resolution and provide direction to staff.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: CDBG Grant

current f/y cost: 2,140,001

annual recurring cost: Varies

budget clarification: Competitive application process, no guarantee of funding.

budgeted in current f/y: No

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: Yes

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:



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Executed By: Meribeth Dermond, Deputy Clerk II

Date: February 6, 2019

Final Status: **Adopted**

Executed Item Number: **Resolution** Item
Number: 19-029