



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Planning and Building Services

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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 Accepting Two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funded Studies; One Titled "Removing Barriers to Entry for Local Economic Development in Mendocino County" and the Second Titled, "Housing Conditions Survey" (Sponsor: Planning & Building Services)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Resolution accepting two CDBG funded studies titled, "Removing Barriers to Entry for Local Economic Development in Mendocino County" and "Housing Conditions Survey;" and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

On July 11, 2017, the Board approved Resolution No. 17-098, to revise the allocation of on-hand Program Income, related to Grant No. 12-CDBG-8399.

Summary of Request:

In 2013 the state approved the County's 2012 CDBG application which included the funding for two studies; one to identify the barriers to economic development in the County and a second to prepare a Housing Conditions Survey report. In 2015 the County, through the Community Development Commission, contracted with CSU Chico's Center for Economic Development to conduct both studies and prepare the necessary report. The studies were completed in late 2015/2016 and the reports were finalized in 2016. The Removing Barriers to Economic Development report identifies several barriers to economic development in Mendocino County and offers a number of options to remove such barriers to increase economic development opportunities in the County. The study also includes survey results from 351 business owners throughout Mendocino County: 138 in Ukiah, 65 in Fort Bragg, 55 in Willits, 6 in Point Arena and 87 in the unincorporated County. These results are summarized and categorized in the report (attached) and were used to inform both the identification of barriers and the options to remove barriers. The Housing survey (attached) notes much information that we are already aware of; stock is low, rental availability is non-existent and many structures are in need of serious rehabilitation to meet current health and safety codes. At the time the survey was conducted, the overcrowding rate in rental dwellings exceeded 9% and a lack of infrastructure, such as curb, gutter and sidewalks was normal in the unincorporated area. The recommendation from the survey was for the County to aggressively pursue the creation of new rental housing stock, and although policy changes were outside the scope of work, the study did indicate that further evaluation of policies was advisable.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not accept the studies and provide direction to staff.

Supplemental Information Available Online at: N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Source of Funding: Grant, FY 15/16

Current F/Y Cost: None

Budgeted in Current F/Y: N/A

Annual Recurring Cost: N/A

Supervisory District: All

Vote Requirement: Majority

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunicliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:



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Executed By: Meribeth Dermond

Date: JULY 24, 2018

Final Status: Adopted

Executed Item Resolution Number: 18-103