



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
L-1

For the meeting of August 9, 2016

Date: June 30, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Robert Wall, Interim Director of Planning and Building
Subject: Community Development Block Grant 12-CDBG-8392 Final Closeout Report: Homebuyer and Economic Development Studies

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Receive Report
- 2. Open public hearing and receive public comment
- 3. Direct staff to submit final reports and studies to the State of California Housing and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

DISCUSSION: The County submitted a grant in 2012 and received an allocation of funds from CDBG to assist lower income qualified individuals to purchase their first home. The grant also included the preparation of three economic development studies:

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)
- Humboldt County 2014 Bandwidth Study
- Report of Acoustic Materials Development for Musical Instruments

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REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Human Resources Other

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:
Board Order No.
Meeting of:

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.
Dated: Aug. 9, 2016
By: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

As part of the close out of this grant the CDBG Program requires that the County Board of Supervisors and general public know what was accomplished and make available copies of any studies prepared.

The studies are attached for your review and may be provided electronically upon request. Note that the Board reviewed and adopted the CEDS in March 2013. This is your second review. Also, the Report of Acoustic Materials includes 482 pages of technical appendices which are not in the paper copy, but are in the electronic copy and can be made available upon request.

The summary of the homebuyer participants includes the number served and demographic data. The Grant served seven households, ranging in size from 3-5 members each. This included five two-parent families and two families headed by single mothers. Two heads of household were Native American and five were Caucasian, one of whom identifies as of Hispanic descent. All heads of household were between 20 and 45 years old.

After receiving public comment, and upon Board direction, staff will submit a final close out package to the State.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: All eligible expenses have been requested and paid to the County. There is no effect on the general fund.

This meets the Board of Supervisors strategic initiative by supporting self-reliance of citizens by encouraging home-ownership. It also supports private-sector jobs by updating the CEDS and preparing related studies that will affect the ability of businesses to expand or, in the case of the acoustic study, will save jobs.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: There were several jurisdictions and agencies that participated in the CEDS process. A complete list can be found in that study.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: There are no alternate recommendations as this is a procedural step.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Part I-IV
- Attachment B – 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Part V, Targets of Opportunity
- Attachment C – Humboldt County 2014 Bandwidth Study
- Attachment D – Report of Acoustic Materials Development for Musical Instruments (there are 482 pages of technical appendices that are not included in paper form, but are available on request)