

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Planning and Building	(2) MEETING DATE 3/5/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Suzan Ehdai, Planner II / 781-4974	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve a resolution authorizing an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for a CalHome grant in the amount of 1,000,000 for the County's First Time Home Buyer Program.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached resolution to (1) authorize the Planning and Building Department to submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for a CalHome grant for up to \$1,000,000 for the County's First Time Home Buyer Program, and (2) authorize the Planning Director to execute a Standard Agreement.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State CalHome Program and General Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$100,000 in CalHome Funds \$3,000 in General Funds	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT FY 13-14 & FY 14-15: \$450,000 in CalHome Funds, \$3,000 in General Funds	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning and Building / Suzan Ehdaie

VIA: Dana Lilley, Supervising Planner, Housing and Economic Development Section

DATE: 3/5/2013

SUBJECT: Request to approve a resolution authorizing an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for a CalHome grant for the County's First Time Home Buyer Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached resolution to (1) authorize the Planning and Building Department to submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for a CalHome grant for up to \$1,000,000 for the County's First Time Home Buyer Program, and (2) authorize the Planning Director to execute a Standard Agreement.

DISCUSSION

Over the last six years, the County's First Time Home Buyer Program (FTHB) enabled 16 low-income families to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance using CalHome funds. In 2012, the County was awarded a \$1 million in CalHome grant to help another 20 to 25 low-income homebuyers. The CalHome funds will expire in 2015. The County will start accepting applications from potential homebuyers and expects to spend the existing \$1 million CalHome grant over the next two years.

On January 22, 2013, California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a new Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$49 million for the CalHome program. Local jurisdictions may apply for up to a maximum of \$1 million in grant funds for eligible activities including the First Time Home Buyer Program. The deadline to submit an application to HCD is March 20, 2013. Although the County previously received a \$1 million CalHome award, staff is confident that there are enough eligible homebuyers and enough homes available at appropriate prices to use both the existing \$1 million and another \$1 million before these grants would expire. Therefore staff recommends applying for an additional \$1 million CalHome grant to help more low-income homebuyers countywide. If HCD awards the County \$1,000,000 in new CalHome funds, then another 20 to 25 low-income families may achieve homeownership over the next three to four years.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Not Applicable

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The CalHome grant program does not require a local match. However, HCD limits the amount of CalHome funds that the County can use to cover its staff costs implementing the program. Staff estimates that this limit will result in a total annual cost to the County's General Fund of approximately \$3,000 during the fiscal years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

RESULTS

If HCD approves the grant application for up to \$1,000,000 in grant funds for the County's First Time Home Buyer program, the Planning and Building Department would continue to operate the First Time Home Buyer program and assist 20 to 25 low-income families to become homeowners for the next three years.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution