

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: APRIL 27, 2005

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: MIKE KAMINO, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 05-1367, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2008 BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS

The purpose of this item is for the City Council to approve the attached Resolution No. 05-1367, authorizing an agreement with the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The agreement allows the City to participate in the CDBG Program for the 2006 through 2008 federal fiscal years.

The CDBG Program is federally funded and is intended to fulfill national objectives to aid persons of low and moderate incomes and to eliminate slum and blight. As such, while participating cities have the flexibility in selecting programs that best suit their needs, these programs must also comply with specific qualification criteria of low-moderate income and slum/blight in order to meet these national objectives.

The City of Agoura Hills has participated in the CDBG Program through the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC) since 1984 and the City Council has allocated 2004-2005 CDBG fiscal year funds to continue the City's senior citizen recreation program and the single-family housing rehabilitation program. The Community Development Commission has informed staff that the next three-year funding cycle begins on July 1, 2006 and they are seeking a determination from the City on whether it wishes to continue participating in the program. A draft cooperation agreement, which was prepared by the Community Development Commission, is attached for review. The City Attorney has approved the agreement regarding its content and format.

General policies for the City to consider regarding participation for the next three-year cycle include:

- 1) The City will not be able to drop out of the CDBG Program during the three-year contract period;
- 2) The City will retain control over funding decisions for the use of the City's allocated CDBG funds, subject to program regulations. The City currently receives approximately \$100,000 annually. The City's allocation during next three-year cycle is uncertain at this time and may decrease as a result of possible federal cuts to the CDBG program.
- 3) The City will continue to have the option of exchanging allocated CDBG funds with another participating City for general funds.

Although the City has the option not to participate in the next three-year funding cycle, staff has found the City's senior citizen recreation program and single-family housing rehabilitation program to be well received and both programs have proven successful in regard to community participation. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council agree to participate in the CDBG Program for the 2006 through 2008 fiscal years.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council approve attached Resolution No. 05-1367, authorizing an agreement with the Los Angeles County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to participate in the CDBG Program for the 2006 through 2008 fiscal years.

Attachments: Resolution No. 05-1367
Cooperation Agreement