



Resource Management Agency

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AGENDA DATE: September 10, 2024 – REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Approve Revised Combined Closeout Report for Community Development Block Grant No. 20-CDBG-CV2/3-00159

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the revised Combined Closeout Report for Community Development Block Grant No. 20-CDBG-CV2/3-00159 for Community Development-Housing Assistance.
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the revised Community Development Block Grant Combined Closeout Package.

SUMMARY:

During the COVID 19 Pandemic the California Department of Housing and Community Development made funding available to jurisdictions to provide local assistance through the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Relief (CDBG-CV 2/3). The County applied for a Housing Assistance Activity under the CDBG-CV 2/3 program to rehabilitate Sequoia Village, a former motel located on Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, CA to permanently house homeless persons. The property's acquisition was funded by Project Homekey with Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency as the applicant on behalf of the County and UPholdings as the co-applicant. Sequoia Village was initially being used as a non-congregate shelter. The CDBG CV 2/3 funding was utilized for the full conversion of the 50 apartments by adding full kitchens, furnishings and a full sprinkler system. The property now qualifies as permanent housing which was the objective of receiving the Project Homekey funds. The overall cost for rehabilitation was \$4.9 million. Additional funding for this project was provided by the City of Visalia, and the Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance.

CDBG National Objectives

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The CDBG Program is designed to meet the national objectives of benefit to low/moderate income group households, including minority, handicapped and elderly; to eliminate slums and blight; or to meet urgent community development needs. The County's 2021 CDBG-CV2/3 grant application will benefit low/moderate income group households as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG Income Limits that are directly affected by the impacts of COVID-19.

The County's grant benefited 50 households at risk of homelessness who are now permanently housed at Sequoia Village Apartments.

Project Closeout

On February 27, 2024, a public hearing was held to closeout Community Development Block Grant Nos. 20-CDBG-CV2/3-00159, 20-CDBG-CV2/3-00160, and 20-CDBG-CV2/3-00161. Resolution 2024-0123 authorized the Chair to sign the Combined Closeout Packages.

Monitoring

In April of 2024, CDBG Grant No. 20-CDBG-CV2/3-00159 was monitored by CDBG staff, and it was discovered, that the Section 3 Closeout was missing information. This oversight has been corrected, and the Combined Closeout Package needs to be re-signed by the Chair. The revised Closeout Package must be submitted to CDBG staff with the County's monitoring response report.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No net County Cost to the General Fund. The Sequoia Village Apartments project consisted of \$4.9 million in total funding for housing assistance, of which \$1,849,199 was specifically provided through the County's CDBG Grant No. 20-CDBG-CV2/3-00159. The County portion was 100% offset by grant funding and program income. Staff time associated with administering the grant (\$50,000) was also covered in full.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The implemented grant activities improved the Quality of Life by providing decent, safe and affordable housing, and economic development opportunities within Tulare County.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

s/ Sherman Dix

Sherman Dix, CPA
Assistant Director – Fiscal Services

/s/ Reed Schenke

Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

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Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment A: Revised Combined Closeout Package Form 20-CDBG-CV2/3-00159