



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Department of Housing
Housing and Community Development



Date: April 15, 2013
Board Meeting Date: May 7, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: 10-Day Publication,
Public Hearing
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Duane Bay, Director

Subject: **Executive Summary** - San Mateo County HOME Consortium

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution to approve:

- A) Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the San Mateo County HOME Consortium for Fiscal Years 2013-14 through 2017-18; and
- B) Fiscal Year 2013-14 Annual Action Plan; and
- C) Citizens Participation Plan

BACKGROUND:

The County receives funding allocations from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under three programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). To receive these funds, the County is required to submit a Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) to HUD every five years, and is also required to submit an Annual Action Plan each year that delineates allocations of the HUD funding to specific local activities, and reports outcomes attributable to these expenditures.

CDBG national goals are statutory: (1) decent housing, (2) a suitable living environment, and (3) expanded economic opportunities. Within this framework, HUD encourages local jurisdictions to tailor objectives and outcomes to local needs and conditions. HUD requires that each entitlement entity adopt and follow a Citizens Participation Plan (CPP) that establishes procedures to assure substantial public notice and meaningful opportunity for public input and influence relative to the ConPlan and Annual Action Plans.

DISCUSSION:

The ConPlan links national objectives and local project and program priorities, focusing expenditures in areas of need, in projects that are financially and politically feasible, in projects and programs that strengthen organizational partners and attract or leverage additional funding, and on serving residents who bear the greatest circumstantial burdens and/or whose circumstances manifest in burdensome public costs.

The Department of Housing and the Housing and Community Development Committee (HCDC) developed the ConPlan, Annual Action Plan and proposed amendments to the CPP in accordance with HUD public participation process requirements. The proposed amendments to the CPP authorize electronic methods for public notification and better align with the County's tiered delegation of authority regarding contract approval.

The total FY 2013-14 Annual Action Plan budget is approximately \$4 million. The budget anticipates a 5% cut to all three programs, CDBG, HOME, and ESG resulting from federal sequestration, although the final HUD allocations for FY 2013-14 have not been finalized.

Approval of these actions contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Livable Community in that they garner funding critical to assisting a spectrum of activities to help vulnerable residents achieve a sustainable quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost. The Annual Action Plan activities are included in the Department of Housing Budget for FY 2013-14.