

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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October 20, 2015

**FROM: DENA FUENTES, Director
Community Development and Housing**

**SUBJECT: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015-2020 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
AND 2015-16 ACTION PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Conduct a public hearing to consider proposed Substantial Amendments to the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and the related 2015-16 Annual Action Plan.
2. Approve the following Substantial Amendments to the County's 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2015-16 Annual Action Plan;
 - a. Create a new construction project, utilizing \$100,000 of Community Development Block Grant for the reconstruction of streets/alleyways within the Community Development Block Grant target area for the City of Colton;
 - b. Amend the scope of work of the existing City of Redlands Street Improvement project to include any street located within the City of Redland's Community Development Block Grant target area.
3. Amend any strategies, actions or proposed accomplishments identified in the 2015-16 Strategic Plan portions of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan to conform to the proposed amendments.

(Presenter: Dena Fuentes, Director, 387-4411)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Implement the Countywide Vision.

Create, Maintain and Grow Jobs and Economic Value in the County.

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not require the use of any additional Discretionary Funding (net County Cost). The City of Colton is proposing \$100,000 of the City of Colton's (Colton) unencumbered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds be allocated to fund a new project to reconstruct residential streets within Colton's CDBG target area.

There is no financial impact associated with amending the scope of work to the City of Redlands (Redlands) Street Improvement project. The Department of Community Development and Housing has sufficient budget authority within their 2015-16 budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The cities of Colton and Redlands are participating cities in the County of San Bernardino's CDBG Program. The County manages the CDBG funds on behalf of all participating cities along with the County's block grant funds. Any changes to the guiding U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant documents must be considered by the Board of Supervisors (Board). CDBG funds are federal grant funds administered by HUD. In order to receive grant funds, the County submitted a 5-year HUD Consolidated Plan (2015-2020) governing the use of these funds. Every year the County must submit a HUD Annual Action Plan which provides specific detailed information regarding projects receiving CDBG funding. If the County, at the request of a participating city or on its own initiative, desires to make substantial changes to an Annual Action Plan, a public hearing and subsequent approval by the Board is required.

Staff recommends the following substantial changes to the plan documents to meet the requests of the cities of Colton and Redlands while ensuring compliance with federal rules and regulations governing the use of CDBG funds. If approved by the Board, the County's HUD Consolidated Plan (2015-2020) and 2015-16 HUD Annual Action Plan would be amended accordingly.

- a) Colton-Reconstruction/Street Improvements in the CDBG Target- \$100,000: Initiate a new project for the reconstruction of various streets/alleyways within Colton's CDBG target areas. The City of Colton is utilizing its previous year's unencumbered allocations of CDBG funds. Reconstruction of residential streets is an eligible activity under the rules and regulations that govern the use of CDBG funds as long as it is done within a CDBG target area.

- b) Redlands-Amend the scope of work for their Street/Alleyways project – No change in allocation: This project's current scope of work is limited to only a few specific streets within the CDBG target area. The scope of work is being amended to include any streets in the City of Redlands located within the CDBG target area enabling reconstruction of any residential street/alleyway in Redlands as long as it is in a CDBG target area.

As stated previously, HUD requires that the County conduct a properly noticed public hearing in order to make substantial changes to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. This hearing was advertised on or before September 18, 2015 in the following publications: Big Bear Grizzly, Daily Press, Hi-Desert Star, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, La Prensa Hispana, and The Sun. In addition, the notice was also posted on the Economic Development Agency's website at <http://www.sbcountyadvantage.com/Community-Development-Information.aspx>.

PROCUREMENT

N/A

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Michelle D. Blakemore, Chief Assistant County Counsel, 387-5455 on September 18, 2015; Finance (Steve Atkeson, Administrative Analyst, 387-0294) on September 29, 2015; and County Finance and Administration (Mary Jane Olhasso, Assistant Executive Officer, 387-4599) on October 1, 2015.