

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

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October 31, 2017

**FROM: GARY HALLEN, Director
Community Development and Housing**

**SUBJECT: SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE 2015-2020 HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2017-2018 ACTION PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Conduct a public hearing to consider proposed Substantial Amendments to the County of San Bernardino's 2015-2020 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Plan and the related 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan.
2. Approve the following Substantial Amendments to the County's 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan:
 - a. Cancel the \$550,000 Community Development Block Grant funding for the Mojave Narrows Regional Park project - Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements.
 - b. Allocate an additional \$532,000 of Community Development Block Grant funds toward the Bloomington Ayala Park Relocation project which increases the project budget to \$1,532,000.
3. Amend corresponding strategies, actions or proposed accomplishments identified in the 2017-18 Strategic Plan portions of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan to conform to the proposed amendments.

(Presenter: Gary Hallen, Director, 387-4411)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Implement the Countywide Vision.

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

Improve County Government Operations.

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

Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not require the use of any additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Unencumbered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$532,000 will be utilized for the acquisition of land for the relocation of Ayala Park in Bloomington.

Adequate appropriation and revenue exists for the relocation of Ayala Park capital project in the Community Development and Housing (CDH) Fiscal Year 2017-2018 CDBG budget.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Staff is recommending the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve the item listed below, which meets the definition of a substantial change to the 2017-2018 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan. If approved by the Board, the County of San Bernardino's 2015-2020 HUD Consolidated Plan and the related 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan would be amended accordingly.

- a) **Mojave Narrows Regional Park ADA Improvements Cancellation - \$550,000:** After final onsite review of the Mojave Narrows Regional Park ADA Improvements project, staff has determined that the project scope does not qualify under HUD regulations. The scope of the project is considered maintenance in nature and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds cannot be utilized for maintenance activities. Therefore, CDH is requesting to cancel this project. Total funds of \$550,000 will be released and \$532,000 of the \$550,000 is requested to be allocated toward the Bloomington Ayala Park Relocation project.

- b) **Bloomington Ayala Park Relocation Additional Allocation - \$532,000:** An additional \$532,000 of CDBG funds are requested to be allocated in order to allow for full acquisition of 17943 Marygold Avenue, Bloomington, and two adjacent pending parcels (17909 and 17923 Marygold Avenue, Bloomington) in order to square off the new proposed Ayala Park site and have a clear entry into the park. The additional funding will increase the total CDBG allocation to \$1,532,000. The intention is to move Ayala Park from the existing location closer to residential neighborhoods within Bloomington in order to better serve the residents. This project will proceed once all funding has been secured and all requirements for the closure of the existing site have been completed. Currently, the surrounding area residents are not fully utilizing the existing park, which is located within a business corridor.

Any changes to the HUD guiding grant documents must be considered by the 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 to HUD an Annual Action Plan which provides specific detailed information regarding projects receiving CDBG funding. If the County desires to make "substantial" changes to an Annual Action Plan, a public hearing and subsequent approval by the Board is required. Today's actions being recommended for approval by the Board meet HUD's requirements for substantial changes "amending" the 2017-2018 HUD Annual Action Plan.

The public hearing to substantially amend the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan was properly noticed in the local newspapers. This hearing was advertised on or before October 1, 2017 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 posted on the Economic Development Agency's website at <http://www.sbcountyadvantage.com/About-Us/Community-Development-Housing.aspx>.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by Real Estate Services Department (Janet Lowe, Assistant Director, 387-5252) on September 19, 2017; County Counsel (Robert F. Messinger, Principal Assistant County Counsel, 387-8979) on September 28, 2017; Finance (Wen Mai, Administrative Analyst, 387-4020) on October 11, 2017; and County Finance and Administration (Gary McBride, County Chief Financial Officer, 387-4599) on October 13, 2017.