

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

489



FROM: Redevelopment Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 25, 2007

SUBJECT: Emergency Housing Response Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Directors:

1. Approve the attached Emergency Housing Response Program Agreement by and between the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (HA) and the Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside (RDA) establishing an emergency tenant based rental assistance program;
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the attached Emergency Housing Response Program Agreement; and
3. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to take all necessary steps to implement the Emergency Housing Response Program including, but not limited to, disbursement of funds and execution of subsequent and relevant documents.

BACKGROUND: The recent Esperanza Fire in the unincorporated areas of Idyllwild destroyed thirty-nine (39) residences and displaced families from each of those residences. Some of the same families are experiencing a difficult time rebuilding while trying to find temporary, interim shelter.

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FINANCIAL
DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost: \$ 1,250,000
Current F.Y. Net County Cost: \$ 0
Annual Net County Cost: \$ 0

In Current Year Budget: Yes
Budget Adjustment: No
For Fiscal Year: 2006/2007

COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA: No, See Board of Commissioners Agenda

SOURCE OF FUNDS: RDA Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 ☐
Requires 4/5 Vote ☐

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Janet Bryant

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

Background (continued): The RDA and the HA propose to join efforts to assist income qualified households displaced by emergencies, such as the Esperanza Fire, with temporary tenant based rental assistance. The HA has a very successful track record of providing tenant based rental assistance to residents of the County of Riverside via the HUD funded Housing Choice Voucher ("Section 8") program. The Emergency Housing Response program is an eligible use of RDA Low and Moderate Income Housing funds which is limited to the unincorporated areas of the County of Riverside.

The proposed Emergency Housing Response Program is limited to households earning less than 120% of the County Median Income who have been forcibly displaced from their home as a result of an emergency or natural disaster. The assistance will be for a maximum of two (2) years and the amount of monthly assistance will be limited to the fair market rent, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and further controlled by the prevailing area rents. Each rental unit will be inspected to ensure compliance with housing quality standards.

The proposed program is a pilot effort with a two (2) year term and an initial fund allocation of \$1,250,000 of which 7% may be used by the Housing Authority for administrative expenses.