



**TULARE COUNTY
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: December 9, 2008

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>			
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 559-733-6291			

SUBJECT: Commitment of Tulare County Redevelopment Agency funds as local match for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Application

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Directors:

1. Authorize commitment and expenditure of Tulare County Redevelopment Agency funds in the amount of \$20,000 from the following sources: Cutler-Orosi (\$5,000); Goshen (\$5,000); Ivanhoe (\$5,000); and Pixley (\$5,000) to be used as local match for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development (ED) Application.
2. Find that leveraging financial resources for the Microenterprise Technical Assistance and Loan Program in these communities: (a) is consistent with the adopted Redevelopment Plans for Cutler-Orosi, Goshen, Ivanhoe and Pixley; (b) implements the affected redevelopment plans by assisting in the eradication of economic blight; (c) is consistent with the current Implementation Plans adopted in 2008, pursuant to Health and Safety Code §33131 (a) and (c) and §33133; and (d) will directly benefit low- or moderate-income persons.
3. Find that there is no other reasonable and available means of financing the local match for proposed activities and that the County does not have available funding for this purpose.

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SUMMARY:

The CDBG 2008 ED Allocation Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released October 8, 2008. It is proposed that the County apply for a \$300,000 grant for the continuation of the Tulare County Microenterprise Technical Assistance and Loan Program, the Business Assistance Revolving Loan Program and the creation of The Community Improvement Façade Program.

The Microenterprise Program will provide training, business counseling, technical assistance, general support and loans to microentrepreneurs of the unincorporated county based off of income-qualifications. The Business Assistance Revolving Loan Program will provide capital to businesses based on the amount of jobs created by that business. The Community Improvement Façade Program will provide loan funds to eligible businesses that wish to improve their storefront. The Community Improvement Facade Program is also derived from income based qualifications.

Program services for the Microenterprise and Business Assistance Programs will be implemented by Valley Small Business Development Corporation (Valley) and Community Services & Employment Training, Inc. (CSET), the County will operate the Community Improvement Façade Program. Valley will provide training, business consulting, technical assistance and loan administration and CSET will provide program administration, training, client intake and tracking, facilities and marketing and outreach. Valley and CSET have implemented these program services for all of the previous CDBG ED awards. Valley and CSET have submitted letters of commitment to the County in which they pledged to provide these services as well as in-kind contributions to support the Program.

Additional funds will be required to make the application more competitive and implementation of the Program feasible because CDBG funds will not cover all of the necessary costs of facilities and administration. Therefore, TCRA is proposing the use of \$20,000 in tax increment from certain Redevelopment Project Areas to supplement Program funding. Local match provided by TCRA will specifically target Microenterprise training in the Cutler-Orosi, Goshen, Ivanhoe and Pixley Redevelopment Project Areas. Findings by your Board are required pursuant to Health and Safety Code §33131 (a) and (c) and §33133, prior to any expenditure of tax increment funds.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Preparation of the 2008 CDBG ED application will be accomplished with funding from the County's CDBG Program Income funds (001-230-4215). The leverage for the CDBG ED application will be provided with tax increment from the Cutler-Orosi Project Area (\$5,000) (RO3-RO3-2000), Goshen Project Area (\$5,000) (RM3-RM3-2000), Ivanhoe Project Area (\$5,000) (RI3-RI3-2000) and Pixley Project Area (\$5,000) (RP3-RP3-2000). There are no net County costs to the General Fund.

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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Economic Well-Being - The proposed grant funds will allow the County to train and provide the necessary resources to start and expand Microenterprise and small businesses. Loan funds can be used for job creation and technical assistance for Microenterprise training.

Quality of Life - The proposed grant funds will allow the County, through collaborative efforts with local non-profits, to ensure the establishment of much needed new businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County. These businesses provide a variety of services which improve public health and welfare.

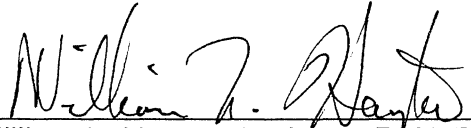
ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may also choose to submit an application for a lesser amount or may decline to submit for 2008 CDBG ED funds.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

State Department of Housing and Community Development to review the application; Auditor/Controller for accounting and funds disbursement; County Counsel to review all documents.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



William L. Hayter, Assistant RMA Director
Community & Development Services



Henry Hash
Executive Director

cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (3)

Attachment: 2008 CDBG ED Allocation Application

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO)
COMMIT TCRA FUNDS AS LOCAL MATCH) RESOLUTION NO. _____
FOR A 2008 CDBG ED ALLOCATION) AGREEMENT NO. _____

UPON MOTION OF DIRECTOR _____, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR
_____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 9, 2008, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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