



**REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: June 2, 2009

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 Neighborhood Stabilization Program application

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Directors:

1. Authorize commitment and expenditure of Tulare County Redevelopment Agency funds in the amount of \$130,000 from the Cutler-Orosi Project Area Budget No. RO4-RO4-2000 (\$40,000), Earlimart Project Area Budget No. RE4-RE4-2000 (\$20,000) and the Ivanhoe Project Area Budget No. RI3-RI3-2200 (\$70,000) to be used as local match for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) application.
2. Find that leveraging financial resources to purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon, in order to sell, rent or redevelop such properties, provide direct homeownership assistance, and housing counseling in the communities of Cutler and Orosi: (a) are consistent with the adopted Redevelopment Plan for Cutler-Orosi; (b) implements the affected redevelopment plan by assisting in the eradication of economic blight; (c) is consistent with the current Implementation Plan 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 State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) on April 30, 2009. It is proposed that the County apply for a \$4,097,846 grant to perform the allowable activities in the NSP. Housing assisted with NSP funds will provide permanent housing for low-, moderate- and middle-income persons; also referred to as National Objective. NSP activities will be performed in the cities of Dinuba, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare and in unincorporated areas of Tulare County.

HCD recommends the commitment of leverage in the application. Therefore, TCRA is proposing the use of \$40,000 in tax increment from the Cutler-Orosi Project Area and \$70,000 from the Ivanhoe Project Area. Local leverage provided by TCRA will specifically target NSP activities in Cutler, Orosi, and Ivanhoe. 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 NSP application is an eligible pre-award cost and can be reimbursed by the grant if funded. Should the County's application not be funded, these costs will be paid by Budget No. 001-230-4215. The leverage for the NSP application will be provided with tax increment from the Cutler-Orosi Project Area Budget No. RO4-RO4-2000 (\$40,000), Earlimart Project Area Budget No. RE4-RE4-2000 (\$20,000) and the Ivanhoe Project Area Budget No. RI3-RI3-2200 (\$70,000). There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Economic Well Being – The grant will allow the County to provide much needed assistance to low-, moderate- and middle-income residents in the unincorporated areas by providing housing assistance consistent with the County's General Plan, Housing Element. The grant will also assist to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes.

Quality of Life – The grant will allow the County to preserve existing housing stock, which improves public health and welfare and further attainment of a suitable, affordable housing environment.

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ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may decline to commit leverage as local match in the NSP application.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

State Department of Housing and Community Development to review the grant application and implementation; Auditor/Controller to provide accounting and funds disbursement; County Counsel to review documents; the cities of Lindsay, Porterville and Tulare to assist with grant implementation.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

William L. Hayter, Assistant Director
Community & Development Services

cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s)

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 AN NSP GRANT APPLICATION) AGREEMENT NO. _____

UPON MOTION OF DIRECTOR _____, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR
_____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2009, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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