

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 11

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: November 7, 2007

TO: Chairman and Members of the Community Development Commission

FROM: Neighborhood Services Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL TO ACCEPT \$600,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AWARDED TO THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE TO CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM UNDER THE CALHOME PROGRAM AND APPROVAL TO BUDGET THESE FUNDS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the Community Development Commission (CDC) approve the acceptance of \$600,000 in grant funds from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded to the City of Oceanside to continue to implement a first-time homebuyer program under the CalHome Program and approve the budgeting of these funds to the Neighborhood Services Department.

BACKGROUND

The City of Oceanside has administered a successful CalHome first-time homebuyer program since 2002. The purpose of the CalHome Program is to provide funding to local public agencies for first-time homebuyer mortgage assistance for low-income households. Through the years, the funding for CalHome has come from bond funds approved by the voters of California. In November 2006, the voters approved Proposition 1C. The City of Oceanside successfully applied for and was awarded the maximum allocation of grant funds under the CalHome Program.

ANALYSIS

It is administratively necessary for the CDC to accept the subject grant funds and budget these funds to the Neighborhood Services Department to continue to implement the CalHome Program. An important aspect of the CalHome Program is that every unit assisted through this Program counts towards the City of Oceanside's low-income housing goals. In addition, these funds are able to be leveraged with available HOME funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

If the CDC accepts the \$600,000 in grant funds from HCD and approves the budgeting of these funds to the Neighborhood Services Department, those funds will be placed in the existing CalHome Program account number 289-294739 to further implement first-time homebuyer opportunities. Program delivery costs will be reimbursed under the CalHome Program. No General Funds will be used for the CalHome Program.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Housing Commission has consistently recommended that the CDC approve the submittal of an application to HCD for funding under the CalHome Program. It is consistent with the recommendations of the Housing Commission that the CDC accept these grant funds and budget these funds to the Neighborhood Services Department to continue to implement a first-time homebuyer program under the CalHome Program

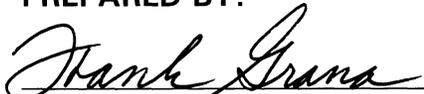
CITY ATTORNEY’S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

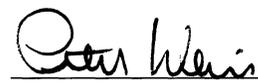
RECOMMENDATION

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