

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Interregional Jobs-Housing Partnership Grant Agreement

MEETING DATE: June 17, 2004

AGENDA ITEM: 7K

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize Executive Director to sign a contract amendment with the Department of Housing and Community Development extending grant agreement by one month.

SUMMARY:

The existing grant agreement with the state for the Interregional Partnership Project expires on June 30, 2004. It is recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to approve a one month extension of the agreement to allow the final report to be completed.

DISCUSSION:

Background

SBCAG submitted a grant application in early 2001 to the State Housing and Community Development Department pursuant to the Inter-regional Partnership Program. The IRP program focuses on the development of collaborative, multi-county efforts to address imbalances between jobs and housing. SBCAG was subsequently notified that we were one of five applicants approved for funding statewide under the "Developing Inter-Regional Partnerships" component of the program.

In December 2001 your Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute a grant agreement with the State Housing and Community Development Department for the Interregional Partnership for Jobs/Housing Balance. Your Board also designated Supervisor Susan Rose to work with staff and Ventura County representatives to initiate the formation of a project steering committee.

In December, 2002 your board approved a contract with Tom Frutchey of the Center for Excellence in Government to serve as the project manager for the Interregional Partnership Project. Your board last received an update on the project this last September at the SBCAG Board Retreat.

Member Agencies

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Recent Developments

In March, 2004 your SBCAG board authorized Jim Kemp, our Director, to execute an agreement with a new project manager. We were successful in negotiating a contract with John Jostes, principal of Interactive Planning and Management, who had been a subcontractor on the project involved with public outreach. With this decision, we maintained the momentum that has developed and are moving to finish the project in a timely manner. The original project deadline was June 30, 2004 deadline as required by the State HCD funding grant agreement. Staff has talked to HCD a number of times and explained our situation and requested more time to complete the final report for the project. Staff recently learned that HCD will give us one more month to complete the project, so products are now due the end of July, 2004.

The actual grant agreement amendment will arrive before the next board meeting and staff will need to turn it around quickly so HCD can finalize the contract and allow SBCAG to continue expending funds for this project. So staff recommends you authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract amendment extending the expiration date to July 31, 2004.

COMMITTEE REVIEW:

None

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