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Honorable Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Commissioners:

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2010-2011 ACTION PLAN FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTE)

SUBJECT

This letter recommends acceptance of an estimated $1,411,000 in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Community Development Commission. These funds are used for various CDBG-eligible programs administered by the Housing Authority and included in the County of Los Angeles Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Action Plan, which is being presented to the Board of Supervisors as a separate item on today's agenda. This letter also recommends approval for the Housing Authority to continue administration of $1,645,089 in prior year CDBG funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the acceptance of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Community Development Commission (Commission) is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because it is not defined as a project under CEQA.

2. Authorize the Housing Authority to accept from the Commission an estimated $1,411,000 in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 CDBG funds, and to continue administration of $1,645,089 in prior year CDBG funds, which will be requested for incorporation into the Housing Authority's Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget through the Housing Authority's annual budget approval process subject to final notification of

approval by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990 (Cranston/Gonzalez Housing Act), as amended in 1992, requires that the County of Los Angeles (County) provide a single, consolidated submission of the proposed expenditure of funds to be eligible for HUD formula grant funding, including CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG). The Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (Action Plan) satisfies these federal requirements to provide for the release of funds.

The Action Plan is being presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval as a separate item on today's agenda. This item also designates the Community Development Commission to serve as the agent of the County in administering the Action Plan and the allocated funds.

The Action Plan identifies a total of $1,411,000 in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 CDBG funds for projects that will be administered by the Housing Authority. The purpose of this letter is to accept these funds into the Housing Authority's budget, and to continue administration of $1,645,089 in prior year CDBG funds. Attachment A provides a breakdown of the funds allocated to the Housing Authority by project, as well as a description of each project to be funded.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the County general fund. The Action Plan allocates an estimated $1,411,000 in new Thirty-sixth Program Year (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) CDBG funds that will be incorporated through the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Housing Authority budget approval process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On May 27, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2008-2013 and the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Action Plan. These documents have been updated as required by HUD. The current Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Action Plan ends on June 30, 2010, and a new plan must be adopted by the Board of Supervisors in order to receive continued funding from HUD. The Action Plan includes a description of the activities to be undertaken during Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to address the objectives of the Consolidated Plan's five-year strategy. A list of the Housing Authority projects included in the Action Plan is provided in Attachment A.

All of the projects proposed in the Action Plan are being federally-funded. As applicable, the administering agencies will be subject to the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act and related Acts and Section 3 of the Housing and Community

Development Act of 1968, as amended, which requires that employment and other economic opportunities generated by certain HUD assistance be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly to persons who are recipients of HUD housing assistance. However, where Section 3 is not applicable, the agencies will be subject to the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program and General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program, which furthers the same or similar goals.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel. This letter relates to two other items appearing on today's agenda for the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Commissioners of the Community Development Commission. At its meeting of April 28, 2010, the Housing Commission recommended approval of the proposed actions.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acceptance of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 CDBG funds from the Commission is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(1), because it is an administrative action and does not involve activities that will alter existing environmental conditions. The action is not subject to the provisions of the CEQA, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378, because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Each program within the Action Plan will be reviewed for environmental impact on a project-by-project basis before funding is released.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTS

The projects contained in the Action Plan will benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the unincorporated County and participating cities.

Respectfully submitted,

SEAN ROGAN
Executive Director

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT A
HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

	PROJECTS (New Funding)	
Project Title (District)	**Project Description**	**Funding**
Nueva Maravilla Electrical (First)	Provides for the final phase of the completely new state of the art underground electrical distribution system at the Nueva Maravilla Housing Development. This project includes the placement of main lines, distribution lines, conduit, trenching, repair of landscaping, new meters, new transformers, new required connections, testing and corrections, and all related and incidental work.	$350,000
Sheriff's Youth Intervention Program Nueva Maravilla (First)	Provides recreational and physical activities to public housing youth at the Nueva Maravilla housing development. A sheriff will provide these services to approximately 75 youths, who range in age from 9-18. Additionally, the sheriff will also provide crime prevention activities.	$80,000
Youth in Focus-Nueva Maravilla & Sundance Vista (First)	Provides for instruction on the technical aspects of photography while encouraging the medium as a means of artistic expression and as a viable career. The services target low- and moderate-income youth residing at the Nueva Maravilla Housing Development, its surrounding community, and the Sundance Vista Housing Development.	$43,000
105th and 106th Interior Unit Flooring Replacement (Second)	Provides for the replacement of aged and deteriorated flooring with new flooring (VCT tile) in all units at 1336-40 W. 105th Street and 1057 W. 106th Street.	$40,000
El Segundo Stair Replacement (Second)	Project provides for the replacement of the exterior stairways at the 1937 E. El Segundo Boulevard housing development. The existing stairways are deteriorating and need to be rehabilitated. The current condition of the stairways poses a safety hazard to residents.	$80,000
Mary B. Henry Community Clinic (Second)	Provides clinical services to South Scattered Sites public housing residents and to low- and moderate-income families residing in the community. Services include pediatrics, child health and immunization, and breast examination services.	$90,000

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	PROJECTS (New Funding Continued)	
Project Title (District)	**Project Description**	**Funding**
Southbay Gardens Generator Replacement (Second)	Provides for the replacement of the Southbay Gardens housing development generator. The generator is deteriorating and is unreliable. The generator provides emergency power to the elevators, hallway, and lighting to the stairwells.	$50,000
South Scattered Sites Family Resource Center (Second)	The project provides supportive and clinical services to South Los Angeles public housing residents including: family and individual counseling, academic and career counseling, classes or programs on parenting skills, grief counseling, youth leadership, conflict resolution, drug awareness, and truancy prevention.	$20,000
South Scattered Sites Unit Replacement (Second)	Rehabilitation of four (4) South Scattered Sites units at the following addresses: 1057 W. 106th Street, #4, Los Angeles CA 90044; 2145 E. El Segundo Boulevard, #A, Los Angeles CA 90222; 1029 W. 90th St., #B, Los Angeles CA 90044; and 1309 Imperial Hwy., #2, Los Angeles CA 90044.	$78,000
Youth in Focus-South Scattered Sites (Second)	Provides for instruction on the technical aspects of photography while encouraging the medium as a means of artistic expression and as a viable career. This photography program serves predominantly low- and moderate-income youths residing within the South Scattered Sites Public Housing Developments.	$22,000
Youth in Focus-Carmelitos and Harbor Hills (Fourth)	Provides for instruction on the technical aspects of photography while encouraging the medium as a means of artistic expression and as a viable career. This photography program serves predominantly low- and moderate-income youths residing within the Harbor Hills and Carmelitos Public Housing Developments.	$52,000
Resident Services Programs (Countywide)	Provides Resident Services Programs to families, seniors, and residents with disabilities. Programs include adult literacy, recreation, after-school programs, workforce development, and supportive services.	$506,000
	TOTAL:	**$1,411,000**

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	CONTINUING PROJECTS (Prior Year Funding)	
Project Title (District)	**Project Description**	**Funding**
Ujima Village Relocation (Second)	Provides CDBG funds to the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) to pay tenant relocation expenses for residents of the Ujima Village Public Housing Development in the Second Supervisorial District.	$1,196, 164
Bright Futures Childcare Rehabilitation (Second)	Supplement project costs for the Development of the Bright Futures Child Care Center which includes rebuilding modular units that serve as a child care center, operated by the L.A. Child Development Consortium. Upon completion, the facility will serve 92 children.	$168,925
Bright Futures Childcare Rehabilitation (Countywide)	Supplement project costs for the Development of the Bright Futures Child Care Center which includes rebuilding modular units that serve as a child care center, operated by the L.A. Child Development Consortium. Upon completion, the facility will serve 92 children.	$280,000
	TOTAL:	**$1,645,089**