



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 20, 2017

TO: Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

FROM: Charles S. Bryant, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The Continued Participation Of The City Of Emeryville In The Alameda County Urban County For Community Development Block Grant Funds And Authorizing The Execution Of The Cooperation Agreement Between The City And County Of Alameda Regarding Participation In The Alameda County Urban County For Community Block Grant Program Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Three Year Cooperation Agreement with Alameda County to participate in the Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program for federal fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

BACKGROUND

The City of Emeryville is an "Urban County City" under the guidelines of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), both of which are administered by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Emeryville's CDBG funds are provided through Alameda County's Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). HCD applies to HUD in Washington, D.C. every three years to be an urban county entitlement community for the CDBG and HOME Programs. The Urban County is comprised of those cities with populations under 50,000 (Albany, Dublin, Emeryville, Newark, and Piedmont), as well as the unincorporated areas of the County. Cities must have populations of 50,000 or more in order to directly receive CDBG entitlement funds.

As the entitlement jurisdiction for Urban County CDBG funds and Alameda County HOME Consortium funds, HCD enters into three-year "Cooperation Agreements" with the Urban County cities participating in the CDBG and HOME programs. Emeryville entered into a Cooperation Agreement with the County in June 2008 for federal fiscal years 2008 through 2011; in June 2011 for federal fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014; and in June 2014 for federal fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

The Cooperation Agreement is distinct from the annual CDBG agreement because it sets forth a three-year term for Emeryville to be a member of the Urban County and to receive an annual allocation of CDBG funds, enables Emeryville to apply for HOME funds through the Urban County, and assures that Emeryville will abide by HUD's CDBG and HOME requirements on projects utilizing these funding sources.

DISCUSSION

The City of Emeryville is in its final year of the current three-year Cooperation Agreement that terminates on September 30, 2017 (the end of federal fiscal year 2017). Without such an agreement, the City would have to compete with other small cities throughout the state for limited funds. A resolution has been prepared for the Council's consideration to enter into a new Cooperation Agreement for the next three federal fiscal years 2018 through 2020 (i.e. October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020).

The Cooperation Agreement stipulates that Emeryville, as a participant in the CDBG and HOME programs and as a recipient of said funds, will abide by the regulations set forth in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. This act prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or religion in programs and activities that receive financial assistance through CDBG. The Cooperation Agreement between the City and County, set forth in Exhibit A of the attached resolution, was prepared by the County.

FISCAL IMPACT

The three-year Cooperation Agreement has no impact on the General Fund. As noted above, if the City does not enter into the three-year Cooperation Agreement, it would need to compete with other communities statewide in order to receive CDBG and HOME funds.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

There was no staff communication with the public.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved as to form the attached resolution.

PREPARED BY: Catherine J. Firpo, Community and Economic Development Coordinator II

REVIEWED BY: Chadrick Smalley, Economic Development and Housing Manager

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**

Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit A to Resolution – Cooperation Agreement for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019 and 2020