COUNTY OF GLENN
BOARD REPORT

COMMUNITY ACTION DEPARTMENT - RESOLUTION / TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS
PROGRAM

Submitted by Community Action
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The Community Action Department is requesting that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing County of Glenn to participate in the HOME Investments Partnerships Program offered through the CA Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This grant funding would be applied for by the Community Action Department (CAD), and if awarded the grant, the County of Glenn would be eligible for up to $500,000 to provide rental assistance to eligible low-income households.

RECOMMENDATION(S):
Adopt "A Resolution of the Glenn County Board of Supervisors Authorizing the County of Glenn through its Community Action Department to Participate in the Home Investment Partnerships Program" in the amount not to exceed $500,000.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:
The CA Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is accepting grant applications for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) anticipates awarding a total of $42 million to eligible cities and counties. The NOFA offers funding for three program activities. Currently, the County utilizes other state and federal funding sources to support owner-occupied housing rehabilitation and home-buyer down payment assistance; therefore, the recommended application is for tenant-based rental assistance for the maximum application amount available to Glenn County, which is $500,000.

If awarded, grant funds would provide eligible households assistance in the form of security deposits, utility deposits, and monthly rental assistance. Payments would be issued directly to landlords and/or utility companies on behalf of the eligible tenants. Each housing unit would be located in the unincorporated area of the County or inside city limits of the cities of Orland and Willows.

The grant application is due January 22, 2020. HCD intends to send award letters to successful applicants in May 2020. The grant term would likely expire December 2023, if received.

FISCAL/PERSOENNEL IMPACT(S):
HOME funding is federal funding allocated by the CA Department of Housing and Community
Development. If the application is successful, a HOME grant of $500,000 could be awarded, which would include $487,500 for rental assistance and $12,500 to administer the program.

Additional financial support to administer the HOME program is provided by the Community Action Department through its Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. HOME grant revenue not expended during one fiscal year will roll into the next fiscal year. There should be no impact to the general fund; the Community Action Department Budget shall be amended to include this new funding source if awarded.

**ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION:**
The Community Action Department (CAD) has successfully administered HOME rental assistance in the past, and has over a decade administering other housing rental assistance grant programs. Should the grant application be successful, it is anticipated that 35 low-income households will be assisted during the term of the grant. The CAD would accept referrals from partner agencies, including the CalWORKs Family Stabilization Program.

**APPROVERS:**
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