



Human Service and Community Vitality

Date: January 17, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Seth Dyson, Human Service and Community Vitality Department
Christina Ramirez, Neighborhood Services Supervisor
Jason Hughes, Program Coordinator

Re: Intergovernmental Agreement/Maricopa County HOME funds

Introduction

The Neighborhood Services Division has been awarded \$136,692 for Program Year Fiscal Year 2017, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the HOME program. Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County and its remaining members of the Consortium; City of Avondale, City of Chandler, Town of Gilbert, City of Glendale, City of Peoria, City of Scottsdale, and City of Tempe was granted at the December 06, 2016, Council Meeting. However, minor changes to the agreement such as terminology and chain of command have been made by Maricopa County to the previously approved agreement which requires Council consent to take effect. These changes will not have an impact on how the City of Surprise currently operates the program.

Background

HOME funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to municipalities in order to provide decent and affordable housing, for income qualified residents of Surprise. This funding will be applied towards the continuation of the Housing Rehabilitation program that addresses homes that are in need of health and safety repairs. The City of Surprise receives funding as a member of the Maricopa County Housing Consortium through an intergovernmental agreement. This is necessary as Surprise does not meet the necessary thresholds to receive HOME funding directly from HUD.

Previous Actions

Through the City's Annual Action Plan, HOME grant funds have previously been received for FY 2006-2016 through the HOME consortium and approved for the proposed activities. As of December 6, 2016, FY17 funding has been approved.

Conclusion

Accepting this award in the amount of \$136,692 from (HUD) through our revised intergovernmental agreement with Maricopa County for FY 2017, it is believed that the recommended projects and programs will provide assistance to residents in need, thus supporting the national objective and intent of the HOME program.

Recommendations

Approval of the revised Intergovernmental Agreement between Maricopa County and the City of Surprise.