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Department
Grants & Housing

TRINITY COUNTY

Board Item Request Form

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Requested Agenda Location

Public Hearings

Requested Board Action:

Adopt Resolution approving the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative Application.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Motion:_____ Second_____ Roll Call: Ayes:_____ Nays:_____ Tabled To:_____

Action:

Notes:

STAFF REPORT

Subject: Adopt Resolution for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) grant application.

Date: August 17, 2010

Issue: Adopt a resolution for a CDBG 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) grant application in the amount of \$1,428,000.

Special Notice of Funding Availability

A Special Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released May 12, 2010. Trinity County is one of 14 Counties and 2 Native American Tribes eligible to apply under this NOFA.

The NOFA applies to CDBG/DRI funding for recovery from wildfires occurring in 2008. These funds are made available pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act whereby the President of the United States determined that major disaster assistance was warranted under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Eligible activities are limited to properties or people that were directly affected by the 2008 wildfires and include Housing, Infrastructure, Public Services, Economic Recovery and Revitalization (Economic Development). In addition funds are available for Forward-thinking land use planning that will guide long-term recovery efforts, such as Safety and Land Use Elements, Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP), and Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP).

Applications are due into the State beginning August 31, 2010. These applications are invited on an Over-the-Counter (OTC) basis from CDBG, meaning they are first come first served until funds are expended provided the applicant meets the minimum threshold requirements and is eligible to apply. In the event of a tie between two or more eligible applications “Tiebreaker” points (see attached point schedule) will be awarded and the higher scoring applications awarded funds. It is anticipated by Staff that all eligible applicants will have their application submitted to the state on August 31, 2010 and that all applications will be subjected to the “Tiebreaker” system.

The Board held a Public Hearing on June 15, 2010 to invite input for the 2008 DRI grant application activities.

Staff began working with Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD), the Chamber of Commerce, SCED, The Watershed Center and collecting information on damage that occurred during the 2008 wildfire events and is continuing to receive reports of property damage as well as business income losses. This application addresses most of the losses incurred in the County.

If awarded the grant the county will partner with TCRCD as a subrecipient for the planning activity. The planning activity will include completion of the Safety Element, which will incorporate a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and “Forward-thinking” strategies as required by the grant parameters.

Funding Limits

Maximum total award limits are as follows:

For Housing, Infrastructure, and Economic Development activities:

Up to \$1,000,000 if Targeted Income Group (TIG) Beneficiaries represent at least 51% to 70%

Up to \$3,000,000 if TIG Beneficiaries represent at least 71 to 90%

Up to \$5,000,000 if TIG Beneficiaries represent at least 91% to 100%

All activities under the category must include “Forward-thinking” mitigation measures.

For Planning Activities:

Up to \$70,000 for creation or update of Local Hazard Mitigation Plans

Up to \$150,000 for creation or update of Safety and Land Use Elements in General Plans

Applicants may apply for as many activities as eligible, within the funding limits stated above.

After review of the information received to date it is Staff’s estimation that the activities in the proposed application have a weighted TIG benefit of at least 77%, therefore the county is eligible to apply for up to \$3,000,000 for as many eligible activities as sought after.

The majority of reported losses due to the wildfires were of the economic nature and therefore the majority of funds under this application are for a Business Assistance Loan Program and a Microenterprise Program, which will include technical assistance directed to businesses that incurred losses due to the fires as well as support services, loans and grants.

Some minor losses to Homeowners occurred; mainly to water systems and other infrastructure therefore a Housing Rehabilitation Program that will include mitigation measures targeted to these homeowners will be included.

The Road Department reported losses in the amount of \$_____ that was not reimbursed by the _____. One of the mitigation measures that have been discussed is installation of signs on evacuation routes that might take residents over poorly marked, often dirt, Forest Service roads.

Trinity Public Utility District had un-reimbursed losses of approximately \$31,000. Specific mitigation measures are currently being discussed and reviewed with TPUD for affordability and feasibility.

Junction City Park was used as a fire camp and many large pieces of equipment were parked in the softball field damaging the irrigation system. This damage was not discovered until the next summer when the time came to water the field. To replace the damaged lines the field will need to be regarded and re-seeded. Funds have also been budgeted to mitigate future damage by fuel reduction in the park area.

Alternatives:

1. Adopt the Resolution.

The following activities are included in this Resolution

Application Amount \$1,442,280 (\$28,280 General Administration)

Economic Recovery Program: \$690,000

Housing Rehabilitation w/mitigation \$238,000

Public Improvements: Road Repairs w/mitigation \$270,000

Public Improvements: Public Utility District w/mitigation \$162,000

Public Facilities: Junction City Park Damages w/mitigation \$54,000

Planning: Safety Element w/LHMP \$150,000

2. Do not adopt the Resolution.

In order to submit the grant application a resolution is required. If the Resolution is not approved, the county will not be able to apply for funds under the CDBG/DRI allocation as eligible.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Resolution.

Dero Forslund
Dept. Head Signature

CAO RECOMMENDATION: Concur: Yes No

Comments:

Primary Threshold Criterion and Tie-Breaker Point Description	Potential Tie-Breaker Points
<p>Eligible Activity Primary Threshold: All activities must meet one of the three National Objectives. NOTE: For activities proposed for funding under the low- and moderate-income National Objective, tie-breaker points will be allocated based on each percentage point above the minimum 51% Low-Mod benefit.</p>	<p>Maximum 49 Points</p>
<p>Need for Activity Primary Threshold: Documented need for proposed activity, severity of the problem, and extent to which proposed activity will address the identified need. NOTE: Tie-breaker points will be assigned based on greatest need and most thorough documentation.</p>	<p>Maximum 20 Points</p>
<p>Capacity Primary Threshold: Jurisdictions must demonstrate CDBG grant management experience. NOTE: Tie-breaker points will be assigned based on the applicant’s documented experience with CDBG activity implementation and federal overlay compliance.</p>	<p>Maximum 20 Points</p>
<p>Enhanced Disaster Recovery Activities Primary Threshold: Jurisdictions requesting funds for activities or programs under Activity #1 (described in Section #3 above) are required to incorporate enhanced mitigation activities and/or forward-thinking strategies (planning, materials, and/or mitigation activities) as noted in Activity #2. NOTE: Applications for Planning-Only grants are deemed to meet this primary threshold without a request for funding under Activity #1. Tie-breaker points will not be awarded in this category.</p>	<p>Applications reviewed for meeting Threshold. No tiebreaker points awarded</p>
<p>Readiness to Proceed Potential Bonus Points: Points will be assigned based on the ability of the applicant to move forward with the proposed activity in a timely manner (i.e., all funding in place, NEPA requirements met, plans/specifications complete, etc.).</p>	<p>Maximum 5 Points</p>
<p>Poverty Index Potential Bonus Points: Points will be assigned based on percentage of population below poverty level, using 2000 census data. This measure is taken jurisdiction-wide unless the activity is proposed within a designated target area. Applicants with highest poverty levels will receive full points, and others will receive fewer points corresponding to lower poverty levels.</p>	<p>Maximum 10 Points</p>
<p>POTENTIAL TIE-BREAKER POINTS (MAXIMUM)</p>	<p>104 Points</p>

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TRINITY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
17th day of August 2010

Resolution No.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION AND CONTRACT EXECUTION FOR FUNDING FROM THE STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM 2008 DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE ALLOCATION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT.

The following Resolution is now offered and read:

WHEREAS, The Department of Housing and Community Development announced the availability of grant funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI); and

WHEREAS, The County wishes to make application for such funds; and

WHEREAS, The Trinity County Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing June 15, 2010 to receive citizen input on needed projects, and wish to select the following activities, an Economic Recovery Program which includes a Business Assistance Loan Program and Microenterprise Program, a Housing Rehabilitation Program, Public Improvement Projects of Road Repairs and Public Utility District Repairs, a Public Facility project for repairs to the Junction City Park and a Planning Grant to update the Safety Element with a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan be included in the grant application; and directed staff to write the grant application to be approved at a Public Hearing before the Board of Supervisors on June 15, 2010, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County of Trinity as follows:

SECTION 1: The County of Trinity has reviewed and hereby approves a 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative Allocation grant application for up to:

Economic Recovery Program	
Business Assistance & Microenterprise	\$600,000
Activity Delivery	\$ 90,000
Housing Rehabilitation	
Program Activity	\$200,000
Activity Delivery	\$ 38,000
Public Improvement: Road Repairs	
Project Activity	\$250,000
Activity Delivery	\$ 20,000
Public Improvement: Public Utility District	
Project Activity	\$150,000
Activity Delivery	\$ 12,000
Public Facility: Junction City Park	
Project Activity	\$ 50,000
Activity Delivery	\$ 4,000
General Administration	<u>\$ 28,280</u>
Total Funding	\$1,442,280

SECTION 2: The County Administrator, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to act on the County's behalf in all matters pertaining to this application. Authorized designees include the Deputy County Administrative Officer, or County Auditor-Controller.

SECTION 3: If the application is approved, the County Administrator Officer or authorized designee is authorized to enter into and sign the grant agreement and any subsequent amendments with the State of California for the purposes of this grant and to perform any and all responsibilities in relationship to the approved Agreement, including preparing, signing, and transmitting reports, requests for funds and any other required administrative documentation.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted:

Judith N. Pflueger, Chairman of the
Board of Supervisors, County of Trinity
State of California

ATTEST:

Wendy G. Tyler
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Trinity, State of California