

November 22, 2005

Board of Commissioners  
Housing Authority of the County of Marin  
Marin Civic Center  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**SUBJECT: Submission of FY 2006-07 CDBG Application /  
Marin County Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program**

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) Authorize the Executive Director to submit an application for \$500,000 to the Marin County Community Development Agency requesting CDBG funds for FY 2006-07 for continued implementation of the Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program. 2) Authorize Executive Director to execute the contract for funds, if awarded.

**SUMMARY:** For the past 28 years, the Housing Authority has operated the Marin County Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program. Offered throughout the county, the program provides technical assistance and low-interest property improvement loans to assist low-income homeowners to make basic property repairs and improvements. Utilizing CDBG funds received from the County of Marin, the Housing Authority has established a revolving loan fund that enables it to make approximately 25 loans per year totaling about \$500,000. All program income (i.e., principal and interest payments on the rehabilitation loans) is retained in the revolving loan fund and used to make loans.

The Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program continues to be an effective and responsive program. Since its inception the program has responded to over 1,260 applications and has completed 614 rehabilitation projects totaling \$10.6 million. In addition to offering property improvement loans for low-income single-family homes, floating homes, second units and storm damage recovery, the program also makes property rehabilitation loans to selected nonprofit-sponsored group homes with special populations. In addition, staff has been working closely with a planning team preparing for the rehabilitation of 38 floating homes in the Gates Co-Operative community at Waldo Point Harbor, which will commence once final approvals are obtained and building permits are issued. Altogether, this array of housing rehabilitation activities has proven to be an effective component of the County's overall strategy to preserve existing affordable, lower-income housing.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** CDBG funding received from the County of Marin covers the entire cost of operation of the Rehabilitation Loan Program. There is no additional fiscal impact on the Housing Authority.

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Executive Director