

December 5, 2006

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

**SUBJECT: Submission of FY 2007-08 CDBG Application /
Marin County Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Authorize the Executive Director to submit an application to the Marin County Community Development Agency requesting CDBG funds for FY 2007-08 for continued implementation of the Marin County Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program. 2) Authorize the Executive Director to execute contract for funds, if awarded.

SUMMARY: For the past twenty-seven years the Housing Authority has operated the Marin County Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program. Offered throughout the county, the program provides technical assistance to low-income homeowners and financial assistance in the form of low-interest property improvement loans to assist homeowners to make basic property repairs and improvements. Utilizing CDBG funds received from the County of Marin, the program has established a revolving loan fund that enables it to make approximately 20 loans per year totaling about \$500,000. Program income (principal and interest payments on rehabilitation loans) is retained in the revolving loan fund for making additional rehabilitation loans through the program. The Housing Authority has prepared an application requesting CDBG funds for the next fiscal year for administration of the program and to supplement the revolving loan fund.

The Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program continues to be an effective and responsive program. Since its inception the program has responded to over 1,285 applications and made loans with a value of over \$11.2 million to 632 low-income homeowners. In addition to offering rehabilitation loans for single-family homes, floating homes, second units and storm damage recovery, it also make property rehabilitation loans to selected nonprofit-sponsored group homes with special populations. In addition, staff is gearing up for the rehabilitation of the Gates Co-Operative floating home community at Waldo Point Harbor 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 Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program. There is no additional fiscal impact on the Housing Authority.

BARBARA COLLINS
Executive Director

Attachment