

Council Meeting of
July 20, 2010

Supplemental #1 to Council Item 12 D

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Development-- Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (LACDC) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Planning and Design Committee recommends that the City Council concur with the staff recommendation and enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the LACDC allowing Torrance to participate in the LACDC CDBG Program.

Funding: Not Applicable

BACKGROUND

Committee Meeting

The Community Planning and Design Committee is a standing three member committee of the City Council. At the request of the City Council, the Committee met in a special session on Thursday, July 15, 2010, to hear a presentation regarding the Los Angeles Urban County CDBG Program.

Information was received from staff and a representative of the LACDC regarding the County CDBG Program and the benefits of participating in that program to the City of Torrance. Aside from giving us access to approximately \$1.2 million in CDBG funds, participation in the County CDBG Program will open the possibility of exchanging funds to allow the City access to unrestricted funds at a discounted rate. There are also a number of projects currently in the works within the city that would qualify for use of CDBG funds should we opt not to seek to trade our funds. As a member of the County program, we would be required to report on the use of CDBG funds to the County; the County would prepare and file all financial reports to HUD as well as any other required documents.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends that the Council concur with the staff recommendation and take the necessary steps to allow the City of Torrance to participate in the LACDC CDBG Program.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Furey, Chair
Community Planning & Design Committee



Gene Barnett, Member
Community Planning & Design Committee



Bill Sutherland, Member
Community Planning & Design Committee

Attachments:

- A. Community Development and Planning Committee Agenda and Item

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, July 15, 2010

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Third Floor Assembly Room
Torrance City Hall

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councilman Pat Furey, Chair
Councilman Gene Barnett, Member
Councilman Bill Sutherland, Member

STAFF: Linda Cessna, Deputy Community Development Director

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
(CDBG) PROGRAM

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| I. | Welcome and Introductions | <i>Chair Pat Furey</i> |
| II. | Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program | <i>Linda Cessna</i> |
| | History and Information regarding the Federal CDBG Program, funds available to the City of Torrance and permitted uses for those funds. | |
| III. | Los Angeles County CDBG Program | <i>Linda Jenkins,
LACDC</i> |
| | Information regarding the Los Angeles Urban County CDBG Program and benefits to the City should we choose to participate. | |
| IV. | Discussion and Recommendations | <i>Chair Pat Furey</i> |
| V. | Closing/Adjournment | <i>Chair Pat Furey</i> |

CITY OF TORRANCE INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: July 15, 2010

TO: Councilman Pat Furey
Councilman Gene Barnett
Councilman Bill Sutherland

FROM: Linda Cessna, Deputy Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

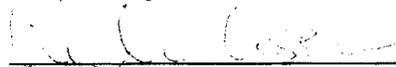
The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a federal grant program designed to support cities and other jurisdictions in providing programs and physical improvements benefitting seniors, handicapped persons and persons of low to moderate income levels. The City of Torrance participated in the CDBG program in the past as an entitlement city and has a yearly allotment of approximately \$1.3 million in CDBG funds, which we have forfeited for a number of years, due to concerns with the requirements of the program.

We have been offered the opportunity to join in the Los Angeles Urban County CDBG program as a member of the County consortium. In doing so, we would be able to access our CDBG grant dollars as part of a larger entity, and would not have the same level of responsibility that we would face as an individual entitlement city. Joining the LACDC CDBG program would also allow us the opportunity to seek to trade restricted CDBG dollars for unrestricted funds with other jurisdictions within the LACDC CDBG program.

Attached is a Council item scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2010, examining in greater depth the possibility of the City of Torrance rejoining the CDBG program as a member of the Los Angeles Urban County CDBG program and the benefits to the City in doing so.

Staff is seeking the guidance of the Committee in assessing the benefits to the City in joining the LACDC CDBG program, and reporting those findings to the Council as an attachment to the item currently scheduled to be heard at the July 20 City council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Cessna
Deputy Community Development Director

CONCUR:



Jeffrey W. Gibson
Community Development Director

Attachment: A. July 20, 2010 Council Item recommending participation in the LACDC CDBG Program

cc: Mayor and the City Council
LeRoy J. Jackson
Mary Giordano
Brian Sunshine