



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 8/18/11)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA # C-1 DATE 6/25/15
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

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Meeting Date: 6/25/15
Agenda Item #: C.1
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am
Date Submitted: 6/10/15

Agenda Title: Approval of the Portland HOME Consortium Cooperation Agreement for program years July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date: June 25, 2015 – Consent Agenda **Time Needed:** N/A
Department: DCHS **Division:** Community Services
Contact(s): Regena Warren and Mary Li
Phone: 503-988-4777 **Ext.** 84777 **I/O Address:** 161/2/200
Presenter Name(s) & Title(s): Consent Agenda

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Approval to extend the attached Portland HOME Consortium Agreement for the program years beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2018.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, allows local governments to form consortia for the purpose of obtaining funding as a participating jurisdiction under the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME investment Partnership program. Unlike the HUD Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME program provides funds to the Consortium specifically for the provision of affordable housing to low and moderate-income households.

Since 1992, the City of Portland, City of Gresham and Multnomah County have participated in a consortium to receive federal HOME grant funds, which support affordable housing programs throughout the County. Each participating local government must adopt the Portland HOME Consortium Cooperation Agreement and provide the fully executed agreement to the local HUD office by June 30, 2015 in order to continue received HOME grant funds.

Each of the local governments has also participated in preparing the five-year Consolidated

Plan, which guides utilization of HOME funds. The current Plan is effective for fiscal years 2011-2016. During each year the Plan's policy and planning priorities are in effect, one-year Action Plans implement actual housing activities and services.

The amount of HOME funding awarded to the Consortium each year is determined by HUD according to a formula counting the eligible low income populations within the jurisdictional boundaries of all the local governments within the Consortium. The participation of each member of the Consortium contributes to the overall HOME funds received. Each member of the Consortium is then entitled to a pro-rata share of the HOME funds received based on its contribution of population.

The County is the smallest member of the Consortium, counting eligible residents from unincorporated east County and the cities of Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village and Maywood Park. Each local government expends its share of the HOME funds with separate applications and grant awarding processes to non-profit housing sponsors or other housing and services providers.

As the County's portion of the HOME funds is so small and the administrative burden heavy, DCHS has ceded to the City of Portland, the responsibility for complying with federal rules concerning fund reservation, project commitment, and timely expenditure. The City of Portland is the lead agency and fiscal agent for the overall management and reporting required by HUD. The County participates in determining how funds are allocated.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

N/A

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

N/A

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The five-year Plan and yearly Action Plans have been extensively reviewed in public meetings before the joint Federal Funding Oversight Committee. The Consolidated Plan was also adopted in a public meeting before the Board of Commissioners.

Required Signature

**Elected
Official or
Department**

Director: Liesl Wendt /s/

Date: 06/10/15

Note: Please submit electronically. Insert names of your approvers followed by /s/ - we no longer use actual signatures. Please insert date approved.