

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date **Held Until**
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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**
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Department: Community Development Commission

Contact: Bob Branson	Phone: (707) 565-7901	Board Date: 10/6/09	Deadline for Board Action:
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AGENDA SHORT TITLE:
 Neighborhood Stabilization Program Reuse Plan and Program Design Approval

REQUESTED BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:
 Concurrent Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, approving the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Program Income Reuse Plan and NSP Program Design, and authorizing the Commission Executive Director to take any actions necessary to carry out the purposes expressed in the Resolution.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL</u>	
Estimated Cost	Contingencies	\$
	(Fund Name:)	
Amount Budgeted	Unanticipated Revenue	\$
	(Source:)	
Other Avail Approp.	Other Transfer(s)	\$
(Explain below)	(Source:)	
Additional Requested:	Add'l Funds Requested:	\$

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s):
 6/9/09 – Board approved Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Santa Rosa and authorized the Executive Director of the Commission to submit an application to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:
 The County would not be in compliance with NSP requirements and NSP funding would be withheld by State HCD.

Background: [NSP Program Income Reuse Plan and Program Design on file with Clerk of the Board.]

Effective July 30, 2008, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) authorized \$3.9 billion in new, supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for distribution to States and local jurisdictions through a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed upon homes and residential properties under Title III of the national Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008.

On January 28, 2009, the Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Commission) held a public hearing to solicit input for the program design phase of the NSP application process. Twenty-two attendees were present at the meeting and were provided with background information on the NSP program with an explanation of the NSP program requirements. The meeting was opened for discussion, and comments and suggestions were incorporated into the development of the attached Program Design.

On June 9, 2009, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors (Board) held a second public meeting for input related to the submission of an NSP application and approved a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Santa Rosa and the submission of the NSP Application.

On June 12, 2009, the Commission, on behalf of the County and City of Santa Rosa, submitted an application to State HCD for \$1,865,047 in NSP funds to provide loans to non-profit community based organizations to purchase foreclosed upon and abandoned properties in furtherance of their agencies' mission and consistent with the objectives of the NSP initiative. On August 27, 2009, HCD informed the Commission that the County's NSP Application had been conditionally approved.

Statutory and regulatory sections of the NSP require the establishment of guidelines on the policies and procedures for the administration and utilization of program income (i.e. loan repayments) from activities funded under the NSP. The Board's October 6, 2009 meeting will provide an opportunity for public comment related to the adoption of the NSP Program Income Reuse Plan. On September 25, 2009, the Commission published a Public Notice in the Press Democrat inviting interested persons to be heard on this date.

The attached Concurrent Resolution approves the NSP Program Reuse Plan and the NSP Program Design, and authorizes the Executive Director of the CDC to take any actions necessary to carry out the purposes expressed in the Resolution.

Attachments: Concurrent Resolution

On File With Clerk:

- 1) NSP Program Income Reuse Plan
- 2) NSP Program Design

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

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