

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Chief Executive Office

BOARD AGENDA # *B-8

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE September 15, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Use Community Development Funds for Garbage Disposal Fees Associated with the Airport Neighborhood Cleanup Event

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the use of up to \$5,000 of Community Development Funds to partially fund garbage disposal fees incurred during the Airport Neighborhood Cleanup Event held on September 12, 2009.
2. Direct the Auditor-Controller to increase appropriations in the amount of \$5,000 as detailed in the Budget Journal Form

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost associated with garbage disposal resulting from the Airport Neighborhood Cleanup Event is estimated at \$20,000 based on a prior event held in the area earlier this year. Of this amount, Stanislaus County and the City of Modesto have agreed to share equally in the cost through the provision of vouchers for garbage disposal at the local refuse company. The County's portion is recommended to be covered through the use of funding provided by the Community Development Fund and the Stanislaus County

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-629

On motion of Supervisor Grover, Seconded by Supervisor Monteith
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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FISCAL IMPACT: (CONTINUED)

Agency. The use of redevelopment funds is pending approval by the Redevelopment Agency.

The Community Development Fund was established at \$1.5 million as part of the Final Budget during Fiscal Year 2007-2008. To date, four projects have been awarded funding from this source, the North Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Sidewalk Project (\$64,120), the Countywide Growth Management Strategy (\$100,000), the Keyes Sidewalk Incentive Program (\$60,000), and the Marshall Avenue Lighting District (\$3,200). The current uncommitted balance in the Community Development Fund is \$1,272,680. If funds to support the Airport Neighborhood Cleanup Event are approved, the uncommitted balance would be \$1,267,680, not including interest earnings or funds. In addition, this figure does not account for the additional Community Development Fund request, under a separate Item, being considered by the Board for hard costs associated with the formation of the County Service Area 27 - Empire.

DISCUSSION:

Connections 2009 - Advancing Vibrant Communities

On May 16, 2009, Advancing Vibrant Communities, a nondenominational Christian organization from Modesto, hosted Connections 2009, a community cleanup event in the Airport Neighborhood. About 350 volunteers from 28 churches participated in the event that focused on neighborhood beautification through the removal of weeds, graffiti and refuse from the area's alleys. The Airport Neighborhood is a small geographic area in southeast Modesto and encompasses both an unincorporated area of Stanislaus County and the City of Modesto. Additionally, the small neighborhood is home to an internationally known winery, the local municipal airport, and has direct access to the scenic Tuolumne River and Tuolumne River Regional Park.

An event, similar to that held in the spring, was scheduled on September 12, 2009 and Advancing Vibrant Communities approached both Stanislaus County and the City of Modesto for financial assistance in the form of funding to cover the garbage disposal fees associated with the cleanup. Specifically, the County and City were asked to provide vouchers to Advancing Vibrant Communities to be used during the event at the local refuse company (Gilton Solid Waste Management) that would be honored and charged to the government sponsors. The total cost was estimated at \$20,000 based on the expense incurred during the spring event. The Chief Executive Officer and City Manager both agreed to recommend the funding request to their respective elected bodies with the understanding that each jurisdiction would equally share in the disposal costs.

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Funding from the Community Development Fund and Redevelopment Agency

Two separate sources of funds were discussed to cover Stanislaus County's contribution to the event. Redevelopment funds are historically utilized to fund the County's annual community cleanups scheduled throughout the unincorporated communities on a rotating basis. These are typically budgeted for as part of the approval of the redevelopment budget and this recent request, although not anticipated, can adequately be accommodated in the upcoming fiscal year with approval by the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency. Community Development Funds are also available to assist with providing funding for "one-time projects or programs benefiting the unincorporated area that demonstrates strong local support and commitment and a general public benefit."

POLICY ISSUE:

The Board of Supervisors is asked to determine if the recommended actions are consistent with its priorities of striving for a well-planned infrastructure system and effective partnerships.

STAFFING IMPACT:

If approved, the Chief Executive Office will coordinate with the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency, the Department of Environmental Resources and the City of Modesto, as appropriate, to cover the garbage disposal expenses associated with the Airport Neighborhood Cleanup event. This includes the timely processing of related invoices.

