

EMERGENCY BUSINESS

Memorandum Date: May 5, 2009
Order Date: May 6, 2009

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: CAO/ Community & Economic Development

PRESENTED BY: Mike McKenzie-Bahr, Community and Economic Development Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CHAIR SIGN A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF VENETA APPLYING FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

I. MOTION

Move to approve the Chair sign a letter in support of Veneta applying for a grant on behalf of the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The County Community and Economic Development Coordinator is requesting that the Board of Commissioners take up this item as emergency business at its May 6, 2009 meeting.

The Board of Commissioner adopted a list of projects for County Community and Economic Development to submit for Community Development Block Grant funding. (Attached BO 09-2-18-9).

On the list is the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation, Regional Housing Center program. This CDBG grant application is due on May 15, 2009.

The County is not going to be able to apply for this grant because Oregon Economic and Community Development Department has still not completed the process to close out our Blue River grant. The Oregon Economic and Community Development Department will also not give us a waiver to apply for additional grants until they complete the closeout paperwork on the Blue River grant.

The grant application on behalf of the Regional Housing Center program has been prepared. The City of Veneta has kindly agreed to apply for the grant.

Since the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation service area is all of Lane County, the County has been the lead applicant on the past grants. Since the County can not apply for the grant, the Oregon Office of Housing and Community Services wants a letter from Lane County agreeing to support the City of Veneta application.

The letter that meets Office of Housing and Community Services requirements has been prepared for signature by the Chair. It is attached to this memo.

III. ATTACHMENTS

- 1: Board Order 09-2-18-9
- 2 Letter of Support for Veneta application

PASSED

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

**ORDER NO.) IN THE MATTER OF RECEIVING COMMENTS FROM THE
09-2-18-9) PUBLIC ABOUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS,
) PROPOSED PROJECTS TO MEET THESE NEEDS, AND
) LANE COUNTY'S PERFORMANCE OF COMMUNITY
) DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS
 AND SETTING PROJECT PRIORITIES**

WHEREAS, Lane County is an eligible applicant for the Oregon Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has held the required public hearing to receive input on community development needs, specific projects that will meet these needs, and Lane County's performance using CDBG funds, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department and Oregon Housing (OECDD) and Oregon Community Services Agency (OHCS) annually invite project proposals from eligible applicants, and

WHEREAS, Lane County CDBG projects will have the greatest opportunity for funding in the coming year if they are included in a listing of county CDBG projects for development, NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

ORDERED that the Community and Economic Development staff shall develop the following CDBG projects for funding as they are qualified by Oregon Economic and Community Development Department and Oregon Housing and Community Service Agency for CDBG applications:

- (1) St. Vincent de Paul, Rural Housing Rehabilitation Program
- (2) Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation, Regional Housing Center program
- (3) Looking Glass, Public Community Facility
- (4) Womanspace, Public Community Facility

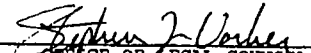
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Community and Economic Development staff may submit a request for a wavier from CDBG rules that all current grants must be administratively closed before the County is eligible to apply for additional funds from OECDD or OHCS, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the County Administrator be designated to be the Certifying Officer and to sign all grant documents related to the CDBG application process, including but not limited to any applications and grant attachments.

Signed this 18th day of February, 2009.



Pete Sorenson, Chair
LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 2-19-2009 Lane County


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REGIONAL HOUSING CENTER AGREEMENT HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER OF LANE COUNTY

Lane County is very supportive of NEDCO's long time efforts to help first time homebuyers. Having more reliable information available to families before they purchase their homes is very helpful. Lane County strongly endorses NEDCO as the regional housing center for the Lane County service area (the Homeownership Center of Lane County). We plan to actively participate in helping NEDCO bring more resources to Lane County residents.

SERVICE AREA:

Lane County

TERMS:

1. We agree that there is a need for a Homeownership Center of Lane County to provide "one-stop shop" housing assistance and information.
2. We agree that the Homeownership Center of Lane County should be centrally located at NEDCO's office, 216 Main Street, Springfield, OR 97477.
3. We agree that NEDCO should operate the Center with its staff.
4. We agree that the City of Veneta will be the jurisdiction applicant for the Oregon Housing and Community Services Regional Housing Center grant.
5. We agree to publicly display and distribute Homeownership Center of Lane County information, and to refer people interested in housing and homeownership information to the Homeownership Center.

Pete Sorenson, Chair
LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Date