

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
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For the Agenda of:  
June 15, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Human Assistance

Subject: Report Back On Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

District: All

Contact: Toni Moore, Deputy Director, 875-1762

**BACKGROUND**

At the June 11, 2009 Budget Hearing, the Department of Human Assistance (DHA) presented information about reductions to homeless programs. During the June 9<sup>th</sup> General Overview presentation, Board members inquired about the use of CDBG funds. In addition, on June 11<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Nottoli requested additional information about the use of County CDBG funds.

**DISCUSSION**

On June 2, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency's (SHRA) amendment to the CDBG 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan and the 2009 Action Plan. This included the designation of \$235,000 of County CDBG funds for homeless prevention activities. In addition, the Sacramento City Council took similar action on May 22, 2009 and approved \$232,000 City CDBG funds for the same purpose.

SHRA, in collaboration with DHA and other community stakeholders, specifically recommended that these funds remain flexible for future use. Possible uses discussed among stakeholders have included: homeless mitigation (i.e. interventions with tent city encampments); gaps in services (i.e. temporary winter shelter operations); and, administrative support for the new Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program grant.

Consistent with SHRA's focus on prevention, DHA did not recommend that this funding source be used to backfill Mather's Children's Services, Aid-In-Kind shelters, or be used to restore staffing for homeless services.

Respectfully submitted,

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