HOUSING AGENDA REPORT

City of Anaheim
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DATE: JUNE 10, 2008
FROM: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING FOR TWO SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM COORDINATORS AND ADDENDUM TO ANAHEIM HOUSING AUTHORITY’S ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

ATTACHMENT (Y/N): YES ITEM # 10

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Governing Board, by motion:

A. Approve the Anaheim Housing Authority’s (AHA’s) application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for $128,565 under a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for two (2) existing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinators, ratify submittal of the application to HUD, authorize the Executive Director, or her designee, to execute the required certifications and application documents, and amend the Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget accordingly.

B. Approve an addendum to AHA’s Administrative Plan, which outlines the steps that AHA will take to affirmatively further fair housing in its Housing Choice Voucher FSS Program.

DISCUSSION:

AHA is eligible to apply for administrative funding under a NOFA issued by HUD for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher FSS Program Coordinators. Due to the short turn-around time designated by HUD for submittal of this grant application, staff will need to submit the application prior to the Housing Authority taking action. Should the Authority vote to disapprove the application, staff will withdraw it from HUD consideration.

The purpose of the Section 8 FSS Program is to reduce the dependency of low-income families on welfare assistance and on Section 8 rental subsidy assistance. Under the FSS Program, low-income families are provided opportunities for education, job training, counseling, and other supportive services, while receiving housing assistance payments, so that they may obtain the education, employment, business, and social skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency.
FSS Program Coordinators provide case management services to FSS participants as they strive to reach economic self-sufficiency. In FY 2007-08, AHA received $127,292 from HUD to fund two (2) existing FSS Program Coordinators. The current NOFA limits Housing Authorities to a one percent increase above the amount of the most recent award. AHA is eligible to apply for $128,565 to continue paying for these two (2) positions. No new positions will be added if funding is received from HUD.

The NOFA for this grant requires AHA to prepare an addendum to its Administrative Plan which outlines the steps AHA will take to affirmatively further fair housing in its Housing Choice Voucher FSS Program, and how AHA will keep records of those steps and their impacts. The attached addendum includes the following actions to affirmatively further fair housing in AHA’s FSS Program: (1) advertising widely in the community to fill any vacant FSS Coordinator position, (2) marketing the FSS Program to all eligible persons, including persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency, (3) making buildings and communications that facilitate applications and service delivery accessible to persons with disabilities, (4) providing fair housing counseling services or referrals to fair housing agencies, (5) informing participants of how to file a fair housing complaint, and (6) recruiting landlords and service providers in areas that expand housing choice to voucher participants.

**IMPACT ON BUDGET:**

None.

Respectfully submitted,    Concur,

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**Attachment:**

1. Addendum to AHA’s Administrative Plan