



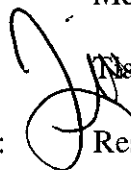
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Office of the Executive Director

Item 7B
NEW BUSINESS
May 13, 2010

To: Honorable Chairperson and
Members of the Housing Authority Board

From:  M. Ingram, Executive Director

Subject: Resolution authorizing receipt of the 2010 Capital Fund Grant Award

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to revise as necessary, and execute the Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) Amendment, and any other pertinent documents required to accept the 2010 Capital Fund Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

BACKGROUND

Early notice from HUD advised that Capital Fund awards for 2010 would be published by the end of April (Attachment 1). The notice further advised that Public Housing Authorities would have four weeks from the date of notification to return the executed Annual Contributions Contract Amendment, accompanied by a resolution from the governing body.

The ACC Amendment process is standard for receipt of funds. Other than correcting mathematical errors, BHA has but two options for responding to the notice: execute the documents and receive the funds, or not execute the documents and forfeit the funds.

As part of the Annual Plan process, we advised HUD that we would allocate the Capital Fund Award as follows: 50% to Capital Improvements; 20% to operations; 20% to Management Improvements; and 10% to Administration. As in the current Fiscal Year, we will be requesting authorization to allocate the 50% restricted for Capital Improvements to Administration/Operations.

STATUS

BHA had not received notice of the Award as of May 6, 2010, and there is no way to project, with any level of accuracy, when HUD will issue the notice. To avoid a situation where we forfeit or jeopardize receipt of the much needed funds because there is no accompanying Board resolution, we are requesting that the Board approve a resolution in advance of final information on the award amount.

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Attachments

1. PIH Alert: HUD Notice of Capital Fund Awards
2. Resolution

PIH Alert

April 22, 2010

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General News

REAC Reports Problems with SAGIS

The Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) announced today that it is having some problems with its Web Access Security System (WASS) that are affecting the Subsidy and Grants Information System (SAGIS):

WASS is having system problems, which result in some modules of WASS (User Maintenance, PHA Assignment, and Data Warehouse/Reporting server password resets) being nonfunctional. If you attempt to use these items, you will receive an HTTP Status 500 error message and will not be able to continue. You are able to access systems and perform other functions as you normally would. WASS is working to get this fixed as soon as possible. Specifically, this issue will impact the ability to validate and verify users in secure systems as part of the user set-up functionality associated with the SAGIS system.

Regarding the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system, REAC has not removed from its Web site an announcement stating that the EIV system will be unavailable until Monday, April 26. However, late yesterday HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) sent out an e-mail announcing that the EIV system is up and running again.

HUD Requests Comments on Housing Finance System

In a *Federal Register* notice today, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of the Treasury published a notice requesting "public input on establishing a more stable and sound housing finance system." The notice lists seven high-level, broad-ranging questions on which HUD and the Treasury are soliciting the views of the public. If you would like to submit comments, you will find instructions for doing so in the "Addresses" section of today's notice. Comments are due by July 21.

PH Program News

2010 Capital Fund Awards to Be Announced by Month's End

HUD's Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) today posted on its home page the following announcement about this year's capital fund awards:

The department anticipates announcing the fiscal year (FY) 2010 capital fund grant awards by the end of April 2010. Public housing agencies will be given four (4) weeks from the date of the notification to return their annual contributions contract (ACC) amendment(s) to HUD field offices. As in past years, a board resolution will be required authorizing the acceptance of these funds. The Office of Capital Improvements (OCI) will send an e-mail,

using PHA e-mail addresses identified in PIC, when the capital fund grant awards have been posted.

RESOLUTION No. BHA 10 - ____

AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REVISE AS NECESSARY, AND EXECUTE THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRACT AMENDMENT, AND PERTINENT DOCUMENTS, FOR RECEIPT OF THE 2010 CAPITAL FUND GRANT AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, HUD will soon announce the 2010 Capital Fund Grant Awards for Public Housing Authorities (PHAs); and

WHEREAS, PHAs will be given four weeks from the date of the notification to return the Annual Contributions Amendment(s) to the HUD Field Office; and

WHEREAS, there is a process by which the PHA can work with the Field Office to correct any errors in the calculations and/or ACC Amendment; and

WHEREAS, a Board Resolution will be required authorizing the acceptance of these funds; and

WHEREAS, awaiting receipt of the notice prior to seeking approval from the Board to act could result in forfeiture of the funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley Housing Authority Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to revise as necessary, and execute the Annual Contributions Contract Amendment and other pertinent documents, required for receipt of the 2010 Capital Fund Grant Awards.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of the Berkeley Housing Authority on May 13, 2010 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Attest: _____

Tia M. Ingram, Secretary