



SAN DIEGO
HOUSING
COMMISSION

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DATE ISSUED: September 6, 2011

REPORT NO: HAR 11-039

SUBJECT: San Diego Housing Commission Semi-Annual Grants Report

COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

SUMMARY:

The San Diego Housing Commission has been directed to submit a grants activity report to the Housing Commission Board and the Housing Authority on a semi-annual basis.

BACKGROUND:

In 2007, the Housing Authority (Authority) delegated approval of Housing Commission (Commission) grant applications to the Board of Commissioners (Board). The Board was also authorized to approve subsequent amendments to the Commission's budget to incorporate awards of funds resulting from those applications. The Authority concluded that this was a more efficient use of staff time rather than having those actions docketed on the Authority agenda for approval.

Incorporated within the Authority's action was a requirement that the Commission reports semi-annually to the Authority on grant applications, grant awards and grant applications not awarded. The attached Housing Commission Grants Report for the period of January through June 2011 is in fulfillment of that requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis
Senior Vice President
Rental Assistance

Approved by,

Carrol M. Vaughan
Executive Vice President &
Chief Operating Officer

Attachment(s): 1. SDHC Grants Report for January – June 2011

ATTACHMENT 1

SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION * GRANTS REPORT * JANUARY – JUNE 2011						
Granting Agency	Grant Name	Application Award, or Not Awarded	Grant Amount	New or Renewal	City Council Districts or City Wide	Description of Grant
HUD ¹	Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinators	Award	\$201,798	New	Citywide	Provides salaries for Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) coordinators to link adults in the Voucher program to local job training, financial and employment counseling, transportation and job placements. Participants sign a contract that requires the head of the household to get a job and the family to no longer receive welfare assistance at the end of the five-year term. As the family's income rises, a portion of that increased income is deposited in an escrow account. When the family completes its FSS contract, the family receives the escrow funds that it can use for any purpose, including a down payment on a home, paying educational expenses, starting a business or paying back debts.
HUD	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant	Award	\$3,100,000	New	Citywide	Provides funding to remediate lead hazards in owner and tenant-occupied units
HUD	Healthy Homes Production Grant	Award	\$1,000,000	New	Citywide	Provide funding to evaluate and remediate health and safety issues in owner and tenant-occupied units.

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Citi Business Services	Community Re-Investment	Award	\$20,000	New	Citywide	Provides non-federal match funds for the Assets for Independence Program, including Individual Development Accounts.
U.S. Bank	Community Re-Investment	Award	\$20,000	New	Citywide	Provides non-federal match funds for the Assets for Independence Program, including Individual Development Accounts.
United Way	Thrive	Award	\$1,500	New	Citywide	To support business expenses related to the Thrive Income Support and Tax Preparation services programs at the Achievement Academy.
Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco via Citi Bank	Access to Housing and Economic Development (AHEAD)	Application	\$20,000	New	Citywide	To build and expand the availability of entrepreneurial/small business training and technical assistance in predominately low income census tracts. Goal is to establish a small business / entrepreneurial customized training curriculum to provide skills and knowledge training to underserved entrepreneurs.
HHS ²	Assets for Independence (AFI)	Application	\$150,000	New	Citywide	AFI supports innovative asset-building projects featuring individual development accounts (IDA's), financial education and related services. IDA's are matched savings accounts in which participants save earned income and receive a 3 to 1 match from both federal and non-federal sources. The program's goal is to help participants gain financial knowledge and

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						build long-term assets through purchasing a home, capitalizing a business, or obtaining postsecondary education or training.
HUD	Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinators	Application	\$414,000	New	Citywide	Provides salaries for Family Self-Sufficiency coordinators to link adults in the Voucher program to local job training, financial and employment counseling, transportation and job placements. Participants sign a contract that requires the head of the household to get a job and the family to no longer receive welfare assistance at the end of the five-year term. As the family's income rises, a portion of that increased income is deposited in an escrow account. When the family completes its FSS contract, the family receives the escrow funds that it can use for any purpose, including a down payment on a home, paying educational expenses, starting a business or paying back debts.
¹ HUD: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development						
² HHS: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services						
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