MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 20, 2017

FROM: HOUSING AUTHORITY:

SUBJECT: HOUSING AUTHORITY: Adopt Resolution No. 2017-006 Approving the Housing Authority Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget, All Districts, ($110,302,092), Housing and Urban Development 75.84%; Housing Authority Revenue 2.85%; State of California 0.75%; Department of Public & Social Services 1.12%; City Funds 1.50%; Housing Authority Successor Agency 16.52%; Rental Assistance Demonstration 1.42%; CEQA Exempt

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Find that the project is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3);

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2017-006 Approving the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside’s Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget for Housing Authority Programs;

3. Approve the attached Housing Authority of the County of Riverside Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget;

4. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the attached form HUD-52574 certifying the approval of the Housing Authority’s Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget pursuant to Resolution No. 2017-006;

5. Authorize the Executive Director or designee, to take all steps necessary to implement Resolution No. 2017-006, including, but not limited to, signing any forms required by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), subject to County Counsel approval; and

6. Direct Housing Authority Staff to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk within 5 working days.

ACTION: Policy
BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (HACR) operates various housing programs identified in the proposed Housing Authority of the County of Riverside Fiscal year 2017-2018 Annual Budget (Annual Budget), funded primarily by annual and multi-year contracts with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These housing programs benefit low and moderate income individuals in Riverside County. All costs of operating the housing programs are offset principally by revenues from Federal, State, and Local governments and agencies pursuant to governmental cost accounting guidelines. Various contracts with HUD, ranging from 1 to 15 year durations, provide for an administrative fee earned by the HACR for the development, rehabilitation, lease and maintenance of affordable housing. The proposed Annual Budget is attached.

The Annual Budget also includes program income and bond proceeds derived from housing assets transferred to the HACR in its capacity as housing successor to the former Redevelopment Agency for the County of Riverside (former Riverside County RDA) pursuant to the California redevelopment dissolution laws, and an administrative cost allowance necessary to perform all activities in HACR’s capacity as the housing successor to the former Riverside County RDA and the former Coachella Redevelopment Agency.

Should the Board approve the attached Annual Budget, HUD requires approval of such budget via Board Resolution to continue housing assistance payments for over 10,000 low-income households. These payments must commence on July 1, 2017. Proposed Resolution No. 2017-006 approving the Annual Budget is attached.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed Annual Budget was reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt from CEQA under the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), General Rule or “Common Sense” exemption. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that approval of the Annual Budget may have a significant effect on the environment, since it is an administrative document and will only have financial effects. A Notice of Exemption will be filed by HACR staff with the County Clerk within 5 days of the approval of the Annual Budget.
County Counsel has reviewed Resolution No. 2017-006 as to form. Staff recommends approval of the Annual Budget and adoption of Resolution No. 2017-006.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**
Approval of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget will enable the HACR to continue with its mission of providing project and tenant based rental assistance, short term rental/utility assistance, housing information service, and housing case management services to low and moderate-income households, veterans, and chronically homeless individuals.

**SUPPLEMENTAL**

**Additional Fiscal Information**
Sources of funds vary per program, and are identified in the attached Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget; funding from the County General Fund is not needed.

**ATTACHMENTS**
Housing Authority Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget
Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 2017-006 Approving the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside’s Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Budget
Form HUD-52574 (PHA Board Resolution Approving Operating Budget for FY 2017-2018)

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