

CITY OF PIEDMONT
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 4, 2005

FROM: Linda Ajello, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Cooperation Agreement between the County of Alameda and the City of Piedmont for Federal Fiscal Years 2006, 2007 and 2008

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the attached Agreement between Alameda County and the City of Piedmont.

BACKGROUND

The cities of Piedmont, Albany, Dublin, Emeryville, Newark, and unincorporated Alameda County have joined together to form the Alameda Urban County for the purpose of collecting Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. HOME funds are used to assist in the acquisition, development, construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing to people with low incomes. In order to participate in the Urban County, a city must have a 2000 Census population of fewer than 50,000 residents.

In the past, the City of Piedmont has used CDBG funds to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements by removing architectural barriers, especially in areas around public buildings, public transportation, parks and commercial centers. Recent examples include the Japanese Tea House Accessibility Project, Exedra Plaza Accessibility Project and the Dracena Park Tot Lot and Restroom project. In addition, Piedmont residents can benefit directly as CDBG funding is also available for minor home repairs for residents with qualifying incomes. The total CDBG allocation for FY 2004/2005 is \$38,622.00 of which \$10,674.00 can be used towards minor home repairs.

The attached agreement is a general implementing agreement that outlines the general terms and provides for general cooperation with Alameda County. This agreement is different from the agreement that will also be before the Council tonight, which outlines the specific terms of FY 2005/2006 and specifies a particular funding level (as indicated above). Specific agreements come before the Council each year. The general agreements require renewal every three years. In May of 2002, the City Council approved a similar agreement for FY 2002/2003, 2003/2004, and 2004/2005. The previous agreement will expire on June 30, 2005.

ATTACHMENT:

- 1) Agreement