CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development

AGENDA DATE: September 22, 2009

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: William Lilly/541-4643

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:
APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include $ amount if applicable.

A Resolution that City Council amend the City's 2007-2008 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan for 2005-2010 by deleting one homeownership assistance activity: Affordable Housing Credit Union Service Organization (AHCUSO) – Individual Development Account (IDA) Program - $125,000, and that the City Manager or her designee be authorized to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of the resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:
Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

On August 17, 2009, AHCUSO voluntarily made a decision to not utilize the 33rd Year homeownership assistance funds awarded to them for their IDA Program, which involved $125,000 from the City of El Paso to match savings of a minimum of 112, low income, first-time homebuyer families towards the purchase of a new home. The City and AHCUSO were unable to reach a contractual agreement for the use of these funds. The City wanted to provide their matching funds on a case-by-case basis after each family was qualified and deemed eligible to receive assistance. AHCUSO wanted the City to provide the entire $125,000 up front. Thus, the financial set-up of this project could not be achieved. AHCUSO will still be able to match up to 62 families utilizing other match funds that they've secured.

A Notice was placed in the El Paso Times and El Diario newspapers on August 21, 2009 to allow a 30-day period for public comment ending September 21, 2009. Any citizen comments received after the submittal of this Agenda Item Department Head's Summary Form will be forwarded to City Council for consideration.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:
Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes, additions and deletions to the City's Annual Action Plans are not uncommon, as amendments have been approved in the past by City Council to previous Annual Action Plans.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

The project was never budgeted in People Soft. Budget set-up was pending execution of the contract.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:
Enter appropriate comments or N/A

On August 27, 2009, the Community Development Steering Committee unanimously voted in favor of this activity being deleted from the City's 33rd Year (2007-2008) Annual Action Plan.

********************REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*********************

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Anthony C. Shearer for W. Lilly

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2007, the City Council for the City of El Paso adopted a Final Action Plan for 2007-2008 for the Consolidated Plan 2005-2010, including the 33rd Year (2007-2008) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2008, the City Council, based on the recommendation of the Director of Community and Human Development and Department staff, amended the Annual Action Plan (2007-2008) and 33rd Year (2007-2008) CDBG Program Budget by adding the Affordable Housing Credit Union Service Organization – Individual Development Account Program - $125,000, a homeownership assistance activity designed to match savings of a minimum 112 low income, first-time homebuyer families towards the purchase of a home in the El Paso area; and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendation of the CD Steering Committee and the Director of the Community and Human Development Department and the agency's decision to withdraw its funding request, the City Council, now desires to amend the Annual Action Plan (2007-2008) and 33rd Year (2007-2008) CDBG Program Budget by deleting one homeownership assistance activity; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2009, the City of El Paso published in the El Paso Times and El Diario newspapers public notice and allowed a 30-day public comment period regarding the proposed amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2007-2008) and 33rd Year (2007-2008) CDBG Program Budget, and City Council has duly considered public comment, if any.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the Annual Action Plan (2007-2008) and 33rd Year (2007-2008) CDBG Program Budget is hereby amended as follows:

   (a) the homeownership assistance activity, "Affordable Housing Credit Union Service Organization – Individual Development Account - $125,000 **(All Districts)**" is deleted; and

   (b) the funds from the above project remain in the Community Development Contingency Account (Account No. G7129CD0001).

2. That the City Manager or her designee be authorized to take any actions necessary to accomplish the intent of the resolution.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2009.

CITY OF EL PASO

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John F. Cook
Mayor

Richarda Duffy Mollisen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Marie A. Taylor
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

for William L. Lilly, Director
Community and Human Development