

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

FILE NO. 13-0122

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ALARCÓN, CHAIR
COUNCILMEMBER HERB J. WESSON, JR., MEMBER
HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE and RESOLUTION relative to authorization to submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for CalHome grant funds in the amount of \$1.5 million, and authority to execute the grant agreement.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), or designee, to submit an application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development requesting \$1.5 million in 2013 CalHome Program grant funding.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LAHD, or designee, if awarded a 2013 CalHome Program Grant, to negotiate and execute the CalHome grant agreement, any amendments thereto, and any other required documents relative to the City's participation in the CalHome Program, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form.
3. ADOPT the Resolution, provided as an Attachment to the City Administrative Officer (CAO) report dated February 12, 2013 (attached to Council File No. 13-0122), authorizing the submittal of the CalHome Grant Program application and the execution of the grant agreement.
4. INSTRUCT the General Manager, LAHD, to report back to the Council and Mayor, if awarded a 2013 CalHome Program Grant, with the amount of the CalHome Grant award and requests for approval of any necessary implementing actions prior to expenditure of any CalHome grant funds.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no impact to the General Fund. No matching funds are required. The recommendations in this report authorize the Los Angeles Housing Department to apply for and accept a 2013 CalHome General Program grant in the amount of \$1.5 million issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. The recommendations comply with City Financial Policies in that grant funds fully fund program expenditures.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a meeting held on February 13, 2013, the Chair and member of the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee considered a report from the LAHD dated January 24, 2013, and a report and Resolution from the CAO dated February 12, 2013, relative to authorization for the LAHD to submit an application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development for grant funds in the amount of \$1.5 million, and authority to execute the grant agreement.

A representative of the CAO appeared before the Committee Chair and member to provide a brief overview of the item and noted that between 2000 and 2011, the LAHD has applied for and received eight CalHome grants totaling \$9.25 million and has assisted 157 low-income first-time homebuyers to purchase homes. If funding for a \$1.5 million grant is received from CalHome, the LAHD will be able to assist an additional 25 low-income homebuyers to purchase homes. The CAO recommends approval and reported that there is no impact on the General Fund and that no matching funds are required.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair and member recommended Council approve the recommendations contained in the CAO report. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER RICHARD ALARCÓN, CHAIR
HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COUNCILMEMBER HERB J. WESSON, JR., MEMBER
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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ALARCÓN:	YES
REYES:	ABSENT
WESSON:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT

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