



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2011-0296

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Keith Sawdon, Finance Director
DATE: June 20, 2011
SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant 2012-2014 Cooperation Agreement

REQUEST:

We are requesting that the City of Rochester Hills continue its participation in Oakland County’s Urban Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by renewing the Cooperation Agreement. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that the Cooperation Agreement between the County and City be renewed every three years.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Rochester Hills currently participates in Oakland County's Urban Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The City receives approximately \$155,090 in CDBG funds through the Urban County program each year. During the City’s past three years of participation, approximately \$465,271 was received and has funded minor home repairs and various public services to address the needs of low income residents.

The City also benefits from the County's federally funded HOME Investment Partnerships Program (approximately \$1 million in HOME funds is combined with CDBG funds each year to improve local housing stock). As a participating community, Rochester Hills is included in the County HOME program, which provides lower income residents with access to the Home Improvement Program.

The benefit of participating with the County under the Cooperation Agreement, the Oakland County Community and Home Service Division administers a significant amount of federal paperwork involved in the CDBG and HOME programs relieving the City from those responsibilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is our recommendation that the City of Rochester Hills continue its participation in Oakland County’s Urban Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by renewing the Cooperation Agreement for the years 2012, 20113, and 2014 and adopt the attached resolution.

| APPROVALS: | SIGNATURE | DATE |
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| Department Review | | |
| Department Director | | |
| Mayor | | |
| City Council Liaison | | |