

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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AGENDA REPORT**

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To: Office of the City/Agency Administrator
Attn: Dan Lindheim
From: Community and Economic Development Agency
Date: January 20, 2009

RE: **Supplemental Report on an Agency Resolution Authorizing a \$50,000 Grant from Broadway/ MacArthur/San Pablo Redevelopment Funds to Rebuilding Together Oakland to Rehabilitate Houses and/or Facilities for Low-Income Seniors and/or Disabled Persons within the Project Area.**

SUMMARY

On January 13, 2009 the Community and Economic Development Committee heard a report from staff recommending the Agency's approval of a resolution authorizing a \$50,000 grant to Rebuilding Together Oakland (RTO) for the rehabilitation of houses and/or facilities for low-income seniors or disabled persons within the Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo redevelopment project area.

The Committee requested more detailed information regarding other grants RTO has been awarded or is requesting from the City/Agency this fiscal year.

CURRENT STATUS

RTO has applied for or been awarded a total of \$170,500 from the City/Agency this fiscal year. The sources of funding are as follows:

- \$50,000 – Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo Redevelopment Area Grant allocation approved by PAC, and under consideration by the Council/Agency.
- \$50,000 – West Oakland Redevelopment Area Grant allocation approved by West Oakland PAC, but it has not yet been forwarded to the Council/Agency
- \$48,000 (\$4,000/month) – CDBG Funding
RTO received this grant for the 2007-2009 funding cycle, for a total of \$96,000 over the two year period.
- \$22,500 – Senior Services Set-Aside Grant
Original grant of \$45,000 was cut by 50% as part of budget reduction measures.

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PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Rebuilding Together Oakland provides housing rehabilitation and residential safety upgrade services to low-income seniors and/or disabled persons. Utilizing a broad base of community volunteers, RTO leverages about \$3 value for every dollar donated.

In FY 2007-2008, RTO received a \$50,000 grant from the Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo Redevelopment Area to upgrade and rehabilitate two homes and one non-profit facility. The projects were well organized, and the work on each property was completed satisfactorily and on time. The community-building opportunity offered through the use of volunteer labor was a very strong benefit of RTO's program.


RECOMMENDATIONS AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the Agency accepts the Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo Redevelopment PAC's recommendation to provide a \$50,000 grant to Rebuilding Together Oakland to rehabilitate several homes or non-profit facilities occupied by low-income seniors and/or disabled persons. This work will assist with the elimination of blight in the Project Area and will provide much needed rehabilitation assistance to low-income homeowners.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE AGENCY/CITY COUNCIL

It is requested that the attached Agency resolution be approved providing a \$50,000 grant from the Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo Redevelopment Project Area to Rebuilding Together Oakland.

Respectfully submitted,

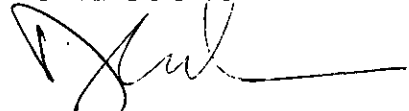


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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL



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