



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Requested Board Meeting Date: **8/6/2013**

ITEM SUMMARY, JUSTIFICATION &/or SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT \$50,000.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE'S **SECTION 533 HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013** TO CONDUCT HOME REPAIR PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WITHIN PIMA COUNTY.

CONTRACT NUMBER (If applicable):

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S):

To be approved by Board of Supervisors.

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS: Tucson, AZ

CLERK OF BOARD USE ONLY: BOX M.G.

ITEM NO.

PIMA COUNTY COST: \$ _____ REVENUE TO PIMA COUNTY: \$ 50,000.00

FUNDING SOURCE(S): U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service
(i.e. General Fund, State Grant Fund, Federal Fund, Stadium D. Fund, etc.)

Advertised Public Hearing:

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Board of Supervisors District:

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IMPACT:

IF APPROVED:

Pima County will apply for \$50,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service for Fiscal Year 2013 to conduct Home Repair Program activities within rural Pima County.

IF DENIED:

Pima County will not apply for \$50,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service for Fiscal Year 2013 to conduct Home Repair Program activities within rural Pima County.

DEPARTMENT NAME: Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Dept.

CONTACT: Artemio Hoyos TELEPHONE NO.: 243-6752

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - _____

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Services ("USDA RHS") intends to allocate funds from the FY2013 Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant Program ("Section 533"); and

WHEREAS, Section 533 is designed to assist very-low-income and low-income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural and unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, entities that are eligible to obtain such funds must meet the home repair and rehabilitation activity criteria established in 7 C.F.R. § 1944.679; and

WHEREAS, Pima County is eligible to participate in Section 533; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors finds that it is in the best interests of the residents of Pima County to submit a pre-application to USDA RHS for Section 533 funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 for home repair and rehabilitation activities for very-low-income and low-income homeowners in rural and unincorporated areas as detailed in the attached Statement of Activities of the pre-application; and

WHEREAS, the applicants for Section 533 funds must adopt a resolution identifying the area where such funds will be expended and certifying that the proposed project and area meet the criteria established in 7 C.F.R. § 1944.679;

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors certifies that the proposed projects in rural and unincorporated areas of Pima County are an eligible activity under the USDA RHS Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant and that Section 533 funds awarded will be used in these areas; and

WHEREAS, if Section 533 funds are awarded, USDA RHS requires that a Housing Preservation Grant Agreement be executed, usually within 24 hours of the date of notification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County that:

1. The proposed Section 533 projects for home repair and rehabilitation activities for very-low-income and low-income residents in rural and unincorporated areas of Pima County are, as detailed in the attached Statement of Activities of the pre-application, certified and eligible activities that meet the criteria set forth 7 C.F.R. § 1944.679;
2. The Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation Department is directed to complete, and submit to USDA RHS, a pre-application to secure USDA RHS Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 for home repair and rehabilitation activities for very-low-income and low-income homeowners in rural and unincorporated Pima County; and
3. If USDA RHS Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant funds are awarded pursuant to the pre-application, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the Housing Preservation Grant Agreement to accept such funding.

PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County this ____ day of _____, 2013.

PIMA COUNTY, a body Politic and Corporate

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karen S. Friar, Deputy County Attorney

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The Pima County Home Repair Program

The Pima County Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation (CDNC) Department is applying for grant assistance for the Home Repair Program in order to provide additional aid to very low-income homeowners who live in rural unincorporated Pima County.

Our pre-application is for \$50,000 to rehabilitate 4-7 additional owner-occupied dwellings in the rural areas of Pima County, Arizona. Based on the average cost (\$9,755) to repair and rehabilitate a home, our target is 5 additional housing units. With HPG funding assistance, Pima County estimates assisting 133 total housing units. Housing preservation assistance includes the following home repair and rehabilitation services, such as:

- Installation and/or repair of sanitary water and waste disposal systems, together with related plumbing and fixtures;
- Energy conservation measures such as insulation, sun screens, energy efficient appliances, duct sealing, and reflective roof coating;
- Repair or replacement of the heating and cooling systems;
- Electrical service upgrades;
- Repair of, or provision for, structural supports and foundations;
- Repair or replacement of roofs;
- Replacement of severely deteriorated siding, porches, or stoops;
- Alterations of the unit's interior or exterior to provide greater accessibility for any handicapped person;
- And other related items;

Eligible dwelling units include owner-occupied conventional homes and mobile/manufactured homes. RVs, travel trailers, and motor homes do not qualify for the program. Homeowners must live in the home a minimum of 12 months prior to applying for assistance

Priority will be given to very low-income homeowners who are elderly, families with children under the age of 18, and disabled. Income must not exceed the limits listed below:

<u>HOUSEHOLD SIZE</u>	<u>ANNUAL INCOME</u>
1 Person	\$21,000
2 Persons	\$24,000
3 Persons	\$27,000
4 Persons	\$29,950
5 Persons	\$32,350
6 Persons	\$34,750

7 Persons	\$37,150
8 Persons	\$39,550

The Home Repair Program secures a variety of funding sources that allows the implementation of a sustained, long-term home repair program that will assist low-income homeowners in making home repairs that otherwise could not be affordable by the homeowner. Current and previous funding sources include:

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD): Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and Home Program
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
- Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP)
- Trico Electric Power
- Southwest Gas Corporation
- Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Arizona Department of Economic Security: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Low Income Homeowner Emergency Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Utility, Repair, Replacement Deposit Program (URRD)

All funding sources are subject to availability and conditions prescribed by the funding agency. Additional funds not described above may periodically become available, and will be disbursed as prescribed by the funding agency. A combination of any of the funding sources can be used as long as the criteria for each funding source are met and the total expenditure for each job does not exceed the established maximum.