



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: August 7, 2018

Title: Pima County Resolution for the Pre-Application for, and, if Awarded, Acceptance of USDA Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant

Introduction/Background:

The Rural Housing Service (RHS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting competitive applications under its Housing Preservation Grant Section 533 program (Section 533). Pima County Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation (CDNC) has received the Section 533 Grant as recently as Fiscal Year 2017. The grant guidelines require proof of consultation with County leadership, which this resolution will provide.

Discussion:

The CDNC application for HPG Section 533 funding during federal Fiscal Year 2018 requests \$50,000.00 (the maximum grant amount possible for this round). If CDNC is awarded these funds, five dwellings (either conventional homes and mobile/manufactured homes) belonging to low and/or very-low-income households will be repaired or rehabilitated. If awarded funding, CDNC will give priority to very-low-income households whose members include elderly persons, people with disabilities and/or children under 18.

Conclusion:

The Pima County CDNC Home Repair Program funding objective is to secure a variety of funding sources that support the implementation of a sustained, long-term home repair program that will assist in making home repairs that otherwise are not affordable for low-income households in rural and unincorporated areas of Pima County. Participating in the current competition for USDA Section 533 monies directly addresses this funding objective.

Recommendation:

This resolution is necessary and justified given the significant economic needs of very-low-income and low-income households in rural and unincorporated Pima County, including the specific need to live in dwellings that are repaired and rehabilitated in order to ensure the health and safety of household members, especially the elderly, the disabled, and children. CDNC is therefore directed to submit a pre-application in the competitive USDA process for Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant funds for federal Fiscal Year 2018. If awarded these funds, the County will accept the funding, sign the Grant Agreement documents, and adhere to the grant requirements.

Fiscal Impact:

If Pima County is selected by USDA to receive Section 533 monies, up to \$50,000 will be available for Housing Rehabilitation, Emergency Repair, and Weatherization for low-income and very-low-income homeowners in rural, unincorporated Pima County.

Board of Supervisor District:

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Department: GMI/Regina Kelly Telephone: 520.724-8562 or 724-6679

Department Director Signature/Date:  7/17/18

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date:  7/18/18

County Administrator Signature/Date:  7/18/18

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**PIMA COUNTY RESOLUTION FOR THE PRE-APPLICATION FOR
AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPTANCE OF
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SECTION 533 RURAL HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT FUNDS**

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds:

1. The Rural Housing Service (“RHS”) of the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) released a Notice of Solicitation for Awards (“NOSA”), stating their intention to award funds from the FY2018 Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant Program.
2. Section 533 provides funding to qualified public agencies to assist very-low-income and low-income homeowners in rural areas in repairing and rehabilitating their homes.
3. To be eligible to apply for Section 533 funds a public agency must meet the threshold criteria in 7 C.F.R. § 1944.679.
4. Per these criteria, Pima County, through the Department of Community Development Neighborhood Conservation (“CDNC”), is eligible to apply for Section 533 funds..
5. If awarded, theSection 533 funding would increase, not duplicate, current capacity to provide housing rehabilitation and repair for very-low-income and low-income homeowners in rural areas of unincorporated Pima County.
6. It is in the best interests of the residents of Pima County to apply for and accept grant funds awarded by the USDA for the purposes set forth in the NOSA and summarized in Pima County’s Statement of Activities (**EXHIBIT A**).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

- A. CDNC is directed to submit to USDA RHS a pre-application for Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant funding in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

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B. If any funds are awarded pursuant to the pre-application:

1. The County will accept the funding and adhere to the requirements of the grant; and
2. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to:
 - i. Sign the Grant Agreement and any documents associated with the award of Section 533 funds; and
 - ii. If required by USDA RHS, authorize staff to enter any data relating to the acceptance of the Section 533 funds into the federal database.

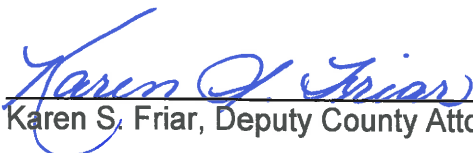
Passed and adopted, this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Richard Elías
Chairman, Pima County Board of
Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Clerk of the Board



Karen S. Friar, Deputy County Attorney

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR USDA SECTION 533 HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT
FY2018 PROPOSED BY PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant (FY 2018)

The Pima County Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation (CDNC) Department intends to apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) for federal Fiscal Year 201. The proposed grant would provide supplementary funding to CDNC's Home Repair Program in order to provide additional assistance to low-income individual homeowners who live in rural, unincorporated Pima County.

Housing preservation assistance includes 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.

Per federal law, if Pima County CDNC is named a grantee for federal Fiscal Year 2018, assistance underwritten by HPG monies must go to individual homeowners who: "have income that meets the very low- or low-income definitions, be the owner of an individual dwelling at least 1 year prior to the time of assistance, and be the intended occupant of the dwelling subsequent to the time of assistance. The dwelling must be located in a rural area and be in need of housing preservation assistance. Each homeowner is required to submit evidence of income and ownership for retention in the grantee's files."

Priority will be given to very low-income homeowners who are: elderly; have families with children under the age of 18; and/or are disabled. It is likely that all households served will be very low-income. Household income must not exceed the limits listed in the paragraph below. Please note that "Household," per federal law relating to HPG grants, is "defined as all persons living all or part of the next 12 months in a unit or dwelling assisted with HPG funds." In the paragraph below, the number after each household size (e.g., "1 Person") represents the limit for "Low (80%) Income" households, and the corresponding number, in parentheses, is the "Very Low (50%) Income" limit; these limits are the most recent ones published by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

**HOUSEHOLD SIZE ANNUAL INCOME LIMITS FOR LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS
(VERY-LOW INCOME LIMITS SHOWN IN PARENTHESES)**

1 Person \$33,950 (\$21,250); 2 Persons \$38,800 (\$24,250); 3 Persons \$43,650 (\$27,300); 4 Persons \$48,500 (\$30,300); 5 Persons \$52,400 (\$32,750); 6 Persons \$56,300 (\$35,150); 7 Persons \$60,150 (\$37,600); 8 Persons \$64,050 (\$40,000).

Income limits are subject to change as per USDA.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the services or eligibility of the Home Repair Program and/or Pima County's grant application, please contact Daniel Tylutki at (520) 724-6754, or by email at Daniel.Tylutki@pima.gov by August 1st, 2018, 5:00 pm (Tucson time).