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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: February 20, 2024

Title: FY23/24 Pima County Gap Funding for Affordable Housing Development and Preservation

Introduction/Background:

On September 29, 2023 the Gap Funding for Affordable Housing Development and Preservation was released for solicitation as endorsed by the Pima County Regional Affordable Housing Commission. The Evaluation Panel recommendations were presented to the Commission on December 15, however due to a lack of quorum amongst non-conflicted members the item was not introduced for endorsement, and no business on the item was conducted. Staff made several attempts to schedule a special meeting to no avail. Commissioners were then asked to submit comments via email. The Notice for Recommendation for Award was issued January 2.

Discussion:

Pima County Community & Workforce Development received 21 proposals in three categories: 1) New Development - Rental; 2) New Development - Homeownership; and 3) Existing - Preservation, Renovation, and/or Re-Use. Based on Commission recommendation and allocation of funds within each category, established maximum funding request per proposal, and endorsement of the scoring rubric, the evaluation panel reviewed all 21 applications and recommend the following projects for award:

New Development - Rental: 1) West Point Apartments II, La Frontera Partners Inc, score 825, units 85, amount \$1 million; 2) Belvedere Terrace, LP, Newport SW LLC, score 808, 72 units, amount \$1 million; 3) Desert Dove Apartments, GHK Properties LLC, score 789, 63 units, \$1 million; 4) The Safford, Marana Leased Housing Associates/Dominium, score 763, 200 units, \$1 million; 4) Emery Park Place, Family Housing Resources and Southern Arizona Land Trust, score 754, units 8, amount \$500,000.00.

New Development - Homeownership: 1) Mars Landing Development, Habitat for Humanity, score 805, units 30, amount \$1 million.

Existing - Adaptive Re-Use, Rehabilitation, Renovation: 1) Tucson House, City of Tucson, score 863, units 358, amount \$1 million; 2) El Camino Affordable Housing, Casa Maria, score 754, units 19, amount \$375,000.00.

Conclusion:

In total, \$6.875 million would be awarded across 8 projects, developing and/or preserving 835 affordable units throughout Pima County. The recommendations align to Affordable Housing Taskforce recommendation #1 "Commission facilitates building more housing across the housing continuum" and the recently passed Prosperity Initiative's Critical Family Resources #5 "to improve housing stability among low-income renters and provide opportunities for homeownership".

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the acceptance of the recommendations to award the highest scoring projects within each category that ensures affordability over the next 30 years and provides stable housing for households that are at or below 80% area median income.

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Fiscal Impact:

No unbudgeted impact to the general fund.

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