Agenda Item #_____ For Housing Authority Meeting of: March 22, 2021

CITY OF SANTA ROSA, HOUSING AUTHORITY

TO:HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERSFROM:MEGAN BASINGER, INTERIM DIRECTORHOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTSUBJECT:FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
PROCESS

AGENDA ACTION: NO ACTION REQUIRED

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Housing Authority hold a study session to receive information on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Notice of Funding Availability process and provide direction.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Typically, the Housing and Community Services Department (HCS) issues an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit developer funding applications for the affordable housing production and rehabilitation funds the Housing Authority has available from various Federal, State, and/or local sources. This study session is to review the anticipated NOFA timeline, estimated amount of available funds for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2021-2022 NOFA, and application evaluation process going forward.

BACKGROUND

The Housing Authority has consistently been issuing NOFAs to solicit funding applications for affordable housing and rehabilitation projects for the past six years. Each year the NOFA process is revised to align with funding opportunities, changes in state rating and ranking and other factors that are evolving in the current affordable housing climate.

This study session is intended to update the Housing Authority on the anticipated funds available for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, discuss a proposed point system for application evaluation and receive feedback from the Housing Authority Commissioners.

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ANALYSIS

Obtaining Housing Authority direction for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 NOFA process allows all Commissioners to provide input on the process prior to the solicitation and review of applications. While NOFAs are an administrative process that do not require Housing Authority approval, Housing Authority Commissioner input is being sought on the proposed point system.

FISCAL IMPACT

This study session does not result in any action and will not have a fiscal impact on any Housing Authority funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This study session is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

• Attachment 1 – Draft Points System

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