

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: June 26, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Director Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization

Subject: **Approval of a Sub-Recipient Agreement with the Housing Rights Center for Fair Housing Services**

Recommendation:

Approve the Sub-recipient Agreement between the City of Lancaster and the Housing Rights Center to provide fair housing services to the residents of Lancaster for the 2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program year.

Fiscal Impact:

\$23,150.00; funding provided through available Federal CDBG entitlement.

Background:

All municipalities receiving CDBG funding are required to maintain fair housing programs in order to affirmatively further fair housing.

The City's existing Sub-Recipient Agreement ("Agreement") with the Housing Rights Center stipulates under Section 9 that the Agreement can be renewed on an annual basis (July 1 through June 30), by the mutual written consent of both parties. As a result, the Executive Director of the Housing Rights Center sent the attached letter to the City dated June 26, 2007, stating their desire to continue to provide fair housing services to the City of Lancaster.

Summary:

In compliance with Federal Regulations Title 24, Part 570, Section 570.05, HUD requires that the City of Lancaster (the "Recipient") enter into a written agreement with the Housing Rights Center (the "Sub-recipient") in order for the City to grant its entitlement funds to the sub-recipient for providing fair housing services. An outline of the fair housing activities and resources to be provided for the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, is outlined in Attachment 1 of the Agreement.