

STAFF REPORT

Lancaster Redevelopment Agency

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To: Chairman Parris and Agency Board Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Director of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization

Subject: **Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with RBF Consulting to Develop a Specific Strategic Implementation Plan for the Northeast Gateway Corridors Project, the Mariposa Neighborhood**

Recommendation:

Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with RBF Consulting to develop a specific Strategic Implementation Plan for the Northeast Gateway Corridors Project, the Mariposa Neighborhood, in an amount not to exceed \$40,394 for Phase I.

Financial Impact:

The amount of \$40,394 will come from the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency's Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Budget Fund Account No. 920-1402-803. The account has a balance of \$75,000, which is sufficient to cover this agreement.

Background:

On February 24, 2004, the Agency Board concurred with the Northeast Gateway Corridors Vision Plan and directed staff to commence with the planning, environmental, and redevelopment processes.

The Mariposa Neighborhood is within the Northeast Gateway Corridor Project Area and is bounded by Avenue I to Avenue H and from 10th Street West to Sierra Highway. An analysis has been conducted to determine the conditions and needs in order to create a detailed strategy and implementation plan to guide the area's future. The purpose of creating a specific strategy and implementation plan is to improve the aesthetics of the area; redevelop challenged housing; improve the stability of existing neighborhoods; provide subdivision and site planning design guidance; contribute to the open space of the community through park planning and design; ensure adequate infrastructure; and, create the implementation tools needed to realize the vision plan.

In order to complete the analysis and develop the specific strategy and implementation plan, staff has determined that the most effective and efficient method is to work in conjunction with RBF

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Consulting. RBF is familiar with the Northeast Gateway Corridors Project and is prepared to work with staff to conduct and deliver a timely analysis.

Staff recommends entering into a Professional Service Agreement with RBF Consulting to create a specific implementation plan and strategy for the Mariposa Neighborhood.