

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster, California

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Date: July 14, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Elizabeth Brubaker, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Director

Subject: **Approve the Re-Appropriation of Funds and Transfer of Title for Properties Purchased Under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant**

Recommendation:

- A. Approve the re-appropriation of funds for the Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP) Fund Balance Account No. 363-2905-000 for two properties, Exhibit A, and approve the Transfer of Title for the seven properties listed in Exhibit B.

- B. Approve the re-appropriation of funds from Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Account No. 920-2002-822, in the amount of \$49,900.00, and Account No. 920-1702-822, in the amount of \$65,000.00.

Fiscal Impact:

The re-appropriation of \$114,900.00 to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) fund balance Account No. 363-2905-000 will come from the Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Trend Tract Neighborhood Master Vision Plan, Account No. 920-2002-822, in the amount of \$49,900.00; and the Lowtree Neighborhood Master Vision Plan, Account No. 920-1702-822, in the amount of \$65,000.00.

Background:

On December 9, 2008, the City of Lancaster, as part of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, received a \$6.9 million Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grant to address the community effects of abandoned and foreclosed properties within the city limits. The funds must benefit persons of low- to moderate-income in areas within the community with the greatest percentage of home foreclosures, homes financed by subprime mortgage related loans and areas likely to face a significant rise in the rate of home foreclosures.

The two Agency acquired properties, recommended for re-appropriation, fit the intended use and scope of the approved master vision plans for the Trend Tract Neighborhood and the Lowtree Neighborhood. Reimbursing the NSP Fund Balance will allow the Agency to implement recommendations in the master vision plans.

Approve the re-appropriation of funds and transfer of title for properties purchased under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant

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Acquired eligible NSP properties should have been purchased by the City of Lancaster and not the Lancaster Redevelopment Agency, as the NSP grant agreement is between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Lancaster. Transferring title from the Agency to the City on the seven properties will ensure that funds are expended pursuant to the requirements of NSP.

Attachment(s):

1. Exhibit A – Agency Properties
2. Exhibit B – NSP Properties

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