



City of Fontana

8353 Sierra Avenue
Fontana, CA 92335

Action Report

City Council Meeting

File #: 21-1817

Agenda #: K.

Agenda Date: 11/9/2022

Category: Consent Calendar

FROM:

Housing

SUBJECT:

Authorize Submittal of Letter of Intent for Participation in the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize City Manager to submit letter of intent for participation in the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust.

COUNCIL GOALS:

- Concentrate on Inter-governmental relations by establishing partnerships and positive working relationships with other public agencies providing services to residents and local businesses.
- Concentrate on Inter-governmental relations by pursuing financial participation from county, state and federal governments.

DISCUSSION:

In response to an increasing need for access to affordable housing across the San Bernardino region, the lack of sufficient funding to produce needed affordable housing and an increased interest in solutions to comprehensively address regional housing needs, the San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG)/San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), is developing pathways for increased funding to support housing-related programs. One such pathway is the establishment of a regional housing trust fund, which would serve as a funding mechanism to support housing programs.

In 2021, in response to increasing concern around the region's housing shortage, the City/County Managers Technical Advisory Committee (CCMTAC) of the San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG) formed an adhoc subcommittee. The Subcommittee expressed interest in exploring the feasibility of implementing a housing trust fund for the San Bernardino region. The subcommittee is recommending that the housing trust serving San Bernardino Region be structured as a Joint Powers Authority made up of participating members with a non-profit component that allows the Housing Trust to solicit and accept private donations.

To provide the most accurate cost allocation, and to prepare for the funding request for the trust, it is being requested that each jurisdiction interested in participating in the trust submit a Letter of Intent. Submittal of the Letter of Intent will only express interest in participation allowing for the correct calculation of the cost allocation across the interested agencies. Formal action will be required at a later date should Council decide to participate once all identified costs have been determined.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No Fiscal Impact.

MOTION:

Approve staff recommendation.



City Council

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LETTER OF INTENT

November 9, 2022

Josh Lee, Deputy Director, Planning
San Bernardino Council of Governments
1170 W. Third Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, California
92410

RE: INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN SAN BERNARDINO REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST

Dear Mr. Lee,

The City of Fontana is interested in participating in the San Bernardino Regional Housing Trust (SBRHT) to be established by the San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG). Through the SBHRT, the City of Fontana intends to further the SBHRT's goal to attract significant funding and affordable housing development interest into the San Bernardino region.

The City of Fontana anticipates that SBCTA/SBCOG will administer SBRHT and that each participating Party shall make annual contributions toward the budgeted administrative costs of SBRHT. In return, SBRHT will provide services and support to the region and its Parties to carry out the purpose of SBRHT.

This letter of interest is not a commitment, and we are providing this letter only to further the planning for the establishment of the SBRHT. Final commitment to join the SBHRT will be subject to Fontana City Council approval, funding availability, and other factors.

Should you have any questions regarding the City of Fontana's interest, please contact Matthew C. Ballantyne, Fontana City Manager at mballantyne@fontana.org or at (909) 350-7654.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matthew C. Ballantyne
City Manager
City of Fontana