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DATE: January 18, 2011

TO: Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

FROM: William E. Wilkins, Housing Director *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: **Grant Application to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Capital Fund Education and Community Facilities (CFCF) Program Grant.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant application in the amount of \$5,000,000 to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Capital Fund Education and Community Facilities Program.

**DISCUSSION**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced the availability of \$35 million dollars nationwide to fund construction or rehabilitation of facilities that provide services related to child development education and employment training for public housing residents. These grants will be limited to \$5 million per application and are only available to high performing housing authorities.

Currently, the Oxnard Housing Authority (OHA) operates the Multi-Service Center at 1500 Camino Del Sol, where the OHA provides a variety of services to recipients of housing assistance. Those services include employment training, legal services, computer education, and financial literacy and homeownership preparation. The location also houses the Colonia Branch of the Oxnard Public Library, along with a Head Start center which provides child care to Oxnard residents.

Housing Authority staff requests authorization to apply for the HUD grant for the purpose of the rehabilitation and expansion of the Multi-Service Center building, including connecting it to the neighboring OHA building at 1470 Colonia Road. Awarding of the grant will allow for much-needed rehabilitation to the Center's 35-year old building, and the proposed expansion would add approximately 18,000 square feet of leasable space for the provision of additional services for public housing residents and the neighborhood at large. Staff also envisions that the expansion would permit the return of on-site health care services at the site. The existing building is approximately 12,500 square feet.

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The deadline for the submission of the grant is February 3, 2011.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact associated with this action.