

RESOLUTION Nº 2014-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, NATIONAL OBJECTIVE #3 – URGENT NEED (ULN) – TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION/LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION. AND, FURTHER, PROVIDING CERTIFICATION THIS APPLICATION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS SETFORTH UNDER NMAC 2.110.2.16 C. (1), (2), (3) AND (4)

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-19 (B) (1973) provides that, "[a] board of county commissioners may employ and set the salary of a County Manager to conduct the business of the county, to serve as personnel officer, fiscal director, budget officer, property custodian and to act generally as the administrative assistant to the board, aiding and assisting it in the exercise of its duties and responsibilities;" and,

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners that, due to recent deterioration of economic factors, low income and below population increase and overburdened waste management infrastructure in certain outlaying communities and surrounding areas illegal dumping is escalating into a serious threat to the health and safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Based on assessments of these conditions conducted by county staff, environmental engineers retained by the County (Gordon Environmental, Inc.) and outside cognizant agencies

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(New Mexico Department of Health, and New Mexico Environment Department) it is confirmed that an urgent and critical health and safety hazard has developed in the aforementioned areas of Valencia County; and

WEREAS, In the process of assessing need and developing strategies to eliminate these conditions of health and safety hazard, the Valencia County Board of Commissioners held three (3) public hearings for public input and comment on March 29, April 9 and April 23, 2014 to solicit public input and direction; and

WHEREAS, For the reason that the County of Valencia does not have the financial resources from General Revenue and other sources of funding are not available, the County must seek financial assistance from State and/or federal sources; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to these established urgent and critical needs, the Board of Commissioners directed staff to develop strategies for ameliorating these health and safety hazard conditions — among these to develop various grant applications to secure resources to enable the County to address these issues; and

WHEREAS, The Valencia County Board of Commissioners finds that there is an urgent and critical need to undertake the elimination of said health and safety hazards in the named communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF VALENCIA COUNTY that:

- 1. Valencia County is hereby authorized to prepare and submit a National Objective #3
 URGENT NEED Community Development Block Grant application to the New Mexico
 Department of Finance and Administration/Local Government Division/CDBG
 Program for the Elimination of Health and Safety Hazard(s) Posing Life-threatening
 Conditions in the Monterey Park Un-incorporated Community of Valencia County;
 and
- 2. That the Valencia County Board of Commissioners directs and designates the Valencia County Manager, Jeff Condrey, as the County's Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative to act in all matters in connection with this application and Valencia County's participation in the New Mexico Community Development Block Grant Program; and
- 3. The Valencia County officials and staff are directed to do any and all acts necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution; and
- 4. That the full application amount be for \$441,403 of grant funds for the Elimination of Health and Safety Hazard(s) Posing Life-threatening Conditions in the Monterey Park Un-incorporated Community of Valencia County; and
- 5. That it further be stated that Valencia County is committing \$49,044 from its General Fund as a cash contribution toward the activities for Elimination of Health and Safety Hazard(s) Posing Life-threatening Conditions in the Monterey Park Unincorporated Community of Valencia County.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF VALENCIA COUNTY DOES HEREBY ATTEST TO AND CERTIFY:

- (1) There is an urgent need to alleviate existing conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the residents of the aforementioned communities of Valencia County; and
- (2) These conditions are of recent origin, becoming critical within the past twelve (12) months and only coming to the attention of the Board of Commissioners and staff in March of this year; and
- (3) Valencia County is unable to finance the remediation of this urgent need on its own, does not have the financial resources from General Revenue and other sources of funding are not available; and
- (4) The County has secured verification of the urgency of the need with written documentation by qualified environmental engineers and the appropriate state agency (namely the New Mexico Department of Health).

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 6th day of August, 2014.

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