December 5, 2017

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Execution of agreements to join Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Marin (GHHI Marin).

Dear Supervisors,

RECOMMENDATION:
1. Authorize Board President to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local partners to launch GHHI Marin;
2. Authorize Board President to sign Compact for Marin County document formally joining national Green & Healthy Homes Initiative.

SUMMARY:
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Marin (GHHI Marin) is a pilot program to align and coordinate the outreach efforts of various local partners that offer health, safety and energy efficiency services to residents. Community Development Agency (CDA) and Health & Human Services (HHS) staff have participated in the development of the program, initiated and funded by the Marin Community Foundation. To continue the program and formalize the relationship between local partners and the National GHHI program on which the pilot is based, it is recommended that the County execute the attached MOU and Compact.

DISCUSSION:
In 2014, the Marin Community Foundation (MCF) convened County staff and other local stakeholders involved in community services related to health, environment and safety in residential homes to explore a plan for bringing the national Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) to Marin County. GHHI was launched in 2008 by the National Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning to aid the White House and the Council on Foundation’s efforts to capitalize on increased investment in energy efficiency and weatherization. It is designed to be a comprehensive approach to offer integrated health, safety, lead hazard reduction, energy efficiency, and weatherization interventions in low to moderate income homes. The goal of GHHI on a national scale is to support the development of Green & Healthy Homes Standards for all housing intervention programs and to efficiently leverage health into investments in areas such as weatherization and energy efficiency.

Community Development Agency (CDA) and Health & Human Services (HHS) staff participated on the Advisory Committee for the development of a GHHI Marin pilot program launched in 2016. GHHI Marin is a partnership of local non-profits,
government agencies, utility providers and funders that's dedicated to improving the health, safety, accessibility and energy efficiency of Marin housing.

While future partners may be added to the Advisory Committee as the model evolves, current members include:

- County of Marin – CDA and HHS
- Age Friendly Sausalito
- Marin Center for Independent Living
- Marin City Community Development Corporation
- MCE Clean Energy
- Marin Housing Authority
- Community Action Marin
- Strategic Energy Innovations

Marin County has adapted the GHHI model of aligning and coordinating funding and services to the unique operating environment and demographics of Marin. Local partners and supporters are pursuing GHHI Marin as an opportunity to improve our community and the lives of those living in it by coordinating physical interventions to address home based health and safety hazards and energy deficiencies, resulting in:

- Improved energy efficiency for low and moderate-income families
- Better health outcomes for our children, seniors and families
- More efficient use of public investment through improved interagency coordination

In addition, a fully realized Green and Healthy Homes model has been shown to result in:

- Higher quality green jobs
- Reduced barriers to school attendance and work among families with young children
- Support for neighborhood stabilization through more effective and sustainable home investments

MCF has provided initial funding of $400,000 to the pilot GHHI Marin program with MCE acting as the local lead agency and fiscal administrator. Given the expansion of the program from development phase to implementation with associated funding, it was agreed by the Advisory Committee that a more formal MOU was needed to clarify roles and expectations. Specifically, the MOU states that the County will:

- Assign qualified staff to represent the County on the Advisory Committee and any relevant subcommittees
- Be an active community representative of GHHI Marin.
- Provide advice and guidance that best serves GHHI Marin's mission and the interests of the program.
- Regularly participate in committee and working group meetings.
- Support the longevity and financial sustainability of the initiative through participation in planning and strategic resource development.
- Exercise fiduciary duty and due care in the administration of GHHI Marin funds (as administered through an Agency Partner), and/or in any decision or action regarding program funds.
- Share relevant client and service impact data in compliance with any applicable privacy, confidentiality or other data sharing laws and requirements; e.g. program applications, assessment reports.
- Support program implementation and operations by encouraging sharing of resources and identifying potential opportunities for program growth.
- May provide and/or align needed services and resources as applicable.
- May adapt internal agency systems and procedures, when feasible, to better align with the GHHI Marin model for integrated, collaborative service delivery.

The County may withdraw from the MOU upon 30 days' written notice to the other partners and the MOU does not contain any commitment of funds by the County.

Additionally, since the GHHI Marin program is based on the national GHHI model and leverages many of their established resources, it is recommended that this relationship also be formally recognized via Compact. The Compact specifies the local goals and commitments and states that GHHI Marin will participate with GHHI’s National Network to support the development of model programs and enhancement of national, state and local holistic housing practices. The Compact does not include any commitment of funds.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:
There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the County for involvement in this program. Neither the MOU nor the Compact includes any obligation of funds and existing staff can fulfill participation responsibilities within existing workplans.

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ATTACHMENTS:
1. GHHI Marin Memorandum of Understanding
2. GHHI Compact