September 21, 2004

Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of the County of Marin
Marin County Civic Center
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Marin Community Foundation Grant Agreement: Marin City Network

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the President and the Executive Director to execute the attached grant agreement with the Marin Community Foundation and authorize Marin Housing to act as the fiscal agent for the Marin City Network.

SUMMARY: The Marin City Services Network has existed for four years as a collaborative between Marin City CDC, Centerpoint Inc. and Marin Housing’s Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. The Network has provided employment and related services to Marin City families and individuals. Over the past year the Network has gone through a major restructuring, which included extensive community input and technical support from the Marin Community Foundation. The grant will provide $102,548 over a period of six months to provide bridge financing for the Network.

The Network has defined a new target population and will use a multi-disciplinary team approach to provide youth-focused services, targeted to families with children in middle school who live in public housing. The Network will have program services designed to support and better prepare youth for greater success in high school and beyond. The Network will fill a critical gap of services for families living in Marin City public housing. Marin Housing will act as fiscal agent to the Network during this period, at the end of which the Network will move to the Tides Center. As fiscal agent, Marin Housing will act as employer of the two Network employees, write checks, provide regular financial reports and supervision for the Network Project Director.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

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