



March 14, 2016

Ms. Penelope Leach, City Manager  
City of Albany  
1000 San Pablo Avenue  
Albany, CA 94706

Dear Ms. Leach:

Subject: 2016-17 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Albany Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 (ROPS 16-17) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 22, 2016. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 16-17.

Based on our review, Finance is approving all of the items listed on the ROPS 16-17 at this time.

On the ROPS 16-17 form, the Agency reported cash balances and activity for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Pursuant to HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E), agencies are required to use all available funding sources prior to Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) for payment of enforceable obligations. During our review, which may have included obtaining financial records, Finance determined the Agency possesses funds that should be used prior to requesting RPTTF. Therefore, with the Agency's concurrence, the funding source for the following item has been reclassified to Reserve Balance and in the amount specified below:

Item No. 1 – Administrative and Operating expenses in the amount of \$10,000. This item is an enforceable obligation for the ROPS 16-17 period. However, the obligation does not require payment from property tax revenues and the Agency has \$10,000 in available Reserve Balance funding. Therefore, Finance is adjusting Administrative RPTTF from \$10,000 to \$0 and approving the use of Reserve Balance funding in the amount of \$10,000.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is zero as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution table on page 3 (See Attachment).

ROPS distributions will occur twice annually, one distribution for the July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (ROPS A period), and one distribution for the January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 (ROPS B period) based on Finance's approved amounts. Since Finance's determination is for the entire ROPS 16-17 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS A and B period distributions.

On the ROPS 16-17 form, the Agency was not required to report the estimated obligations versus actual payments (prior period adjustment) associated with the July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 period (ROPS 15-16A). The Agency will report actual payments for ROPS 15-16A and ROPS 15-16B on the ROPS 18-19 form pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a) (1). A prior period adjustment will be applied to the Agency's future RPTTF distribution. Therefore, the Agency should retain any difference in unexpended RPTTF.

Please refer to the ROPS 16-17 schedule used to calculate the total RPTTF approved for distribution:

<http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS>

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is Finance's determination related to the enforceable obligations reported on your ROPS for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period. Finance's determination is effective for this time period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to review and may be denied even if it was not denied on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC section 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of Final and Conclusive items is limited to confirming the scheduled payments as required by the obligation.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the amount of property tax increment available prior to the enactment of the redevelopment dissolution statutes. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Cindie Lor, Supervisor, or Todd Vermillion, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,

  
JUSTYN HOWARD  
Program Budget Manager

cc: Mr. Paul Rankin, Finance Advisor - Regional Government Services, City of Albany  
Ms. Carol S. Orth, Tax Analysis, Division Chief, Alameda County

**Attachment**

<b>Approved RPTTF Distribution</b>			
<b>For the period of July 2016 through June 2017</b>			
	<b>ROPS A Period</b>	<b>ROPS B Period</b>	<b>Total</b>
Requested RPTTF (excluding administrative obligations)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Requested Administrative RPTTF	10,000	0	10,000
<b>Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<b>Total RPTTF Requested</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total RPTTF authorized</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Total Administrative RPTTF requested</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<u>Reclassified Item</u>			
Item No. 11	(10,000)	0	(10,000)
Total Administrative RPTTF after Finance adjustments	0	0	0
<b>Total Administrative RPTTF authorized</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Total RPTTF approved for distribution</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>