



September 27, 2012

Mr. Daniel Rofoli, Consultant
Los Angeles County Community Development Commission
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Dear Mr. Rofoli:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission successor agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS III) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on August 15, 2013 for the period of January through June 2013. Finance has completed its review of your ROPS III, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

HSC section 34171 (d) defines enforceable obligations. Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, the following does not qualify as an enforceable obligation:

Claimed administrative costs exceed the allowance by \$30,000. HSC section 34171 (b) limits fiscal year 2012-13 administrative expenses to three percent of property tax allocated to the successor agency or \$250,000, whichever is greater. As a result, the Agency is eligible for \$250,000 in administrative expenses. The Los Angeles Auditor Controller's Office distributed \$125,000 of administrative costs for the July through December 2012 period, thus leaving a balance of \$125,000 available for the January through June 2013 period. Although \$125,000 is claimed for administrative cost, Item No. 3 for legal representation in the amount of \$30,000 is considered an administrative expense and should be counted toward the cap. Therefore, \$30,000 of excess administrative cost is not allowed.

HSC section 34171 (b) allows litigation expenses related to assets or obligations to be funded with property tax outside the administrative cap. However, since Item No. 3 relates to general legal representation and not specifically to bringing or contesting a legal action in court, it is considered an administrative expense.

Except for item(s) denied in whole or in part as enforceable obligation(s) as noted above, Finance is approving the remaining items listed in your ROPS III. If you disagree with the determination with respect to any items on your ROPS III, you may request a Meet and Confer within five business days of the date of this letter. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available at Finance's website below:

http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet_and_confer/

The Agency's maximum approved Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (RPTTF) distribution for the reporting period is: \$177,052 as summarized below:

Total RPTTF funding requested for obligations	\$	82,052
Less: Six-month total for item reclassified as administrative cost Item No. 3		30,000
Total approved RPTTF for enforceable obligations	\$	52,052
Plus: Allowable RPTTF distribution for administrative cost for ROPS III		125,000
Total RPTTF approved:	\$	177,052

Administrative Cost Calculation		
Total RPTTF for the period July through December 2012	\$	53,400
Total RPTTF for the period January through June 2013		82,052
Total RPTTF for fiscal year 2012-13:	\$	135,452
Allowable administrative cost for fiscal year 2012-13 (Greater of 3% or \$250,000)		250,000
Administrative allowance for the period of July through December 2012		125,000
Allowable RPTTF distribution for administrative cost for ROPS III:	\$	125,000

Pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a), successor agencies were required to report on the ROPS III form the estimated obligations and actual payments associated with the January through June 2012 period. The amount of RPTTF approved in the above table will be adjusted by the county auditor-controller to account for differences between actual payments and past estimated obligations. Additionally, these estimates and accounts are subject to audit by the county auditor-controller and the State Controller.

Please refer to the ROPS III schedule that was used to calculate the approved RPTTF amount:

[http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS/ROPS III Forms by Successor Agency/](http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS/ROPS%20III%20Forms%20by%20Successor%20Agency/).

All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to a subsequent review. An item included on a future ROPS may be denied even if it was not questioned from the preceding ROPS.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the property tax increment that was available prior to enactment of ABx1 26 and AB 1484. This amount is not and never was an unlimited funding source. 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 successor agency in the RPTTF.

Please direct inquiries to Kylie Le, Supervisor or Michael Barr, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,


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