



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

Control: 26001628

MEETING DATE: 08/25/2026

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S): District 1, District 3, District 4 and District 5

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: OC Community Resources

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SUBJECT: Urban County FY 2027-30 Cooperation Agreement Amendments

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
Concur	Approve agreement to form	CONSENT CALENDAR 3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A	Current Year Cost: N/A	Annual Cost: N/A
Staffing Impact: No		Sole Source: No
Current Fiscal Year	Funding Source: See Financial Impact	County Audit in Last 3
Revenue: N/A	Section	years: No
Levine Act Review: N/A		
Completed? N/A		

Prior Board Action: 7/18/2023 #S29F, 7/28/2020 #4, 7/25/2017 #4, 7/22/2014 #10

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve and authorize the OC Community Resources Director or designee to execute Amendment Seven to the Small City Cooperation Agreements, in substantially the same forms of Attachments A through K between the County of Orange and the cities of Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, La Palma, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, Stanton and Villa Park once executed by cities if not already signed for participation in the Urban County Program for FY 2027-28 through FY 2029-30.
2. Approve and authorize the OC Community Resources Director or designee to execute Amendment Four to Metropolitan City Joint Agreements, in substantially the same form of Attachments L and M between the County of Orange and the cities of Placentia and Yorba Linda once executed by cities if not already signed for participation in the Urban County Program for FY 2027-28 through FY 2029-30.
3. Approve and authorize the OC Community Resources Director or designee to execute Amendment Two to the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Orange and the City of San Juan Capistrano, in the form of Attachment N for participation in the Urban County Program for FY 2027-28 through FY 2029-30.

4. Authorize the OC Community Resources Director or designee to submit the above executed amendments to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as required for Urban County participation.
5. Authorize the OC Community Resources Director or designee to execute subsequent non-material administrative modifications to the above amendments and submit modifications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SUMMARY:

Approval of the Amendments with the participating Small Cities, Metropolitan Cities and the County of Orange will allow for continued access to federal Community Development Block Grant funding through the Urban County Program for FY 2027-28 through FY 2029-30.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires agreements between the County of Orange (County) and participating cities to qualify as an Urban County and receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The CDBG funds are currently used for housing and community development public services in the form of homeless service activities such as emergency shelter operations, community center operations and improvements, housing rehabilitation for low-to-moderate-income families and improvements to public facilities within participating cities and County unincorporated areas.

Small Cities (population under 50,000) and Metropolitan Cities (populations over 50,000) may elect to participate in the Urban County Program. The County is required by HUD to renew its Urban County status every three (3) years, allowing the County to amend its existing Cooperation Agreements without having to enter into new agreements.

Below is a list of prior Board of Supervisors (Board) approved actions related to the Small Cities and Metropolitan Cities Joint Agreements.

<u>Board Date</u>	<u>Contract of Amendment Number</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Maximum Obligation</u>	<u>Board Action</u>
July 22, 2014	Amendment Three with Small Cities and Original Metropolitan Cities Agreements	FY 2015-16 through FY 2017-18	N/A	Board approved extension of Cooperation Agreements
July 25, 2017	Amendment One with Metropolitan Cities and Amendment Four with Small Cities	FY 2018-19 through FY 2020-21		Board approved extension of Cooperation Agreements
July 28, 2020	Amendment Two with Metropolitan Cities; Amendment Five with Small	FY 2021-22 through FY 2023-24	N/A	Board approved extension of Cooperation Agreements

	Cities; and original agreement with City of San Juan Capistrano			
July 18, 2023	Amendment One with City of San Juan Capistrano; Amendment Three with Metropolitan Cities; and Amendment Six with Small Cities	FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27	N/A	Board approved extension of Cooperation Agreements

HUD sent the final instructions for Urban County qualification on May 15, 2026, and supplemental instructions and deadlines on June 2, 2026. As required by HUD, on June 5, 2026, the County notified each of the Small Cities and Metropolitan Cities of its right to elect to be included or excluded from the Urban County Program for FY 2027-28 through FY 2029-30.

The following cities have elected to participate in the Urban County Program for FY 2027-28 through FY 2029-30.

Small Cities

Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, La Palma, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Los Alamitos, San Juan Capistrano, Seal Beach, Stanton, and Villa Park

Metropolitan Cities

Placentia and Yorba Linda

For the County to continue to qualify as an Urban County, the agreements with the Small Cities and Metropolitan Cities must be submitted to HUD by August 25, 2026.

This Agenda Staff Report seeks Board approval of Amendment Four to the Metropolitan City Joint Agreements with the Cities of Placentia and Yorba Linda, which joined the Urban County Program in FY 2015-16; Amendment Seven to the Small Cities Cooperation Agreements with the Cities of Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, La Palma, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, Stanton and Villa Park which joined the Urban County Program in FY 2005-06; and Amendment Two to the Cooperation Agreement with the City of San Juan Capistrano, which joined the Urban County Program in FY 2021-23.

Compliance with CEQA: This action is not a project within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to CEQA, since it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The approval of this agenda item does not commit the County to a definite course of action in regard to a project since it is for the approval to access federal funding through the Urban County Program for FY 2027-28 through FY 2029-30 for housing and community development activities. This proposed activity is therefore not subject to CEQA. Any future action connected to this approval that constitutes a project will be reviewed for compliance with CEQA.

Compliance with NEPA: The proposed activity is Exempt from National Environmental Policy Act per 24 CFR 58.34 (a)(3).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This is a non-financial ASR. This action does not result in a financial impact. The Amendments allow participating cities and the County to access federal CDBG funds.

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

REVIEWING AGENCIES/DEPARTMENTS:

Office of Care Coordination

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Amendment Seven with the City of Brea Cooperation Agreement
Attachment B - Amendment Seven with the City of Cypress Cooperation Agreement
Attachment C Amendent Seven with the City of Dana Point Cooperation Agreement
Attachment D - Amendment Seven with the City of La Palma Cooperation Agreement
Attachment E - Amendment Seven with the City of Laguna BCH Cooperation Agreement
Attachment F - Amendment Seven with the City of Laguna Hills Cooperation Agreement
Attachment G - Amendment Seven with the City of Laguna Woods Cooperation Agreement
Attachment H - Amendment Seven with the City of Los Alamitos Cooperation Agreement
Attachment I - Amendment Seven with the City of Seal Beach Cooperation Agreement
Attachment J - Amendment Seven with the City of Stanton Cooperation Agreement
Attachment K - Amendment Seven with the City of Villa Park Cooperation Agreement
Attachment L - Amendment Four with the City of Placentia Joint Agreement
Attachment M - Amendment Four with the City of Yorba Linda Joint Agreement
Attachment N - Amendment Two with the City of San Juan Capistrano Cooperation Agreement