# City of Calistoga Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Richard Spitler, City Manager

**DATE:** March 19, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Funding Request to Support Calistoga Affordable Housing's 2013

"Rebuilding Calistoga Program"

### APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

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Richard Spitler, City Manager

**ISSUE:** Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a budget appropriation and a request to execute a funding agreement with Calistoga Affordable Housing, Inc. (CAH) in the amount of \$10,000 to support CAH's 2013 "Rebuilding Calistoga Program".

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**RECOMMENDATION**: Adopt Resolution.

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These funds would be to make improvements to the mobile home parks, particularly the senior parks.

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**DISCUSSION:** Staff recognizes and supports the benefits associated with this program that is targeted to provide assistance to disabled residents and low and

moderate income households, and to renovate existing housing stock in the City consistent with General Plan policy. Specifically, Housing Element Goal H-4, Objective H4.1, Action A2.states the following:

### Housing Element

Action A2.

Goal H-4	Maintain	and	enhance	the	physical	condition	and
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# Objective H-4.1 Preserve and improve the quality of existing housing.

# Cooperate with volunteer groups such as Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April), when consulted by these groups, to help very low- and low-income homeowners and renters to maintain and upgrade their property.

Should Council authorized this funding, staff is recommending that the following five requirements be established:

- 1. The attached Funding Agreement be executed.
- 2. Applications be prescreened through the City's Building Official to identify any significant Building/Fire Code issues of concern.
- 3. Building permits be obtained for all work when required by the Calistoga Municipal Codes. All required City plan check fees and permit fees for required inspections shall be paid prior to issuance of a building permit.
- 4. After completion of each home improved, CAH, Inc. shall submit a report detailing activities provided under the program to be utilized for the City's annual housing report.
- 5. An accounting of the use of City funds be provided to the City prior to at the end of each City fiscal year.

**FISCAL IMPACT**: The Affordable Housing Trust Fund (78) would be used which contains funds specifically dedicated towards preservation of affordable housing. Therefore, a budget adjustment will need to be made through the attached resolution to reflect the \$10,000 appropriation to Fund 78.

## **ATTACHMENTS**:

- 1. February 24, 2013 letter from CAH
- 62 2. Draft Resolution
  - 3. Draft Funding Agreement