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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 12, 2016  
**To:** Policy Advisory Committee  
 COG Policy Board  
**FROM:** Peggy Arnest, Regional Planner  
**SUBJECT:** Regional Clearinghouse Consent Calendar

**RECOMMENDATION:** Per Board procedure, unless an item is pulled from the Consent Calendar, tacit authorization is given for staff to forward any comment(s) received, or any Committee/Board comment(s) generated as a result of this informational item, to the appropriate agency. It is understood that if in the event any item should be pulled from the consent calendar, discussion and comment by the Committee members and the public will be taken.

**DISCUSSION:** The Regional Clearinghouse is a process of informing local agencies of federal grant requests, providing an opportunity to comment, and potentially avoid duplication of effort. Clearinghouse items are brought before the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and, if appropriate, the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) for review and comment. Any resulting TTC/PAC comments, and any comments received from other agencies as a result of the Clearinghouse notification process, are noted on a monthly report brought forward to the Fresno COG Policy Board.

COG Policy Board action would be to authorize staff to forward any comments received or any Board comments to the State Clearinghouse and other appropriate agencies. The applicants have been notified of this meeting. While participation by the agency is optional, they have been personally requested to attend the Policy Board meeting in case there should be any questions. It should be noted that if in the event any of these items should be pulled from the consent calendar, that discussion and comment by the Committee/Board members and the public will be taken. *Project Notification and Review Reports* describing these projects are attached.

**FUNDING:** Proposed funding levels are as shown below:

Applicant	Federal Funds	Other/ Applicant Funds	Total Funds
Self Help Enterprises	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000

**PROJECT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW REPORT**

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Regional Clearinghouse Number: *RCH # 01-2016-219*  
Project Title: *Housing Preservation Grant Program for Low-Income  
and Very Low-Income Households- Loans/Grants for  
Housing Rehabilitation*  
Applicant Agency: *Self-Help Enterprises*  
Contact Person: *Karen Saucedo*  
Address: *8445 West Elwin Court  
P. O. Box 6520  
Visalia, CA 93290*  
Phone: *559-802-1670*  
Federal Catalog #: *10-433*  
Status: *New*  
Area of Impact: *Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced and Tulare Co.*  
Federal Funding Agency: *USDA Rural Housing Service*

**FUNDING:**

\$100,000 Federal  
\$0 Applicant  
\$0 State  
\$100,000 Local  
\$0 Other  
\$200,000 TOTAL

The preservation of housing for low to very low-income households by providing loans and/or grants to repair their homes and bring them up to RHS thermal standards.