

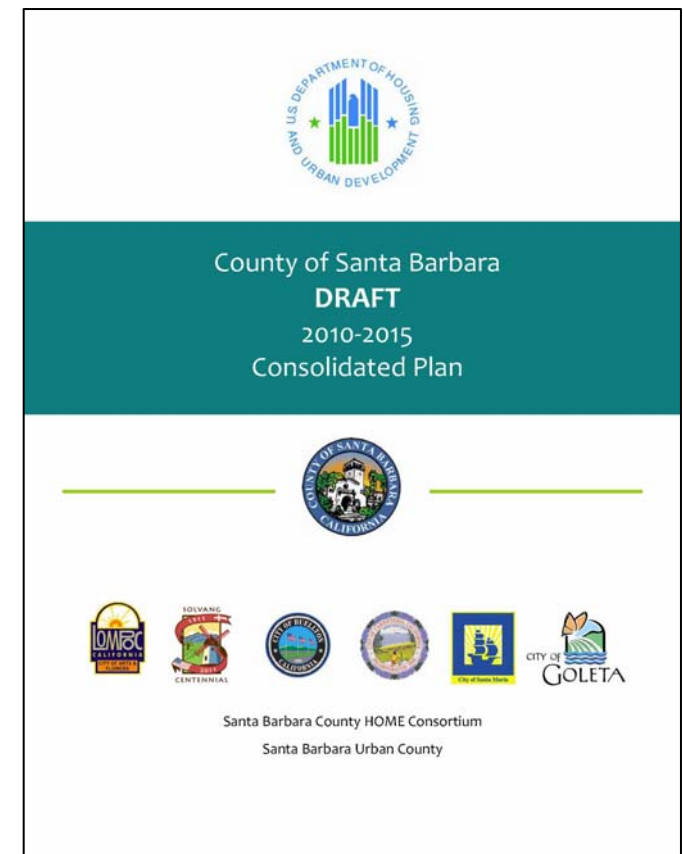
# County of Santa Barbara Department of Housing & Community Development **Draft 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan**

Santa Barbara County  
Board of Supervisors  
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# What is the Consolidated Plan?

- Federal grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) representing \$20m over the Plan life
- Required to obtain 3 HUD entitlement grants:
  - **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**
  - **HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME)**
  - **Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)**
- Submitted every five years, updated annually by Annual Action Plan
- HCD prepares on behalf of partners of the HOME Consortium and CDBG Urban County Partnership



# What is the Plan Required to Include?

- Establishes local funding priorities, goals and objectives consistent with three federal goals:
  - **Goal I: Decent, affordable housing**
  - **Goal II: Suitable living environment**
  - **Goal III: Expanded economic opportunity**
- Plan is built on stakeholder participation and input throughout our community
- Contents include:
  - **Needs Assessment**
  - **Five-year Strategic Plan**
  - **Annual Action Plan**



# HCD Provides Regional Leadership



- Region qualifies to receive HUD entitlement funding through two partnerships:
  - **Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium**
  - **CDBG Urban County Partnership**
- County HCD administrative lead agency
  - Responsible for funding management, administration, and regulatory compliance
- County and participating jurisdictions each receive a pro-rated share of CDBG and HOME funding



# CDBG

- Funding must benefit low and moderate income residents
- Eligible activities include:
  - **Infrastructure**
  - **Housing rehabilitation**
  - **Economic development**
  - **Community/public services**
- Local projects must meet one of three federal objectives
  - **Benefit low and moderate income persons**
  - **Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight**
  - **Meet other community development urgent needs**
- Urban County Partnership receives \$2 million annually



# HOME

- Funding to expand affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income households
- Eligible activities include:
  - **Construction**
  - **Rehabilitation**
  - **First-time homebuyer assistance**
  - **Rental assistance**
- HOME Consortium receives \$1.8 million annually





# Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)

- Grant provides shelter and supportive services to the homeless
- Eligible activities include:
  - Shelter operations
  - Essential services
  - Homeless prevention services
  - Rehabilitation of existing shelters
- County receives \$89,000 annually



# Drafting the Plan

## Public Outreach

- 120 community stakeholders representing over 50 organizations
- Needs assessment survey in both English and Spanish
- 9 community forums held across the County
  - 4 held by our partner cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc
  - 5 held by County HCD
- 30-day public review period (April 17 – May 16)

## Plan Development

- Draft Plan reflects balance between HUD requirements and local needs, as well as community stakeholder input





# CDBG Funding Priorities

- Derived from current congressional goals, HUD priorities and stakeholder input
  - **Services**
    - for persons with special needs
    - for low and moderate income households
    - that prevent discrimination
  - **Economic development**
  - **Community and public facilities**
  - **Opportunities to improve ADA compliance**
  - **Maintain and upgrade existing affordable housing**
  - **Programs that create and sustain long term affordable housing**
  - **Energy efficiency and conservation design measures**



# HOME Funding Priorities

- Derived from current congressional goals, HUD priorities and stakeholder input
  - Lower income rental housing for large, small, and special needs (homeless, disabled, elderly) households
  - Permanent supportive housing for households at risk of becoming homeless, and/or special needs clients
  - Opportunities to assist first-time homebuyers
  - Opportunities to improve ADA compliance
  - Energy efficiency and conservation design measures
  - Proximity of projects to jobs, transit and services



# Summary

## Consolidated Plan

- Submitted by County on behalf of HOME and CDBG partners
- Allows region to maintain eligibility for **\$20 million** in CDBG, HOME and ESG funding over next 5 years
- Funding supports over **40 organizations** countywide, providing vital services to over **200,000 residents** countywide



# Recommendation

- Receive and file a staff report and update regarding the development and submittal of the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium and Urban County Partnership draft 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan, a HUD required five year strategic planning document describing the priorities, goals and objectives for allocation and expenditure of federal community development entitlement funding over the next five years.
- Direct staff to return to the Board on May 25, 2010 for final consideration of the Santa Barbara County HOME Consortium and Urban County Partnership 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and related documentation

**Thank you to those public, private and non-profit partners that informed and contributed to the development of the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan.**

