



County of Santa Barbara

Community Services Department
Division of Housing & Community
Development



Amendment to the FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and FY 2016-17 Action Plan

To add an preference to veterans
who apply for occupancy to HOME-funded* housing
and
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

November 8, 2016

*Federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program



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- Determine that the approval of the substantial amendment is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are not a project as they are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment C).



Veteran Preference

- HOME regulations allow a limitation on or set preferences for occupancy of housing funded with HOME funds;
- The limitations or preferences do not violate Fair Housing laws but must not violate nondiscrimination requirements;
- Such limitations or preferences must be described in the County's Consolidated Plan and current Action Plan;
- The owner of HOME-funded housing or administrator of TBRA programs must otherwise comply with the requirements of their affirmative marketing plans;
- Owners of HOME-funded housing or administrators of TBRA programs will be required to apply the veteran preference to all or a portion of housing available for occupancy.

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