



County of Santa Barbara

Department of Community Services, Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Public Hearing For: FY 2015 – 2020 Consolidated Plan FY 2015-16 Annual Action Plan

Board of Supervisors April 21, 2015



Recommended Actions

- A. Receive and file a staff report on the FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015-16 Action Plan and consider for approval the draft FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) and the first year (FY 2015-16) Action Plan that are required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to receive federal grant funds (Attachment A), and;
- B. Consider recommendations for funding contained in the draft FY 2015-16 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investments Partnership (HOME) programs and make final funding awards;
- C. Approve that the remaining available portion of CDBG funds be used for “Activity Delivery Costs” to cover costs incurred by the County for project management;
- D. Receive and consider public comments received on the draft FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015-16 Action Plan during the thirty (30) day public comment period, which commenced on March 23, 2015 and ends at the conclusion of the work day today;



Recommended Actions Continued

- E. Direct staff to revise the FY 2015-16 Action Plan to include the Board approved funding awards; and
- F. Provide direction to staff on whether CDBG funds provided for assistance to micro-enterprise businesses should (1) come out of the maximum fifteen-percent (15%) for public services and that applications for such assistance will be reviewed by the Human Services Commission, or (2) if the funds should come out of non-public services funds, typically used by the County for capital projects, and that applications will be reviewed by the Capital Loan Committee or (3) if assistance to micro-enterprise businesses should not be funded through CDBG dollars; and whether the direction provided is a general policy or if the Board will provide direction on an annual basis; and
- G. Provide direction on whether to limit CDBG capital funding to less than or equal to 50% for County projects and to be mindful of geographic distribution, and whether the direction provided is a general policy or if the Board will provide direction on an annual basis.



County Partnerships

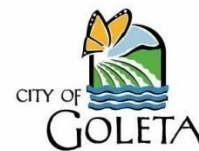
The County of Santa Barbara is the lead entity of the CDBG Urban County partnership and the HOME Consortium.

CDBG Urban County Partnership

Unincorporated County
City of Buellton
City of Carpinteria
City of Lompoc
City of Solvang

HOME Consortium

Unincorporated County
City of Buellton
City of Carpinteria
City of Lompoc
City of Solvang
City of Goleta
City of Santa Maria



FY 2015-16 CDBG Distribution

Jurisdiction	Distribution	Administration 20% (of which Lompoc receives 25%)	Pro Rata Share for Public Services (15%)	Pro Rata Share for Capital and Other Eligible Projects
County	63.39%	\$237,638	\$150,646	\$652,799
Buellton	2.40%		5,703	24,713
Carpinteria	6.57%		15,610	67,644
Lompoc	25%	79,213	59,409	257,441
Solvang	2.64%		6,269	27,166
TOTAL	100%	\$316,850	\$237,638	1,029,764

Total CDBG Allocation: \$1,584,252



FY 2015-16 HOME Distribution

Jurisdiction	Distribution	Administration 10%	Pro Rata Share for Projects
County	39.44%	\$70,187	\$249,137
Buellton	1.42%		\$8,970
Carpinteria	3.97%		\$25,078
Goleta	8.79%		\$55,525
Lompoc	13.35%		\$84,330
Santa Maria	31.52%		\$199,107
Solvang	1.51%		\$9,538
Total	100.00%	\$70,187	\$631,686

Total HOME Allocation: \$701,873

Reflects \$159,866 of funds de-obligated by HUD for the American Dream Down-Payment Initiative (ADDI) program discontinued by Congress.



Five-Year Consolidated Plan

To assist in making investment decisions

- HUD requires jurisdictions to submit a 5-year plan to show how federal funds will be used
- Assessment of:
 - Housing and community development needs
 - Housing Market
- Funding priorities and 5-year goals
- The planning process provided an opportunity for low-income residents, service providers, housing developers and others to provide input on housing and community development priorities and community service needs
- Annual Action Plan submitted to HUD each year



Five-Year Consolidated Plan

- Goal No. 1 – Expand affordable housing
- Goal No. 2 – Assist non-homeless special needs populations
- Goal No. 3 – Build community infrastructure and service capacity
- Goal No. 4 – Assist homeless individuals/families and those at risk of homelessness with emergency and permanent housing and services
- Goal No. 5 – Promote economic development



Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

- County issued Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on behalf of the Urban County cities (November 2014); Cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria issue their own NOFAs;
- Solicit applications for CDBG
- Solicit applications or letters of intent to apply for HOME/County funds for housing development



Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

- 18 applications for CDBG public services
 - Total funds requested: \$435,242
 - Total funds available: \$162,618
- 7 applications for capital projects
 - Total funds requested: \$1,301,605
 - Total funds available: \$640,401
- 3 Letters of Intent for HOME/County funds for housing development

Human Services Commission's Allocations Sub-Committee recommends funding for public service programs

CSD staff and Capital Loan Committee recommend funding for capital and other programs



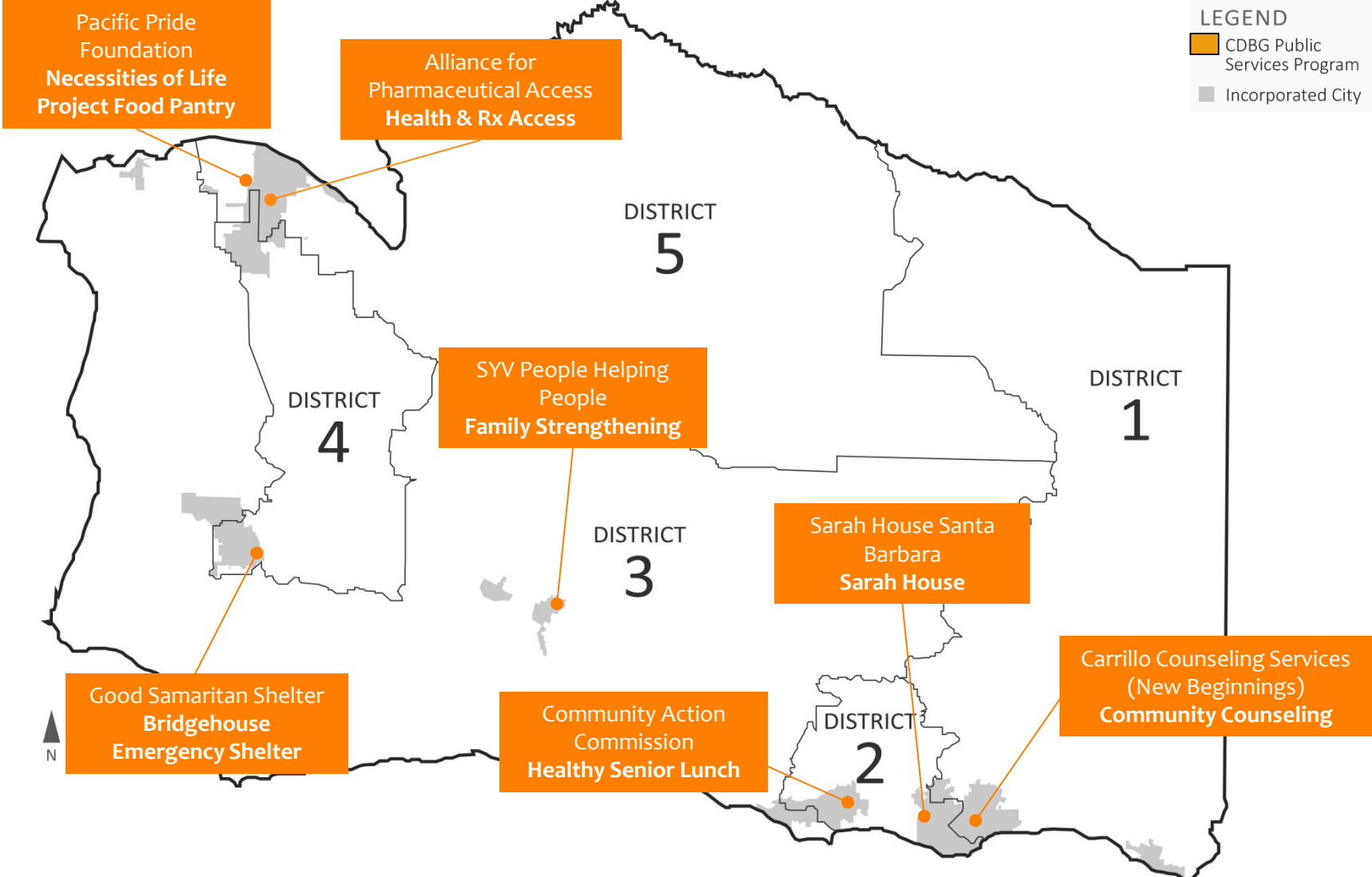
Funding Recommendations

Public Services

APPLICANT	PROJECT	REQUESTED	HSC RECOMMENDED
Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County	Healthy Senior Lunch program	\$25,000	\$21,500
Good Samaritan Shelter	Bridgehouse emergency & transitional shelter	75,000	42,000
Sarah House Santa Barbara	Sarah House care for people with severe or terminal illnesses or disabilities	15,000	14,500
Carrillo Counseling Services, Inc., dba New Beginnings	Safe Parking Program for people who live in vehicles;	25,000	18,500
Pacific Pride Foundation	Two food pantries in Santa Maria and Santa Barbara	15,000	13,000
Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People	Provides food, shelter, access to medical and social services	55,000	28,000
Alliance for Pharmaceutical Access, Inc.	Prescription medication assistance	15,000	12,500
	TOTAL	\$225,000	\$150,000



CDBG Public Service Projects Recommended Funding



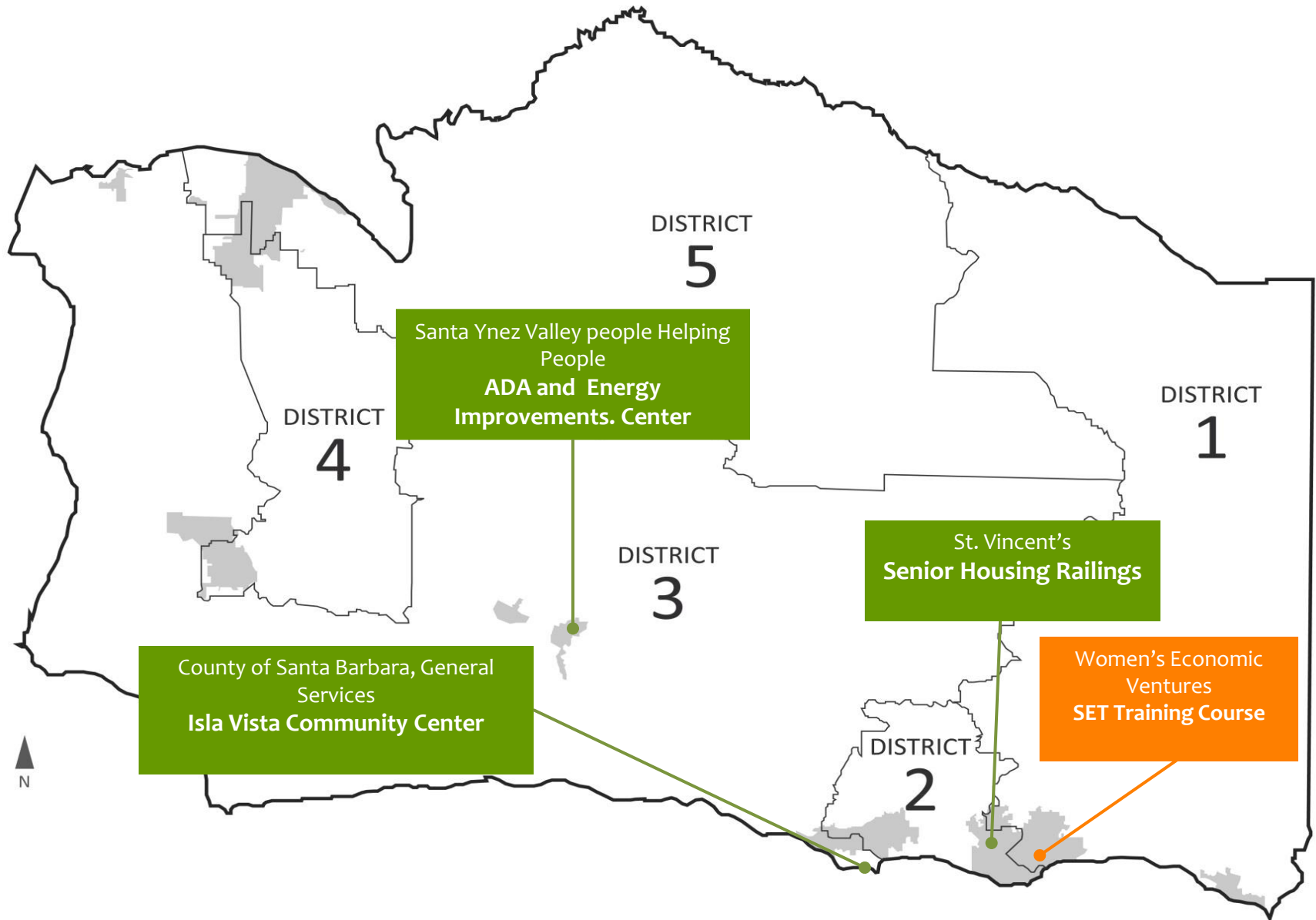
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Capital and Other Projects

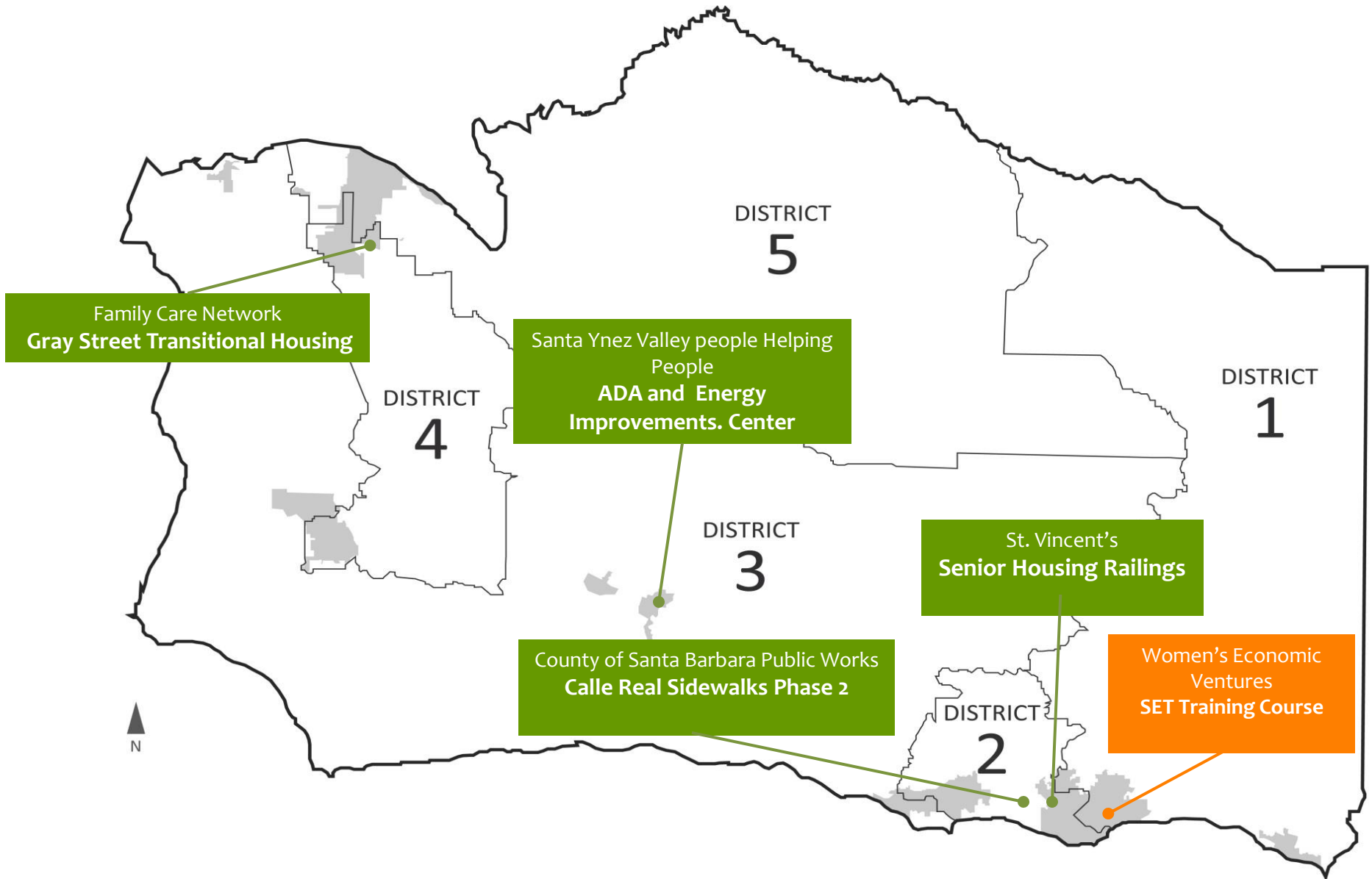
Project Title - Organization	Requested	CSD Recommendations	CLC Recommendations	Project Sponsor
Isla Vista Community Center General Services Dept.	\$483,100	\$439,510	0	County
Service Center ADA & Energy Efficiency Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People	166,359	111,000	166,359	Non-profit
Emergency Railings St. Vincent's Senior Housing	30,000	30,000	30,000	Non-profit
Self-Employment Training Women's Economic Ventures (WEV)	50,000	25,000	50,000	Non-profit
Gray Street Transitional Housing Family Care network Inc.	200,000	0	200,000	Non-profit
Calle Real Sidewalk Improvements County Public Works Dept.	\$250,000	0	134,151	County
TOTAL	\$1,179,459	\$605,510	580,510	



Map of projects recommended by CSD Staff



Map of Projects recommended by Capital Loan Committee



Micro-Enterprise Business Assistance

Staff requests direction

Should assistance to Micro-Enterprise Businesses:

1. Be considered for funding out of the CDBG public services cap and be included in the application review by the Human Services Commission; OR
2. Be considered for funding from funds outside the public services cap and be considered by the Capital Loan Committee; OR
3. Not be funded with CDBG funds



Capital Funding for County Projects

March 1, 2011 Board Directive

- CDBG distribution \leq 50% County projects
- Be mindful of geographic distribution
- Board Action April 21, 2015
 1. Formal Policy, or
 2. Annual Consideration



CDBG Funding Adjustments

- At the time the NOFA was issued, HUD had not announced FY 2015-16 allocation amounts
- NOFA included estimated amounts
- Actual CDBG resulted in a 5% increase from the prior year
- Staff recommends that the funds be used to help cover project management costs incurred by the County.

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Board Actions May 12, 2015

- A. Approve the FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and revised first year FY 2015-16 Action Plan;
- B. Direct staff to submit the FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and final first year FY 2015-16 Action Plan to HUD;
- C. Authorize the County Executive Officer or her designee to execute all certifications, standard forms, and other related documents required for the submittal to and approval by HUD of the FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and first year 2015-16 Action Plan; and authorize the County Executive Officer or her designee to execute documents needed for acceptance and administration of HOME and CDBG funds; and
- D. Determine that the approval of the documents is not the approval of 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 project is a 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 physical impact on the environment, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption. Attachment F.





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