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ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
for
Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2014-2015
and
HOME Investment Partnerships Program
Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and Fiscal Year 2014-2015

County of Santa Barbara
Community Development Block Grant Urban County Partnership
and
HOME Investment Partnerships Consortium

Introduction

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual allocations of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds to the County of Santa Barbara (County) HOME Consortium and CDBG Urban County Partnership, respectively. The County Community Services Department (CSD) is the lead entity for the HOME Consortium, which includes the County and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, and Solvang, and for the CDBG Urban County, which includes the County and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria and Solvang.

Each year, a draft Action Plan that contains the proposed uses of HOME and CDBG funds is made available to the public for input for a period of thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing in which the County Board of Supervisors (Board) awards the funds. Likewise, substantial amendments made to prior year Action Plans must undergo a public comment period and public hearing.

A public notice was published in local newspapers and at the offices of the County in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled public hearing of the Board. This substantial Action Plan amendment is available for public review on the County's website, at the offices of partner cities, and at public libraries throughout the County.

The public may provide comments on this substantial Action Plan amendment in writing at any time during the thirty (30) day public notice period prior to the Board hearing (please see contact information below). The public also is invited to attend the public hearing to address the Board directly. The Board will consider all public comments and take action on CSD staff recommendations to approve the substantial Action Plan amendments.

**Amendment to the FY 2014-2015 Action Plan
Community Development Block Grant Program**

The FY 2014-2015 Action Plan is being amended to award \$175,543 in uncommitted FY 2014-2015 CDBG funds to capital projects and programs to assist micro-enterprise businesses as recommended by staff and the County's Capital Loan Committee through the County's FY 2016-2017 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The NOFA included FY 2016-2017 CDBG and uncommitted funds from prior years.

Amendments to FY 2012-2013 and FY 2014-2015 HOME Investment Partnerships Program

The Action Plans for FY 2012-2013 and FY 2014-2015 are being amended to award \$555,421 in uncommitted HOME funds to Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) programs as recommended by staff and the County's Capital Loan Committee through the County's FY 2016-2017 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The NOFA included an opportunity for applicants to apply for HOME funds to administer TBRA programs in the County.

The County Board of Supervisors hearing will be held on April 19, 2016 at 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA in the Board of Supervisors hearing room. If special accommodations are needed to attend, please call (805) 568-3520. *Si tiene cualquieras preguntas, por favor llame (805)-568-3520.*

Written comments may be mailed or delivered to the Division of Housing and Community Development, 123 E. Anapamu St, Suite 217, Santa Barbara, or sent via facsimile at (805) 560-1091, or e-mailed to HCD@co.santa-barbara.ca.us by the deadline posted in the public notice.

In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, this Substantial Action Plan amendment is being made available for a 30-day public comment period which began on March 18, 2016 and concludes at the public hearing for this amendment on April 19, 2016.