

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT**  
**for**  
**Community Development Block Grant Urban County Partnership**  
**Fiscal Year 2018-2019**  
**County of Santa Barbara**

**Introduction**

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds annually to County of Santa Barbara Urban County Partnership for the development of viable urban communities, for providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. The County Community Services Department (CSD) is the lead agency for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County Partnership, which includes the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, and Solvang.

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

**Amendment to FY 2018-2019 Action Plan**

The Action Plan for FY 2018-2019 is being amended to award \$232,000 in County CDBG funds to County of Santa Barbara, Community Services Department, Parks Division for the Camino Pescadero Stairs replacement project (Project). The Project was previously awarded \$465,000 of CDBG funds for FY 2018-19. However, the lowest bidder to complete construction was \$232,000 over committed funding. Amending the FY 2018-19 Action Plan to provide these additional funds would allow the Project to proceed with award of work to remove and reconstruct approximately 100 linear foot wood, stainless steel and concrete beach access stairway.

The beach access stairway is located south of the intersection of Del Playa Drive at the southerly end of Camino Pescadero, Isla Vista, California. The stairway provides public access to and from the beach, some 20 feet below the elevation of the bluff. Due to bluff erosion and retreat, the majority of which occurred during the 2015-2016 El Nino season, several timber pile supports are now no longer providing support and the stair stringers are being supported by the stairway that remains. Some of the remaining timber piles supporting the stairway from the beach elevation and the existing concrete portion of the stairways are in need of replacement. The replacement stairway will be properly constructed utilizing a mixture of marine grade timber, stainless steel and four vertical concrete supports and landings; one at the bluff access point, one at the beach access point and two mid-section landings.

**Substantial Amendments Public Input Process**

The County Board of Supervisors will consider the proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2018-19 Annual Action Plan (Substantial Amendment) during a public hearing scheduled for March 12, 2019. The Board hearing will be held in Santa Maria at 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, hearing room 511. The hearing

also may be observed, and public comments heard, at the Board of Supervisors' hearing room at the Government Administration Building, 105 E. Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Barbara. If you wish to attend and require special accommodations, please call (805) 568-3520. *Si tiene cualquieras preguntas, por favor llame (805)-568-3520.* Written comments may also be mailed or delivered to County CSD, 123 E. Anapamu St, Suite 202, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, sent via facsimile at (805) 560-1091, or e-mailed to [HCD@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:HCD@co.santa-barbara.ca.us) by 5:00PM on March 11, 2019.

In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, the Substantial Amendment is being made available for a 30-day public comment period which began on February 8, 2019 and continues through the end of the public hearing for this item on March 12, 2019. Public Notices were placed in the Santa Maria Times, Santa Barbara News Press and the Lompoc Record. The public hearing notices were also placed on the County's website [www.countyofsb.org/housing](http://www.countyofsb.org/housing).

### **Summary of public comments**

No written or verbal comments were received by CSD on this Project during the public comment period prior to the public hearing.

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