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**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS
2011-2012, 2012-13 and 2013-2014**

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

Introduction

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awards Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds annually to the 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, Lompoc and Solvang. The CSD's Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the CDBG program on behalf of the Urban County Partnership. The County reserves a portion of its annual CDBG allocation for each Urban County partner city to award to eligible projects in their own jurisdictions. Each city and the County have application review processes for awarding funds to eligible projects in their jurisdictions. The County process includes staff review, review by the Capital Loan Committee (Capital projects) and review by the Human Services Commissions Allocations Committee (public services). For projects funded with Urban County Partner cities' reservations, projects are reviewed by the Urban County Partners' staff and City Councils. Final funding decisions are made by the County Board of Supervisors. The County CSD is making Substantial Amendments to the FY 2011-12 and 2012-13 and 2013-14 Annual Action Plans, subject to approval by the County Board of Supervisors.

The County of Santa Barbara is making Substantial Plan Amendments to its 2011-12 and 2012-13 and 2013-14 Annual Action Plans (Substantial Amendments):

The County's current Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) defines a Substantial Amendment to an Annual Action Plan to include the addition of a new project not described in an Annual Action Plan; the deletion of a project described in an Annual Action Plan; a change in the funding amount of a project by 50% or more; a change in the purpose or scope such that it would be considered a new project; a change in the location of a project; or a change of 50% or more of the beneficiaries served by the project.

In addition to the CPP requirements, HUD imposes strict expenditure requirements under the CDBG Program regulations. Re-evaluation of projects is sometimes necessary to avoid a

potential deobligation of CDBG funds if the expenditure requirements are not met. Therefore, the County may occasionally shift funding commitments from one year to another and/or from one project to another to ensure the timely expenditure of funds.

The purpose of the Substantial Amendments is to update the Annual Action Plans for following reasons:

- a. Clarify 2013 projects funded by the City of Lompoc;
- b. Reprogram funds that were awarded to prior year projects that did not move forward;
- c. Reprogram unexpended balances of completed projects; and
- d. Award 2013 HOME funds that were not included in the Action Plan

Specific Action Plan Amendments by Jurisdiction and fiscal year:

County Amendments:

- a) Amend the FY 2011-12 Action Plan to reprogram \$16,533 in unspent CDBG funds to other eligible capital projects. These are unexpended funds remaining after the completion of the Santa Barbara Vets Building elevator project by the County General Services Department;
- b) Amend the FY 2012-13 Action Plan to reprogram \$100,000 in unspent CDBG funds to other eligible capital projects. The unspent funds consist of \$50,000 awarded to the Casa Esperanza Homeless Shelter for a capital project that did not go forward, and \$50,000 awarded to Community Action Commission's Youth Corp project. The Youth Corp project was funded with non-federal funds;
- c) Amend the FY 2013-14 Annual Action Plan to reprogram \$130,256 in unspent CDBG funds to other eligible capital projects. Of this amount, \$84,150 was awarded to Casa Esperanza Homeless Shelter for a capital project that did not go forward; \$15,325 was awarded to the Storyteller Children's center for a capital project that did not move forward; \$3,711 was unused by the Friendship Center in Carpinteria for a public service program (these funds may no longer be used for a 'public service' program due to CDBG program regulations but may be applied toward a 'capital project'); \$7,281 is the balance of funds unused by Casa Esperanza for its homeless lunch program in Isla Vista when Casa Esperanza discontinued this program; and \$19,789 was awarded to Legal Aid for a capital project that did not move forward;
- d) Amend the FY 2013-14 Annual Action Plan to award \$50,000 in HOME funds to the City of Santa Maria for its Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program;

All of the above CDBG funds being reprogrammed will be added to the 2014-15 NOFA and have been applied to projects recommended by HCD staff and the Capital Loan Committee.

City of Lompoc Amendments:

- a) Amend the FY 2012-13 and 2013-14 Annual Action Plans to reprogram unspent CDBG funds that were awarded to the Community Action Center's (CAC) Youth Corp Project for both FY 2012-13 (\$26,315) and FY 2013-14 (\$26,315) (\$52,630 total). The City of

Lompoc will reallocate these 2012-13 and 2013-14 CDBG Capital funds to 2014-15 CDBG Capital projects as follows:

- Emergency Repair Grant Program (Catholic Charities) \$35,000
- Domestic Violence Solutions Facility Improvements \$1,375
- Additional Code Enforcement \$16,255

b) Amend the section of the FY2013-14 Annual Action Plan pertaining to the City of Lompoc's CDBG Public Services projects as follows:

- Remove Senior Transportation Services (\$9,000), Emergency Legal Services (\$20,000) and Sexual Assault Response programs (\$11,230) and add Senior Nutrition (\$9,000), Meals on Wheels (\$3,576), Good Samaritan Marks House (\$20,000); increase funding to North County Rape Crisis Prevention from \$3,576 to \$11,230.

The City of Lompoc's City Council approved its 2013-14 projects after the County approved and submitted the 2013-14 Annual Action Plan to HUD. The total funding amount for capital and public services projects did not change.

Substantial Amendments Public Input Process:

The County Board of Supervisors will consider the proposed Substantial Amendments to the 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 Annual Action Plans (Substantial Amendments) during a public hearing scheduled for April 15, 2014. The Board hearing will be held in Santa Barbara at 105 E. Anapamu St. fourth floor hearing room. 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, 105 E. Anapamu St, Suite 105, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, sent via facsimile at (805) 560-1091, or e-mailed to HCD@co.santa-barbara.ca.us by the deadline.

In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, the Substantial Amendments is being made available for a 30-day public comment period which began on March 14, 2014 and continues through April 15, 2014. 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.