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County of Santa Barbara
123 East Anapamu Street
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Dear County of Santa Barbara:

RE: ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION Announcement – County of Santa Barbara

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is pleased to announce that the County of Santa Barbara's application titled Community Wildfire Protection Plan in the amount of \$280,000.00 has been determined as Eligible for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Resilient Planning and Public Services (MIT-PPS) program.

The County of Santa Barbara will only be able to draw down funds when the standard agreement is fully executed, and any general and special conditions have been cleared in writing. Any pre-agreement costs must receive written authorization of HCD approval to incur such costs.

Congratulations on your successful application. In preparation of moving this project to AWARD status, a fact sheet summary and a check list of next steps are enclosed.

For further information, please contact Diedre Duncan, Disaster Recovery Program Manager, at (916) 820-1472 or Diedre.Duncan@hcd.ca.gov. The Department looks forward to working with you to promote the success of your MIT-PPS activities.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Ross
Deputy Director

Enclosure

**California Department of Housing and Community Development
Community Development Block Grant Mitigation
Resilient Planning and Public Service Program**

County of Santa Barbara Fact Sheet

Project Title

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Project Description

This project will develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for the Santa Barbara South Coast Foothill communities. The CWPP Project will be managed and implemented by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBCFD). The purpose of the proposed Santa Barbara Foothills Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is to:

- Identify potential areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments, increase the community’s understanding of living in a fire-adapted ecosystem, and improve its ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from wildland fires; and
- Recommend best practices fuel reduction treatments to protect lives and reduce structural ignitability of property, and recommend best practices to improve the fire resilience of the landscape while protecting other ecological, social, and economic values, and
- Evaluate the community transportation infrastructure, evacuation capabilities and plans, and develop recommendations for improvements

How the Project Meets the Definition of Mitigation

The development of this CWPP will help make the Santa Barbara Foothill communities more fire-safe by identifying and managing fire risk in the wildland-urban interface. A successful CWPP will improve the region’s ability to prepare for wildland fires by providing an opportunity to cooperatively identify potential opportunities for fire hazard reduction, recommending best practices for fuel reduction treatments, recommending measures to reduce structural ignitability, and providing residents with educational resources about fire preparedness in their communities.

Most Impacted and Distressed Areas (MID) Benefit

The project service area is located directly next to the 93108 MID zip code (City of Montecito). A portion of the project includes a transportation study that will analyze a state road used for evacuations. A portion of the state road to be analyzed is located in the MID zip code. The service area of the proposed CWPP is located adjacent to the MID zip code. The applicant has provided historical fire data demonstrating how the project service area creates a risk for

the MID zip code and how a CWPP for the area will tie in regional efforts and reduce risk for the MID zip code.

Benefit to Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Persons

The project will benefit the entire south coast region encompassing the incorporated cities of Goleta, Santa Barbara and Carpinteria as well as all unincorporated areas with this south coast region. The project will have a broad benefit for the entire service area. LMI areas will benefit from the project but the project will not benefit LMI areas specifically.

National Objective

Planning projects do not require a national objective.

Project Amount

\$280,000.00

MIT-PPS Path to Award Checklist

Task	Applicant Completed	HCD Completed
1. Contact applicant regarding intent to award.		<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Provide Authorizing Resolution and Duplication of Benefits Certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Submit Authorizing Resolution and Duplication of Benefits Certification to HCD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Complete Due Diligence review and follow up with applicant as necessary.		<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Develop Special Conditions based on review of submitted Due Diligence information. Special conditions are included in the Standard Agreement and Applicants are notified via email of the special conditions.		<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Issue formal Award Letter and route Standard Agreement through HCD for approval.		<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Transmit Standard Agreement to applicant.		<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Applicant Reviews and Executes Standard Agreement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Subrecipient Transmits Executed Standard Agreement to HCD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Subrecipient submits documents addressing Standard Agreement Special Conditions to HCD for approval.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. HCD reviews documents for Standard Agreement Special Conditions to determine if they meet HCD's standards or need to be further strengthened. If further changes are needed the documents will be returned to the Subrecipient.		<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Subrecipient has met the drawdown eligibility requirements found in the Standard Agreement, particularly Exhibit B (Budget Details and Payment Provisions) and may submit drawdown requests to HCD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	