

**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE  
2014 - 15 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

**County of Santa Barbara HOME Consortium**

**Introduction**

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides an annual allocation of HOME Investment Partnership funds to the County of Santa Barbara HOME Consortium to expand housing opportunities for low-income households in the County. The County's Community Services Department (CSD) is the lead agency for the HOME Consortium, which includes the County and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Solvang. CSD's Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the HOME program on behalf of the HOME Consortium. Each Consortium partner city is awarded funding according to a formula, to allocate toward eligible projects in their own jurisdictions.

Applications for HOME funding undergo a review process with HCD staff and, applications for housing development also undergo further review by the County's Capital Loan Committee. Capital Loan Committee meetings are open to the public.

Final funding decisions are made by the County Board of Supervisors at a regularly scheduled public hearing. The public is invited to comment on proposed funding awards in writing during a 30-day public comment period prior to the public hearing and during the public hearing. The Board will consider all public comments prior to making final funding decisions.

A notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation, posted on public boards at County administrative offices in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, and on the County's website at least 30 days prior to the public hearing.

**Substantial Amendments Public Input Process:**

The County Board of Supervisors will consider the recommended award of \$180,000 in HOME funds to the Project at its regularly-schedule hearing on October 14, 2014 to be held at 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, CA in the Supervisors hearing room.

Anyone needing special accommodations in order to attend may call (805) 568-3520. *Si tiene cualquieras preguntas, por favor llame (805)-568-3520.*

Written comments may be mailed or delivered to County HCD, 123 E. Anapamu St, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 or sent via facsimile at (805) 560-1091, or e-mailed to [HCD@co.santa-barbara.ca.us](mailto:HCD@co.santa-barbara.ca.us). Comments must be received by HCD by 5:00 P.M. on the day before the scheduled hearing.

This Substantial Amendment to the 2014-15 Action Plan is available for review by the public during a 30-day public comment period which began on September 12, 2014 and continues through the October 14, 2014 Board of Supervisors public hearing. At least 30 days prior to the public hearing, a Notice was published in the Santa Ynez Valley News, was posted on public boards at County administrative offices in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria, and was posted on the County's website at [www.countyofsb.org/housing](http://www.countyofsb.org/housing).

**2014-15 Action Plan Amendment:**

If approved by the Board of County Supervisors, the 2014-15 Action Plan is amended as follows:

\$180,000 in HOME funds will be provided to the Solvang Senior Apartments project (Project), which entails new construction of forty-five units of rental housing, with forty-one (41) one-bedroom units and four two-bedroom units in a three-story corridor style building serviced by an elevator. The Project will be targeted to seniors with household incomes up to sixty-percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by HUD and published annually. One two-bedroom unit will be designated as a manager's unit not subject to income and rent limits. The Project will include a community room with computer lab, kitchen and space for resident services programs and classes. Open space will be provided for outdoor enjoyment, which will include gardens and passive recreation areas. There will be forty-five parking spaces, including two handicapped-accessible spaces. The Project will be located at 1758 Laurel Avenue in the city of Solvang, California.