

**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE  
FY 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 is the lead agency for the HOME Consortium, which includes the County and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Solvang. The Department of Community Services, 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 \$118,124 in HOME funds to the Project at its regularly-scheduled hearing on June 23, 2015 to be held at the County Administrative Building Board Hearing Room, Fourth Floor, 105 E Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA.

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

Written comments also are accepted during the public comment period and 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) . Written comments must be received by HCD by 5:00 P.M. on the day before the scheduled hearing.

The public comment period for review of the Substantial Amendment to the FY 2014-15 Action Plan begins on May 22, 2015 and continues through 5:00 P.M. on June 22, 2015. At least 30 days prior to the public hearing, a Notice was published in the *Lompoc Daily Record*, 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 FY 2014-15 Action Plan is amended as follows:

\$118,124 in HOME funds will be provided to the City of Lompoc for its Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program (Program). The Program will provide security and utility deposit grants on behalf of eligible low income households to enable them to find decent, affordable housing. The Program also permits the option of providing monthly rental assistance payments and covering certain costs incurred to administer the program. Eligible tenants must have annual household incomes at 60% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Lompoc expects to serve approximately 56 households with security and utility deposit grants through the Program over a two year period.