

ATTACHMENT A

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENTS

FY 2012-2013 and FY 2013-2014

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. These Substantial Action Plan Amendments are being requested by the City of Lompoc to reprogram unspent CDBG FY 2012-13 funds and to revise their FY 2013-14 CDBG capital project awards. CSD is responsible for submitting all Substantial Action Plan Amendments to the County Board of Supervisors for review prior to submitting them to the HUD.

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. Projects are reviewed by HCD staff, the Urban County Partners' staff and their City Councils and then included in the annual Action Plan or Annual Action Plan Amendment for submission to HUD. All Substantial Action Plan Amendments are reviewed and approved by the County Board of Supervisors prior to submission to HUD.

The County of Santa Barbara is making Substantial Plan Amendments to its FY 2012-13 and FY 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 previously described in an Annual Action Plan; an increase in the funding amount of a project by 50% or more; a change in the purpose, scope, location of a project such that it would be considered a new project; or a change of the type of beneficiaries served by the project by 50% or more.

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 de-obligation of CDBG funds if the expenditure requirements are not met. Therefore,

the County and partner cities 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 City of Lompoc's City Council approved its FY 2013-14 projects after the County Board of Supervisors approved a Substantial Action Plan Amendment that identified certain Lompoc projects. The purpose of the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 Substantial Action Plan Amendments is to revise the projects that will receive CDBG funding

Action Plan Amendments Details:

1. Amend the FY 2012-13 (\$26,315) and FY 2013-14 (\$26,315) (\$52,630 total) Annual Action Plans to reprogram unspent Lompoc CDBG funds that were previously awarded to the Community Action Center's (CAC) Youth Corp Job Training project and later allotted to the programs described below . On April 15, 2014 the Lompoc City Council approved reprogramming the \$52,630 to the following projects
 - a) FY 2012-13 funds (\$26,315) to fund upgrades to the Lompoc Libraries electrical system
 - b) FY 2013-14 funds (\$15,356) toward the Library electrical upgrade project
 - c) FY 2013-14 funds (\$10,959) added to the Lompoc Code Enforcement program
2. Amend the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 Annual Action Plans and Action Plan Amendments to *revise* the following Lompoc projects that were originally recommended for the CAC funds above:
 - a) Reduce the Emergency Repair Grant Program (Catholic Charities) from \$70,000 to \$35,000 to reflect Lompoc City Council's decision to approve only \$35,000
 - b) Remove the Domestic Violence Solutions Facility Improvements (\$1,375)
 - c) Revise the Code Enforcement Program to reduce the amount from \$16,255 to \$10,959

Substantial Amendments Public Input Process:

The County Board of Supervisors will consider the proposed Substantial Amendments to the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 Annual Action Plans (Substantial Amendments) during a public hearing scheduled for July 8, 2014. The Board hearing will be held in Santa Maria at 511 East Lakeside Parkway in the Board 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 HCD, 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 minimum 30-day public comment period. The comment period for these Amendments will run from June 6, 2014 through the July 8, 2014 Board hearing. 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.