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ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS
for
Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2014-
2015, Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Fiscal Year 2016-2017

County of Santa Barbara
Community Development Block Grant Urban County Partnership

Introduction

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual allocations of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds to the County of Santa Barbara (County) HOME Consortium and CDBG Urban County Partnership, respectively. The County Community Services Department (CSD) is the lead entity for the HOME Consortium, which includes the County and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, and Solvang, and for the CDBG Urban County, which includes the County and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria and Solvang.

Each year, a draft Action Plan that contains the proposed uses of HOME and CDBG funds is made available to the public for input for a period of thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing in which the County Board of Supervisors (Board) awards the funds. Likewise, substantial amendments made to prior year Action Plans must undergo a public comment period and public hearing.

A public notice was published in local newspapers and at the offices of the County in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria thirty (30) days and a second notice was published for fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled public hearing of the Board. This substantial Action Plan amendment is available for public review on the County's website, at the offices of partner cities, and at public libraries throughout the County.

The public may provide comments on this substantial Action Plan amendment in writing at any time during the thirty (30) day and the fourteen (14) day public notice periods prior to the Board hearing (please see contact information below). The public also is invited to attend the public hearing to address the Board directly. The Board will consider all public comments and take action on CSD staff recommendations to approve the substantial Action Plan amendments.

Amendment to the FY 2014-2015 Action Plan CDBG Program

The FY 2014-2015 Action Plan is being amended to award \$19,920.89 in uncommitted FY 2014-2015 CDBG funds to capital projects and programs to assist micro-enterprise businesses as recommended by staff and the County’s Capital Loan Committee through the County’s FY 2017-2018 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The NOFA included FY 2017-2018 CDBG and uncommitted funds from prior years.

Amendment to the FY 2015-2016 Action Plan CDBG Program

The FY 2015-2016 Action Plan is being amended to award \$149,985.07 in uncommitted FY 2015-2016 CDBG funds to capital projects and programs to assist micro-enterprise businesses as recommended by staff and the County’s Capital Loan Committee through the County’s FY 2017-2018 NOFA. The NOFA included FY 2017-2018 CDBG and uncommitted funds from prior years.

Amendment to the FY 2016-2017 Action Plan CDBG and HOME Programs

CDBG

The FY 2016-2017 Action Plan is being amended to award \$498,501.49 in uncommitted FY 2016-17 CDBG funds to capital projects and programs to assist micro-enterprise businesses as recommended by staff and the County’s Capital Loan Committee through the County’s FY 2017-2018 NOFA. The NOFA included FY 2017-2018 CDBG and uncommitted funds from prior years.

The total amount of prior year funds being awarded to CDBG projects is \$668,407.45. The projects identified below include the use of prior year funds and \$698,033 in FY 2017-18 CDBG funds available for non-public services projects, which were included in the FY 2017-18 Action Plan.

Applicant	Project Title	Geographic Location	Funding Amount
COSB – General Services	Courthouse ADA ramp construction	South County	\$175,000
COSB - Public Works	Orcutt in-fill sidewalk Project	North County	\$210,000
Cuyama Valley Recreation District	Restroom, concession stand and skate park installation	North County	\$341,000
Domestic Violence Solutions	Affordable Housing Apartment rehab	South County	\$28,498
Good Samaritan Shelter	Bridgehouse Capital Improvements	North County	\$434,000
PATH	Water heater replacement	South County	\$22,500
Women's Economic Ventures - Self-Employment Training	Self-Employment Training	Countywide	\$50,000
	Total		\$1,260,998

HOME

The FY 2016-2017 Action Plan is also being amended to change the program year of funds committed to Los Adobes de Maria III (LADMIII) which, upon completion, will provide 34 units of affordable rental housing for farm workers and their families. LADMIII was included in a prior substantial amendment to the 2016 Action Plan with a total funding amount of \$948,852 for construction and related expenses, and \$15,000 for County costs incurred for “Project-Related Soft Costs”. This amendment reports a change to the program year of HOME funding of LADMIII by replacing \$61,616 in HOME Entitlement funds with the same amount in FY 2016-17 CHDO Reserve funds. This action will satisfy the HUD requirement that 15% of the County’s 2016 HOME allocation be used to fund housing projects that are owned, developed or sponsored by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO). The Los Adobes de Maria III project is being developed by People’s Self Help Housing Corporation, a Santa Barbara County CHDO.

Applicant	Project Title	Geographic Location	Funding Amount
Peoples’ Self Help Housing Corporation	Los Adobes De Maria III	North County	\$61,616 2016 CHDO reserve funds

Public Hearing

The County Board of Supervisors hearing was held on July 11, 2017 at the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors hearing room.

No written comments were received during the public comment periods.

In accordance with the County’s Citizen Participation Plan, the Substantial Action Plan amendments were made available for a 30-day public comment period which began on March 10, 2017 and concluded on April 11, 2017. A second 14-day public comment period began on June 27th, 2017 and concluded at the July 11, 2017 public hearing.