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**PROLOGUE**

During the last few years more families and individuals are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, due to the downturn in the economy in general. This has become a focal point of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as evidenced by placing priority on programs that provide funding to bolster economic development, create affordable housing and assist those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless with permanent housing opportunities and solutions. HUD also recommends grantees consider all programs and make consolidated funding decisions, where possible.

The County of Ventura is an Entitlement Area grantee which services the cities of Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, and the unincorporated areas of the county. The grant programs include Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), of which each have separate regulations and purposes.

Decline in Funding

Although our Federal grant funds have been stabilizing over the past few years, we have experienced a thirty-seven percent (37%) decrease in overall funding levels from five years ago. HUD has adopted the practice of using American Communities Survey data, as opposed to Census data, to determine eligibility for entitlement funding. As a result, we did not receive ESG funding for Fiscal Years 2013-14 or 2014-15, although we did receive an allocation for FY 2015-16.

Within the CDBG program, a maximum of fifteen percent (15%) of total annual funding may be used for public service activities. The decline in funding in this area over past years is straining the effectiveness of former funding decision-making policies, which necessitates a greater focus than ever on addressing basic needs such as food and permanent housing solutions.

Administrative Efficiency

HUD also realigned the administrative structure of the Continuum of Care grants program which resulted in a significant increase in grants management responsibility for existing County Community Development staff. In an effort to increase the efficiency of grant management in general, we continue to prioritize funding recommendations to organizations with proven track records for efficient operations, strong administrative capacity, and who receive support from our Entitlement Area partner cities. This, in addition to focusing on addressing basic needs, results in projects that mirror last year's recommendations, as well as no CDBG award below \$10,000.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC)</b> |   |   |    |    |   | <b>Funding</b>          |                            |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Snapdragon Place Apartments Phase II</b>             |   |   |    |    |   | Requested Funding       | \$500,000                  |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – TBD</b>              |   |   |    |    |   | Percent of Total Budget | 5%                         |
|                   | F   | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA                  | Previous Year Funding      |
|                   |   |   |   |    |    |   | 88                      | <b>Recommended Funding</b> |
|                   |   |   |   |    |    |   |                         | <b>\$0</b>                 |

**Project Description: Affordable Housing – Low Income Families**

Snapdragon Phase II proposes to construct 22 new rental units with affordability restrictions on the property for 55 years. Nine (9) of the units will target homeless households, with the remaining thirteen (13) for low-income households. The property has already received an allocation of 13 project based vouchers, including four (4) Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. Of the nine units reserved for homeless households, four are designated for homeless veterans with the remaining nine for homeless households who include an adult with disability. The development will include four (4) one-bedroom, eight (8) two-bedroom, and ten (10) three-bedroom units. The site is located in East Ventura, near the unincorporated area (Saticoy). CDBG funds would be used for construction support such as permit and impact fees.

**Analysis**

This is the second phase of the new Snapdragon development; Phase I which provides 28 units is currently under construction. The CEDC was recently qualified by HUD as a Community Based Development Corporation (CBDO), and as such may use CDBG funds for new housing construction when done as a part of a greater neighborhood revitalization plan. Snapdragon is located in the City of Ventura's Saticoy & Wells Community Plan Area as well as the Saticoy Village Specific Plan. CEDC is applying for Tax Credit financing; CDBG funds would aid in their success for obtaining these Credits. This project meets a high priority need for low-income housing and housing for the homeless. After consultation with CEDC, all available funds will be applied to the Bridgeview application to maximize the project's competitiveness for tax credit funding; see below.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC)</b> |   |   |    |    |     | <b>Funding</b>          |                            |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Bridgeview Apartments</b>                            |   |   |    |    |     | Requested Funding       | \$568,000                  |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 132</b>              |   |   |    |    |     | Percent of Total Budget | 6%                         |
|                   | F   | M | J | PH | SP | U   | Non-EA                  | Previous Year Funding      |
|                   |   |   |   |    |    | 132 |                         | <b>\$101,100</b>           |
|                   |   |   |   |    |    |     |                         | <b>Recommended Funding</b> |
|                   |   |   |   |    |    |     |                         | <b>\$318,971</b>           |

**Project Description: Affordable Housing – Low Income Families**

The Bridgeview Apartment development will construct 24 new rental units; 23 for low-income families and one for an apartment manager. The development is located in the unincorporated area of Piru. It will include six (6) one-bedroom, six (6) two-bedroom, and twelve (12) three-bedroom apartments, thus meeting a demand for housing for larger low-income families. There are also plans for open space, a tot lot, BBQ area, and a community center.

**Analysis**

CEDC was awarded and utilized \$29,000 in CDBG funds in FY 05-06 for demolition and clearance of the subject property. They were subsequently awarded \$675,000 in CDBG and HOME funds over the past two years. Delays in securing land use permits prevented the applicant from applying for tax credit funding in the past funding cycle and resulted in increased project costs. This project meets a high priority need for new low-income rental housing. Recommend funding, but at a reduced level due to insufficient CDBG funds to support all priority projects.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>City of Fillmore</b>                       |   |   |    |    |   | <b>Funding</b>          |                            |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Fire Squad Truck Replacement</b>           |   |   |    |    |   | Requested Funding       | \$184,000                  |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 15,255</b> |   |   |    |    |   | Percent of Total Budget | 80%                        |
|                   | F   | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA                  | Previous Year Funding      |
|                   | 15,255  |   |   |    |    |   |                         | <b>N/A</b>                 |
|                   |   |   |   |    |    |   |                         | <b>Recommended Funding</b> |
|                   |   |   |   |    |    |   |                         | <b>\$184,000</b>           |

**Project Description: Public Facility**

This request is for the purchase of a new fire squad truck which will enable the department to provide improved critical fire and emergency medical services to the Fillmore community, of which 75% are low/mod income residents. It is used in conjunction with the fire engine by transporting tools and other fire-fighting equipment in responding to calls for service.

**Analysis**

Fillmore qualifies as an Area Benefit community due to having a population that consists of at least 51% low-mod income residents. This project estimates serving 15,255 low-mod income residents annually. This meets a high priority need of the Consolidated Plan. Recommend funding.

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| APPLICANT: | City of Port Hueneme                  |   |   |       |    |   |        |  |
| PROJECT:   | Code Enforcement                      |   |   |       |    |   |        |  |
|            | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 700 H |   |   |       |    |   |        |  |
|            | F                                     | M | J | PH    | SP | U | Non-EA |  |
|            |                                       |   |   | 700 H |    |   |        |  |

| <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Requested Funding          | \$50,000        |
| Percent of Total Budget    | 39%             |
| Previous Year Funding      | \$52,588        |
| <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$50,000</b> |

**Project Description: Decent Housing through Code Enforcement**

According to the 2011-13 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates, 24.9% of occupied housing units in Port Hueneme were built between 1940 and 1959 and 50.1% were built between 1960 and 1979. This means that 75% of occupied housing units in Port Hueneme are between 33 and 72 years of age. As housing is subject to gradual deterioration over time, it is necessary to enforce the city's property maintenance ordinance, zoning regulations, and building codes to eradicate blighting influences and arrest deterioration in the city's mature neighborhoods.

**Analysis**

The program helps to eradicate blight and prevent deterioration in the city's mature neighborhoods. CDBG allocations for code enforcement have been made annually since FY1993-94 and have been fairly consistent over that time. Reports are submitted on a timely basis, the program is administered well, and leveraged funds are provided from the city's General Fund. This program satisfies a high priority in the Consolidated Plan by addressing deteriorating housing stock in the City of Port Hueneme. Recommend funding.

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| APPLICANT: | City of Santa Paula |                                       |   |   |    |       |   |        |
| PROJECT:   | Code Enforcement    |                                       |   |   |    |       |   |        |
|            |                     | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 125 H |   |   |    |       |   |        |
|            |                     | F                                     | M | J | PH | SP    | U | Non-EA |
|            |                     |                                       |   |   |    | 125 H |   |        |

| <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Requested Funding          | \$90,000        |
| Percent of Total Budget    | 27%             |
| Previous Year Funding      | \$32,362        |
| <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$80,000</b> |

**Project Description: Decent Housing through Code Enforcement**

The Code Enforcement Program helps relieve overcrowded living conditions, corrects unsafe living conditions and property maintenance issues and provides guidance for housing construction projects by ensuring proper permits are issued, inspections conducted and city building and municipal codes are followed. The City, which qualifies as Area Benefit, has aging housing stock and high overcrowded conditions resulting in residents, especially low income families, living in unsafe housing that must be addressed.

**Analysis**

This program has successfully opened and closed 1,200 code compliance cases cumulatively over the past seven years, thus improving the lives of the City's residents. The program is administered well with expenditure reimbursements and quarterly reports submitted regularly. The program satisfies a high priority goal in the Consolidated Plan by promoting the preservation of existing housing stock. The City has \$130,000 in allocations remaining from prior years; after receiving additional information from the City, slightly reduced funding is recommended.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>City of Santa Paula</b>             |   |   |    |        |   | <b>Funding</b>          |                            |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Fire Engine Lease</b>               |   |   |    |        |   | Requested Funding       | \$63,390                   |
|                   | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 17,063 |   |   |    |        |   | Percent of Total Budget | 100%                       |
|                   | F                                      | M | J | PH | SP     | U | Non-EA                  | Previous Year Funding      |
|                   |  |   |   |    | 17,063 |   |                         | <b>Recommended Funding</b> |
|                   |  |   |   |    |        |   |                         | <b>\$63,390</b>            |

**Project Description: Public Facility**

This funding will provide payment for the second year lease payment of a new fire engine which will enable the department to provide improved critical emergency fire and medical services to the community of Santa Paula, of which 60% are low/mod income residents.

**Analysis**

Santa Paula qualifies as an Area Benefit community due to having a population that consists of at least 51% low-mod income residents. This project estimates serving 17,063 low-mod income residents annually. This meets a high priority need of the Consolidated Plan. Recommend funding.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>City of Santa Paula</b>                 |   |   |    |        |   | <b>Funding</b>          |                            |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Design of Fire Station 82 – Phase 2</b> |   |   |    |        |   | Requested Funding       | \$70,000                   |
|                   | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 17,063     |   |   |    |        |   | Percent of Total Budget | 100%                       |
|                   | F  | M | J | PH | SP     | U | Non-EA                  | Previous Year Funding      |
|                   |  |   |   |    | 17,063 |   |                         | <b>Recommended Funding</b> |
|                   |  |   |   |    |        |   |                         | <b>\$0</b>                 |

**Project Description: Public Facility**

The project will benefit low and moderate income Santa Paula residents by providing an improved public facility in which the new fire engine can be safely housed and maintained for the benefit of the public safety needs. The second phase of the Fire Station design will include expansion of the vehicle bay, which was unable to be included in Phase 1 due to limited funds. The City recently replaced an outdated fire engine with the assistance of CDBG funds, however the larger size of the new engine does not allow it to be stored inside the existing covered area, posing an issue of being able to better maintain the engine long-term. CDBG funds will be used for design costs.

**Analysis**

Santa Paula qualifies as an Area Benefit community due to having a population that consists of at least 51% low-mod income residents. This Fire Station will serve an estimated 17,063 low-mod income residents annually, responding to approximately 1,720 calls per year. Although this meets a high priority need of the Consolidated Plan, funding is not recommended at this time. In an effort to concentrate CDBG funds in fewer projects, and respect the proportional distribution of funds to EA partner cities, other projects that serve the City of Santa Paula have been selected, with their concurrence, for funding during this cycle.

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| APPLICANT: | City of Santa Paula                    |   |   |    |        |   |        |  |
| PROJECT:   | Mill's Park Restroom Rehabilitation    |   |   |    |        |   |        |  |
|            | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 17,063 |   |   |    |        |   |        |  |
|            | F                                      | M | J | PH | SP     | U | Non-EA |  |
|            |  |   |   |    | 17,063 |   |        |  |

| <b>Funding</b>             |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Requested Funding          | \$75,000   |
| Percent of Total Budget    | 100%       |
| Previous Year Funding      | N/A        |
| <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

**Project Description: Public Facility**

This project will provide the community of Santa Paula with safer and cleaner public restroom facilities. The current restroom facilities are badly deteriorated due to overuse and age. The rehabilitation will consist of a total redesign and expansion of the existing structure, which is the only restroom facility in this popular park.

**Analysis**

Santa Paula qualifies as an Area Benefit community due to having a population that consists of at least 51% low-mod income residents. Although this project meets a priority need of the Consolidated Plan, funding is not recommended at this time. No leveraged funds were identified in the budget, and in an effort to concentrate CDBG funds in fewer projects, and respect the proportional distribution of funds to EA partner cities, other projects that serve the City of Santa Paula have been selected for funding during this cycle.

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| APPLICANT: | Habitat for Humanity |                                   |   |   |    |    |   |        |
| PROJECT:   | Preserve a Home      |                                   |   |   |    |    |   |        |
|            |                      | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries - 6 |   |   |    |    |   |        |
|            |                      | F                                 | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA |
|            |                      | 0                                 | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 6 |        |

| <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Requested Funding          | \$180,000       |
| Percent of Total Budget    | 95%             |
| Previous Year Funding      | \$53,883        |
| <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$50,000</b> |

**Project Description: Decent Housing through Rehabilitation**

This program reaches out to owner occupied low and very low income families and individuals that have home rehabilitation needs and otherwise are not able to perform the work on their own or pay full cost for a general contractor. Homeowners must participate in program, providing sweat equity or other public service hours. Services include work such as paint application, landscape work and/or clean-up when coupled with other rehab activities, grab bar installation, wheelchair ramp construction, and other home improvement work needed for building code compliance.

**Analysis**

Originally funded in FY 2011-12, the program has experienced a slow start, but is now poised to complete projects with expediency. Funding request is for materials, equipment rental/lease, other supplies, and permits and fees. The program provides good leveraging and applicant has been a good performer in other HUD funded programs in the County. The program satisfies a high priority goal in the Consolidated Plan by promoting the preservation of existing housing stock. Habitat has \$105,000 in allocations remaining from prior years, so reduced funding is recommended.

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| APPLICANT: | Help of Ojai                        |   |     |    |    |     |        |
| PROJECT:   | Little House Rehabilitation         |   |     |    |    |     |        |
|            | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 600 |   |     |    |    |     |        |
|            | F                                   | M | J   | PH | SP | U   | Non-EA |
|            |                                     |   | 324 |    |    | 276 |        |

| <b>Funding</b>             |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Requested Funding          | \$125,000        |
| Percent of Total Budget    | 56%              |
| Previous Year Funding      | N/A              |
| <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$125,000</b> |

**Project Description: Public Facility**

This project will enable HELP of Ojai to rehabilitate the Little House senior activity center and transportation program headquarters. Renovations will include the kitchen, one meeting room and two restrooms, as well as complete replacement of the existing parking lot which is currently unsafe and hazardous for people with mobility issues. The building is also used as an Emergency Cooling location two to ten days per summer, to provide a safe, cool space for area seniors when sustained daily temperatures exceed healthful levels. The Cooling Center is activated by the County of Ventura.

**Analysis**

This facility is projected to serve 600 low-mod seniors annually. The unsafe parking area and lack of kitchen limit service during heat events. The kitchen would also serve as an emergency alternative for Senior Nutrition in the event of a catastrophe at the current Baldwin Road location. The organization is a good performer and provides essential services to the Ojai Valley. This project would meet a medium priority need in the Consolidated Plan for Senior Centers. Recommend funding.

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|------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|----|----|---|--------|--|
| APPLICANT: | Santa Paula Housing Authority (SPHA) |   |   |    |    |   |        |  |
| PROJECT:   | Citricos de Santa Paula              |   |   |    |    |   |        |  |
|            | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 22   |   |   |    |    |   |        |  |
|            | F                                    | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA |  |
|            |                                      |   |   |    | 22 |   |        |  |

| <b>Funding</b>             |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Requested Funding          | \$103,000        |
| Percent of Total Budget    | 3%               |
| Previous Year Funding      | \$0              |
| <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$103,000</b> |

**Project Description: Affordable Housing – Seniors**

SPHA proposes to develop an eleven (11) unit complex of affordable rental units for seniors. In addition to the eleven single-room occupancy apartments, site amenities include a community building that will accommodate social and learning activities, BBQ's, a carport for each unit, and ample manicured grounds. Unit amenities will include A/C, washer/dryer, dishwasher, ceiling fans and patios. Affordability will be maintained by a Section 8 Project Based vouchers. CDBG funds will be used to demolish existing buildings on the property.

**Analysis**

This project meets a high priority need in the Consolidated Plan for housing for seniors. SPHA is a long standing, high performer in successfully building and managing similar senior projects in Santa Paula. They have continually managed their programs well, and spend funds in a timely manner. Recommend funding.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>Santa Paula Housing Authority (SPHA)</b> |   |   |    |    |   |        | <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Citricos de Santa Paula</b>              |   |   |    |    |   |        | Requested Funding          | \$120,000       |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 22</b>   |   |   |    |    |   |        | Percent of Total Budget    | 4%              |
|                   | F   | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA | Previous Year Funding      | \$0             |
|                   |   |   |   |    | 22 |   |        | <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$23,263</b> |

**Project Description: Infrastructure**

In support of the project as described above, additional CDBG funds are being requested to reconstruct approximately ¼ mile of public alley behind the development as required by the City of Santa Paula.

**Analysis**

This project meets a high priority need in the Consolidated Plan for street improvements. Recommend partial funding due to allocation of funds to other Santa Paula area projects, respecting the commitment to Entitlement Area jurisdictions that funds be shared equitably among entitlement area partners. .

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>Women's Economic Ventures (WEV)</b>    |   |   |    |    |   |        | <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Micro Business Training Program</b>    |   |   |    |    |   |        | Requested Funding          | \$40,000        |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries - 15</b> |   |   |    |    |   |        | Percent of Total Budget    | 7%              |
|                   | F   | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA | Previous Year Funding      | \$40,452        |
|                   | 2   | 1 | 2 | 2  | 4  | 4 | n/a    | <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$40,000</b> |

**Project Description: Economic Development through Training**

WEV assists individuals in developing skills to start a business of their own. Micro Business Training Programs include a 14-week Self Employment Training (SET) course in English, and two Spanish-language programs: a 10-week SET course and a 4-week Business Basics course. In addition to training, ongoing business support micro loans for startup and expansion of up to \$50,000 are available through the Small Business Loan Fund.

**Analysis**

Concise application citing WEV's accomplishment detail and showing the successful impact of their programs. Statistical survey data shows within 12-18 months of receiving services that of the nearly 700 clients served during the last five years: 46% of pre-business clients have started a business; 92% of existing businesses are still in business and have increased sales by 50%; 44% have increased their annual household income by an average of 29%; 81% of poor clients have moved out of poverty; 70% of jobless clients started a business or secured a wage job. Well-leveraged funding and collaboration with SCORE and SBDC ensure a viable program. Recommend funding.



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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>Assistance Interest Meals Council Inc. (AIM)</b> |   |   |    |       |   |        | <b>Funding</b>             |            |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>CASP and Meals-on-Wheels</b>                     |   |   |    |       |   |        | Requested Funding          | \$10,000   |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 1,500</b>        |   |   |    |       |   |        | Percent of Total Budget    | 28%        |
|                   | F   | M | J | PH | SP    | U | Non-EA | Previous Year Funding      | N/A        |
|                   |   |   |   |    | 1,500 |   |        | <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

**Project Description: Public Service – Other**

AIM operates a food pantry through Community Assistance of Santa Paula (CASP) which targets low and moderate income persons and also serves the homeless. AIM also operates Meals-on-Wheels, providing seniors and homebound residents of the Santa Paula area with once-per-weekday delivered hot meal service.

**Analysis**

Public services for seniors and homeless individuals have a high priority in the Consolidated Plan. Food pantries, due to the nature of services and clients served, have a particularly difficult task in collecting CDBG-required information for individual clients. AIM is a small, local non-profit, staffed mostly by volunteers lacking familiarity with highly stringent HUD regulations. Without the capacity to fully comply with required data collection, this program could put the County Entitlement Area at high risk for non-compliance during a monitoring by HUD. In addition, each Public Service contract administered by the County has a high administrative cost. Because this is a new program, there are existing food services in Santa Paula that receive CDBG funding (the City's Senior Center Program), and the applicant is not familiar with current HUD compliance requirements, funding is not recommended.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>Catholic Charities</b>                   |      |   |    |    |   |        | <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Moorpark Community Service Center</b>    |      |   |    |    |   |        | Requested Funding          | \$18,000        |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries - 3048</b> |      |   |    |    |   |        | Percent of Total Budget    | 6%              |
|                   | F   | M    | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA | Previous Year Funding      | \$13,159        |
|                   | 60  | 2979 |   |    | 7  | 2 | 188    | <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$18,000</b> |

**Project Description: Public Service – Homeless**

The Moorpark Community Service Center, also known as Moorpark Pantry Plus, provides essential safety net services and special outreach programs to stabilize low-income households in Moorpark and the surrounding area. The center provides supplemental food, clothing, eviction prevention assistance, utility assistance, and holiday programs, along with information and referrals.

**Analysis**

Catholic Charities provides services to low-and very-low income residents regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or religious beliefs. This request is to provide partial funding for a bi-lingual client resources coordinator who provides services to their Hispanic population. Applicant has been a good performer, prepared a strong application outlining community collaboration and requests reimbursement for program expenses on a regular basis. This program meets a high priority in the Consolidated Plan by reaching out to those at risk of becoming homeless. Recommend funding.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>City of Port Hueneme</b>                    |   |   |     |    |   |        | <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Senior Activities and Nutrition Program</b> |   |   |     |    |   |        | Requested Funding          | \$20,000        |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries - 200</b>     |   |   |     |    |   |        | Percent of Total Budget    | 11%             |
|                   | F  | M | J | PH  | SP | U | Non-EA | Previous Year Funding      | \$18,220        |
|                   |  |   |   | 200 |    |   |        | <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$20,000</b> |

**Project Description: Public Service – Seniors**

Primary services include a home-delivered meals program, limited health services, Grey Law legal assistance, visual aid counseling, professional tax advice, senior exercise programs and referrals for other senior-related issues.

**Analysis**

Funds are leveraged with Area Agency on Aging funds for the Senior Nutrition Program and the City's General Fund for other program costs. The only other programs like this in the City of Port Hueneme are provided in senior housing complexes for residents only. The services offered by this program meet a high priority need of the Consolidated Plan. Recommend funding.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>City of Santa Paula</b>                  |   |   |    |      |   |        | <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Senior Center Coordinator</b>            |   |   |    |      |   |        | Requested Funding          | \$20,000        |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries - 1150</b> |   |   |    |      |   |        | Percent of Total Budget    | 100%            |
|                   | F   | M | J | PH | SP   | U | Non-EA | Previous Year Funding      | \$20,244        |
|                   |   |   |   |    | 1150 |   |        | <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$20,000</b> |

**Project Description: Public Service – Seniors**

The coordinator position is the main staff person for the Santa Paula Senior Center, which provides information and assistance Monday through Friday at no cost to low income, disabled or other senior citizens who walk in or call and need referrals to social services programs. Services include access to nutritious food, legal services, medical care, and social services and other benefits.

**Analysis**

There is a high need for a Senior Center Coordinator position to assist the seniors in the Santa Paula community. The services offered by this program meet a high priority goal of the Consolidated Plan and was prioritized for funding by the City. Recommend funding.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>Community Action of Ventura County</b> |   |   |    |    |   |        | <b>Funding</b>             |            |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Successful Living</b>                  |   |   |    |    |   |        | Requested Funding          | \$20,000   |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 70</b> |   |   |    |    |   |        | Percent of Total Budget    | 41%        |
|                   | F   | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA | Previous Year Funding      | N/A        |
|                   | 50  |   |   | 5  | 10 | 5 | 30     | <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

**Project Description: Public Service – Youth**

The Successful Living program is an intentional, proactive violence prevention, family dysfunction and substance abuse diversion program, serving students at the Sierra and Fillmore High Schools in Fillmore, as well as the County's Juvenile detention center (Providence High School). The curriculum includes a variety of experiential learning activities and inspirational speakers focusing on self-clarification, faithfulness, honor, directed, positive ambition, healthy choices, and community service. A mentoring approach is utilized, which is critical to at-risk young people to assist them in making healthy life choices that lead them toward successful and positive living. Without such intervention, many clients would otherwise end up homeless and in risky life styles, involved in drugs, prostitution and crime.

**Analysis**

Community Action has not received County CDBG funding in the past. Primary funding sources are through CalGrip (Ventura County Sheriff's Department), the State's Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), and Fillmore and County in-kind donations (classroom use). Applicant is unable to collect the required income verification documents from their young clients, and instead uses the schools' "Free and Reduced Priced Meals" percentage to certify students as low-income. Lack of proper certification would put the County Entitlement Area at risk of non-compliance during a monitoring by HUD. Therefore, although this is an excellent program, funding is not recommended at this time.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>County of Ventura – Human Services Agency</b> |    |    |    |    |     |        | <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Homeless Services Program</b>                 |    |    |    |    |     |        | Requested Funding          | \$40,500        |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries - 360</b>       |    |    |    |    |     |        | Percent of Total Budget    | 3%              |
|                   | F  | M  | J  | PH | SP | U   | Non-EA | Previous Year Funding      | \$40,388        |
|                   | 20   | 30 | 30 | 50 | 50 | 180 | 680    | <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$40,500</b> |

**Project Description: Public Service – Homeless**

This program provides countywide outreach and case management services for homeless and at-risk of homelessness persons, assisting them to move from crisis situations into housing. The Agency's 12 service centers located throughout Ventura County are well positioned to cross refer homeless persons to a variety of financial benefits and to problem solve their particular situation.

**Analysis**

This regional County program serves a broad, general clientele and is an entry point for many people entering the homeless system for the first time. The program addresses a regional need and provides services crucial to success in implementing the recommendations contained in the 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness (10YS). Program has been administered well and funds are expended in a timely manner. Application was very thorough with good evidence of collaboration. In FY 2015-16, approximately 1040 individuals are estimated to be assisted by this program, 360 from the Entitlement Area. These services satisfy a high priority need in the Consolidated Plan by helping the homeless. Recommend funding.

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| APPLICANT: | Help of Ojai   |   |     |    |    |     |        |  |
| PROJECT:   | Community Assistance & Valley Outreach Case Management |   |     |    |    |     |        |  |
|            | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 1500                   |   |     |    |    |     |        |  |
|            | F  | M | J   | PH | SP | U   | Non-EA |  |
|            |  |   | 825 |    |    | 675 |        |  |

| <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Requested Funding          | \$20,000        |
| Percent of Total Budget    | 10%             |
| Previous Year Funding      | \$25,309        |
| <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$20,000</b> |

**Project Description: Public Service – Homeless**

This program provides assistance to low-income residents to obtain and/or maintain suitable long-term housing. This project is designed to provide bilingual case management services to clients at risk of homelessness through a process of bundling and delivering various services that allow their own limited funds to be directed to housing expenses. By working collaboratively with various agencies and programs, HELP works to address affordability options for metered utilities, necessary medical services, healthful food options and limited housing and rental assistance.

**Analysis**

Help of Ojai is the sole year-round provider of basic need services to low-income and homeless residents in the Ojai Valley. The organization is a good performer and demonstrates collaboration with other community agencies. In Fiscal Year 2015-16, this program estimates serving 1,500 low income clients through this program. This program satisfies a high priority need in the Consolidated Plan and the 10-Year Strategy Update. Recommend funding on the condition that HMIS is used for their homeless clients.

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| APPLICANT: | Long Term Care Services of Ventura County |                                       |    |     |     |     |     |        |
| PROJECT:   | Ombudsman Program                         |                                       |    |     |     |     |     |        |
|            |   | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 1,765 |    |     |     |     |     |        |
|            |   | F                                     | M  | J   | PH  | SP  | U   | Non-EA |
|            |   | 225                                   | 90 | 500 | 300 | 150 | 500 | 6400   |

| <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Requested Funding          | \$25,000        |
| Percent of Total Budget    | 6%              |
| Previous Year Funding      | \$20,244        |
| <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$25,000</b> |

**Project Description: Public Service – Seniors**

The Ombudsman is the federally mandated advocate for elderly persons living in long term care facilities. He/she makes unscheduled, unannounced visits to the facilities and works with the elderly residents investigating complaints and resolving issues on their behalf. The 9,500 elderly persons living in 232 long term care facilities in Ventura County and attending Adult Day Health Care facilities are their target population.

**Analysis**

For more than 30 years, Area Agency on Aging monitoring reports show that the Ombudsman program meets or exceeds its goals. In FY 2015-16, an estimated 8,165 low/mod income senior residents will be assisted by this program, county-wide. The services offered by this program meet a high priority goal of the Consolidated Plan and are not duplicated by any other services in the county. Recommend funding.

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| APPLICANT: | People's Self Help Housing           |   |   |    |    |   |        |
| PROJECT:   | Housing the Homeless, El Patio Hotel |   |   |    |    |   |        |
|            | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 17   |   |   |    |    |   |        |
|            | F                                    | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA |
|            | 3                                    | 2 | 2 | 1  | 2  | 7 | 33     |

| <b>Funding</b>             |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Requested Funding          | \$10,000        |
| Percent of Total Budget    | 18%             |
| Previous Year Funding      | \$10,122        |
| <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$10,000</b> |

**Project Description: Public Service - Homeless**

The project provides a combination of supportive services along with permanent affordable housing creating an environment where formerly homeless individuals become stable in housing and continually increase their independence and self-sufficiency. The facility offers 41 single-room, furnished efficiency studios for individuals who are disabled, chronically homeless, and/or very low-income. 16 units are dedicated to referrals from Ventura County Behavioral Health, 2 units are ADA accessible, and 28 units have project-based Section-8 vouchers through the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura. Development of this project was supported by a contribution of \$150,000 from the County's General Fund.

**Analysis**

Implementing the "Housing First" model, El Patio is effective in reducing the number of homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless individuals. Since opening in 2011, 90% of the residents have remained housed and stable at least 12 months. The project shows strong collaboration with many other agencies and is cost effective. This project meets a high priority need in the Consolidated Plan and the 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness. Recommend funding.

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| APPLICANT: | Turning Point Foundation           |   |   |    |    |   |        |  |
| PROJECT:   | Our Place Shelter                  |   |   |    |    |   |        |  |
|            | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries - 21 |   |   |    |    |   |        |  |
|            | F                                  | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA |  |
|            | 1                                  | 2 | 2 | 4  | 3  | 9 | 39     |  |

| <b>Funding</b>             |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Requested Funding          | \$33,314   |
| Percent of Total Budget    | 9%         |
| Previous Year Funding      | \$26,317   |
| <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

**Project Description: Public Service – Homeless**

Our Place Shelter is a clean and safe transitional shelter for homeless persons with severe mental illness. The program provides supportive services to assist in obtaining income from work or entitlement benefits, mental health services, and other social services and assistance in obtaining decent affordable permanent housing. Increased funding request reflects the need to address a gap resulting from the loss of funding from the Countywide Continuum of Care that, following federal priorities, focuses on permanent supportive housing.

**Analysis**

Turning Point has been a recipient of HUD funds for several years and has performed well. The project leverages significant funding and demonstrates excellent collaboration in the community. In Fiscal Year 2015-16, this program estimates serving 55 clients, county-wide. This project meets a high priority need in the Consolidated Plan and the 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness. Due to an unanticipated reduction in CDBG and increase in ESG allocations, recommend funding with ESG funds.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>Human Services Agency-Homeless Services Program</b> |   |   |    |    |    | <b>Funding</b>          |                            |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Ventura County ESG Program</b>                      |   |   |    |    |    | Requested Funding       | \$40,000                   |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 52</b>              |   |   |    |    |    | Percent of Total Budget |                            |
|                   | F  | M | J | PH | SP | U  | Non-EA                  | Previous Year Funding      |
|                   | 5  |   | 8 | 14 | 15 | 10 | 8                       | <b>Recommended Funding</b> |
|                   |  |   |   |    |    |    |                         | <b>\$40,000</b>            |

**Project Description: Improve or construct Infrastructure**

The programs assists homeless and at-risk individuals and families by providing homeless prevention, rapid re-housing and housing relocation and stabilization services. The program proposes to assist 25 households (60 persons) obtain or remain in decent and affordable rental housing.

**Analysis**

This regional County program serves a broad, general clientele who are either homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. The Program addresses a regional need and provides funding and case management necessary to sustain housing. These programs are administered well and funds are expended in a timely manner. Application was very thorough and good evidence of collaboration. The applicant is an active participant in the CoC as required to be a recipient of ESG funds.

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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>Turning Point</b>                     |   |   |    |    |   | <b>Funding</b>          |                            |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Our Place Shelter</b>                 |   |   |    |    |   | Requested Funding       | \$36,464                   |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries –11</b> |   |   |    |    |   | Percent of Total Budget |                            |
|                   | F  | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA                  | Previous Year Funding      |
|                   | 1  | 1 | 1 | 1  | 2  | 5 | 44                      | <b>Recommended Funding</b> |
|                   |  |   |   |    |    |   |                         | <b>\$69,778</b>            |

**Project Description: Housing Options for Persons with Special Needs**

Funds will support the Our Place Shelter, the only year round Homeless Shelter for mentally ill homeless persons requiring a high level of supervision and support. The program has ten beds and a drop in center. They provide counseling, job search and case management services, referrals, and upon discharge, housing services on an as-needed basis. The program proposes to assist a total of 55 persons with these funds.

**Analysis**

Requested funds would assist approximately 11 individuals in the Entitlement Area. As mentioned above, Turning Point has been a recipient of HUD funds for many years. The program addresses a significant need for year round shelter which is a recommendation in the 10 Year Strategy to End Homelessness (10YS). Funds would pay for operational costs associated with the Our Place Shelter. Applicant demonstrates extensive community collaboration and support. The applicant is an active participant in the CoC as required to be a recipient of ESG funds. Recommended Funding includes CDBG application request.

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| APPLICANT: |  | Santa Paula Housing Authority (SPHA) |   |   |    |    |   |        | Funding               |           |
| PROJECT:   |  | Citricos de Santa Paula Apartments   |   |   |    |    |   |        | Requested Funding     | \$616,888 |
|            |  | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 22   |   |   |    |    |   |        |                       |           |
|            |  | F                                    | M | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA | Previous Year Funding | \$0       |
|            |  |                                      |   |   |    | 22 |   |        | Recommended Funding   | \$300,000 |

**Project Description: Affordable Housing - Seniors**

Affordable Housing – Seniors: The project site is located in the City of Santa Paula, within approximately one mile of shopping (grocery, retail, and specialty shops), as well as a community and senior center. The site is approximately 20,250 square feet and will more than adequately support the proposed 11-units (approx. 700 sq. ft.) of affordable senior housing. The targeted income level will consist of six units at 30% AMI, three units at 40% and two units at 50% AMI levels. The affordability of the project will be sustained by Section 8 Project Based vouchers. Site amenities include a community building (approximately 1,200 sq. ft.) that will accommodate social and learning activities, BBQs, a carport for each unit and ample manicured grounds. Unit amenities will include AC, washer/dryer, dishwasher, ceiling fans and patios.

**Analysis**

The proposed project meets a Consolidated Plan high priority need for the senior population as well as increasing affordable rental housing stock in the County's Entitlement area. HUD's maximum subsidy allowance for one bedroom apartments is \$147,530. SPHA's request for \$616,888 of HOME funds would place the project at the HUD subsidy level of \$56,080 per unit for an 11 unit project which is well within HUD's maximums. SPHA has demonstrated site control, the ability to finance the project and build it within HOME time lines. SPHA has also demonstrated the capacity to successfully build and manage similar senior projects such as "The Orchards", a 20 unit senior housing project in Santa Paula that has both County HOME and NSP funding and "Citrus Grove", a 6 unit senior housing project in Santa Paula that has HOME funding. This adds 11 new affordable housing units to the County's inventory. Therefore, we are recommending \$300,000 in HOME funding at this time which is 45% of the anticipated allocation for 2015-16.

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| APPLICANT: | Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) |   |   |    |    |    |        | Funding               |           |
| PROJECT:   | Bridgeview Apartments                            |   |   |    |    |    |        | Requested Funding     | \$400,000 |
|            | # of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries - 24               |   |   |    |    |    |        |                       |           |
|            | F  | M | J | PH | SP | U  | Non-EA | Previous Year Funding | \$474,115 |
|            |  |   |   |    |    | 24 |        | Recommended Funding   | \$166,958 |

**Project Description: Affordable Housing – Low Income Families**

Affordable Housing: CEDC is proposing to build 23 energy efficient affordable family rental units with 1 onsite manager and community room located at 4072 E. Center Street. Six are one-bedroom units, five are two-bedroom units and twelve are three-bedroom units. All units would be 100% restricted to low income families at or below 50% AMI; 20 units would be at or below 50% AMI; and 3 would be at or below 30% AMI. They currently own the property and are requesting HOME funds for predevelopment and construction costs.

**Analysis**

This project would address needs within the Consolidated Plan and would increase housing stock in the County's Entitlement area. Eleven of the 24 units would be HOME assisted. The residents of Piru are very sensitive to adding additional low income housing to their community and CEDC has attended several Piru Neighborhood Council (PNC) meetings and held a community meeting to address their issues. Initially, the community had communicated to CEDC their support of the project because it would be 100% available to all low income families of all sizes, not a target population. Recently, a new PNC board communicated issues regarding density and parking. The Planning Commission heard testimony and deliberated resulting in their approval of the project. Cabrillo owns the property and has demolished the old wooden structures on it with \$29,153 of County CDBG funding. CEDC has successfully worked with the County's planning and community development departments to address environmental, agricultural set-back requirements and the 100 year flood plain. CEDC submitted for HOME funding in the FY2012-13 cycle and was not recommended due to being too early in the planning process; not demonstrating being ready to begin construction within 12 months of receiving HOME funds. They were able to demonstrate that the project has lined up their funding sources and resolved most of their environmental issues in FY2013-14 and were allocated \$374,115. In 2014-15, they received an additional \$100,000 of HOME funding. CEDC is applying for Tax Credit financing in early 2015 and their proposal appears to be appropriately competitive in the rural TCAC category. They are anticipating a June 2015 award which would require them to begin construction in December 2015. CEDC is a certified HOME CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization). HUD requires that 15% of annual HOME allocations be set aside for CHDO's. \$166,958 is approximately 25% of the anticipated allocation for 2015-16. Therefore, we are recommending funding \$166,958 at this time.



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| <b>APPLICANT:</b> | <b>Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura (AHACV)</b> |    |   |    |    |   | <b>Funding</b>             |                  |
| <b>PROJECT:</b>   | <b>Walnut Street Family Apartments</b>                         |    |   |    |    |   | Requested Funding          | \$450,000        |
|                   | <b># of EA Low-Mod Beneficiaries – 56</b>                      |    |   |    |    |   |                            |                  |
|                   | F  | M  | J | PH | SP | U | Non-EA                     |                  |
|                   |  | 56 |   |    |    |   |                            |                  |
|                   |  |    |   |    |    |   | Previous Year Funding      | \$0              |
|                   |  |    |   |    |    |   | <b>Recommended Funding</b> | <b>\$200,000</b> |

**Project Description: Affordable Housing - Seniors**

Affordable Housing: AHACV is proposing to build 23 new energy efficient affordable family rental units with 1 onsite manager. There will be six one-bedroom units, eleven two-bedroom units, and eight three bed-room units with 3 @ 30% AMI, 16 @ 45% AMI, and 4 @ 60% AMI. Bus and Metrolink connections are immediately adjacent, a pharmacy and large grocery store is within 1/2 mile, a school is within 1/4 mile, a library and after school services within 1/4 mile, child care within 1/4 mile, and a park is within 1/4 mile. Free after school services and ESL services will be available. A tot lot will be located on-site. The City of Moorpark currently owns the property and is agreeing to a loan value of \$2,000,000 toward the project. AHACV is requesting HOME funds for predevelopment and construction soft and hard costs.

**Analysis**

This project would address a high priority for new affordable rental housing within the Consolidated Plan and would increase housing stock in the County's Entitlement area. Four of the 24 units would be HOME assisted. The planning process for the City of Moorpark has included adoption of an "Old Town" design plan after 5 years of hearings, including setting affordable housing density at 25 units this site. At least 3 additional hearings will occur. AHACV is applying for Tax Credit financing in July 2015 and anticipate approval in October 2015 which would require them to begin construction in by February 2016, which meets HOME requirements to start construction within 12 months of signing the HOME agreement. \$200,000 is approximately 30% of the anticipated allocation for 2015-16. Therefore, we are recommending funding \$200,000 at this time.