

COUNTY OF VENTURA
FY 2019-20 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE OF MANDATORY PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, November 1, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

County Government Center, Administration Building
Lower Plaza Assembly Room, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura

The County of Ventura Entitlement Area will conduct the first FY 2019-20 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Public Hearing on Thursday, November 1st at 9:00 a.m. It is mandatory for potential applicants to attend the hearing in order to submit an application in this year's cycle. Sign-ins and speaker cards will not be accepted after 9:15 a.m.

The public hearing will be held jointly with the cities of Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Port Hueneme, and Santa Paula that, along with the County unincorporated area, comprise the Entitlement Area. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input from non-profit organizations and other agencies regarding unmet needs for low-income persons and outlining potential activities to address those needs. The public hearing will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end no later than 11:00 a.m. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per program.

Input received at the public hearing will be considered in preparing the County's Annual Action Plan for FY 2019-20, which outlines projects to be funded through three U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and, if funding is received, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG).

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors, an emphasis will be placed on programs and activities serving the homeless and other vulnerable populations.

Funding allocations vary annually depending upon Congressional allocations in the Federal budget and therefore are difficult to estimate. In the current funding cycle the County received ~ \$1,739,049 in CDBG, \$667,279 in HOME, and \$145,279 in ESG funds. CDBG funds may be utilized for affordable housing, public facilities, economic development, and public services (limited to 15% of the grant amount), HOME funds may be used to increase the supply of affordable housing for low-income persons through acquisition, new construction, reconstruction or substantial rehabilitation of housing, and tenant-based rental assistance, and ESG funds may be used to provide services for persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Instructions, program summaries and the calendar of key dates for the FY 2019-20 funding process are available on-line at the County Executive Office's website at <http://www.ventura.org/divisions/community-development> (click on HUD Grants). Letters of Intent to apply will be due no later than 4:00 p.m. November 16, 2018. Full applications, available online after the hearing, will be due no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 4, 2019 at www.citydataservices.net.

If you require language translation, physical assistance or other assistance to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Gia Allen at (805) 654-5027 by October 25, 2018.