

COUNTY OF VENTURA
FY 2020-21 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE OF MANDATORY PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, November 14, 2019, 9:00 a.m.
County Government Center, Hall of Justice
Pacific Conference Room, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura

The County of Ventura will conduct the first FY 2020-21 Consolidated Annual Action Plan Public Hearing on Thursday, November 14th 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 funding 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 and the cities of Camarillo, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks, as members of the Ventura County HOME Consortium. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input from non-profit organizations and other agencies regarding unmet needs for low-income persons and outline potential activities to address those needs. The public hearing will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. Public comment will be limited to three minutes per speaker.

Input received will be considered in preparing the County's Annual Action Plan for FY 2020-21, which outlines activities to be funded through two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors, an emphasis will be placed on programs and activities serving vulnerable populations, defined as persons who are homeless, very low-income, elderly, and/or victims of domestic violence, abuse, or trafficking.

Funding allocations vary annually depending upon Congressional allocations in the Federal budget and are therefore difficult to estimate. In the most recent funding cycle, the County received \$1,600,902 in CDBG and \$593,232 in HOME. Based on preliminary data released earlier this year it is anticipated that Ventura County will not receive an allocation of ESG during the FY 2020-21 funding cycle. Ventura County recently created a HOME Consortium with the cities of Camarillo, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks which is expected to significantly increase the amount available under the HOME program

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.

Instructions, program summaries and the calendar of key dates for the FY 2020-21 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 29, 2019 through the City Data Services website at www.citydataservices.net. Full applications, available online after the hearing, will be due no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 15, 2020 at www.citydataservices.net.

If you require language translation, physical or other assistance to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Maggie Han at (805) 677-8737 by November 7, 2019.