

COUNTY OF VENTURA
FY 2025-26 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
NOTICE OF MANDATORY PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024, AT 9:00 A.M.

County of Ventura Hall of Administration,
800 South Victoria Avenue, 4th Floor, Ventura, CA 93009 – Point Mugu Conference Room or via Zoom
To attend online register here: <https://bit.ly/2025-26HUDHearing> or
in person, RSVP to community.development@ventura.org by November 5, 2024.

The County of Ventura will conduct the first FY 2025-26 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is mandatory for organizations intending to submit applications. Registering attendance and requests to make public comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker) will not be accepted after 9:15 a.m.

The hearing will be held jointly with Ventura County’s Entitlement Area (comprising the cities of Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Port Hueneme, and Santa Paula and unincorporated Ventura County) 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 organizations and other agencies regarding unmet needs for low-income persons and outline potential activities to address those needs.

Input received will be considered in preparing the County’s Annual Action Plan for FY 2025-26, which outlines activities 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, in some years, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program.

Funding allocations vary annually depending upon Congressional allocations in the Federal budget and are, therefore, difficult to estimate. This year the County received \$1,428,843 in CDBG and \$1,221,315 in HOME. 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. ESG funds, when available, may be used to provide services for persons who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. *Federal ESG funding is not anticipated again this year.*

The County receives annual allocations of Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program funds, for the development of new, affordable rental housing for low-income households as well as homeownership activities for low-income households located in the Entitlement Area (defined above) and the City of Thousand Oaks. The amount of PLHA funds is unknown at the time of publication.

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.

Instructions, program summaries and the calendar of key dates are available on the County Executive Office’s website at <https://www.ventura.org/county-executive-office/community-development/> (click on HUD Grants). Attendees of this Public Hearing will be invited to submit a Letter of Intent. *These will be due November 14, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Applications will be available after the hearing and are due December 20, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.*

If you require assistance to attend or participate in the hearing or require language interpretation, please email community.development@ventura.org or call 805-662-6870 at least 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.