

COUNTY OF VENTURA
FY 2021-22 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

NOTICE OF MANDATORY PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, November 5, 2020, 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom

RSVP to receive Zoom link: community.development@ventura.org

The County of Ventura will conduct the first FY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing on Thursday, November 5th, 2020 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 to document attendance and requests to make public comment will not be accepted after 9:15 a.m.

The public 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 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 2021-22, 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 the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program.

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 current funding cycle, the County received \$1,572,602 in CDBG, \$1,286,865 in HOME and may receive \$147,000 in ESG. 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 may be used to provide services for persons who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Additionally, with the passage of SB2, the County is receiving an annual allocation of Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program funds, which may be used for the development of new, affordable rental housing for low-income households located in the Entitlement Area (defined above) and the City of Thousand Oaks. The County anticipates making \$751,263 available for the development of new, affordable rental housing targeted towards low-income households. Finally, the County is receiving a one-time allocation in the amount of \$2,680,000 in CDBG-Disaster Recovery Multifamily Housing Program funds which may be used to increase the supply of affordable housing in or near areas impacted by the Thomas Fire.

Instructions, program summaries and the calendar of key dates for the FY 2021-22 funding process are available on 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 20, 2020. Full applications, available online after the hearing, will be due no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 15, 2021.

If you require language interpreting, physical or other assistance to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Kate English at kate.english@ventura.org (805) 654-2876 by October 30th, 2020.