

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INVITATION TO COMMENT

RIVERSIDE COUNTY COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (CPD) (CDBG, HOME, ESG)

The Riverside County Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and Workforce Solutions hereby notifies the public, pursuant to *24 CFR 91.105(e)* that the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to: 1) hear comments on community development needs within the County's HUD-funded Urban County program, and 2) hear comments upon the proposed uses of 2021-2022 HUD-funded CPD programs to address the identified community development needs. The public hearing is scheduled for March 09, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st floor, Riverside, CA.

Important Notice: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Supervisors will only permit public comments during the Board meeting via teleconference. Please select rivcocob.org/comments to complete and e-comment/speaker slip and receive further instructions. Interested persons are encouraged to submit your comments in writing. Written comments may be submitted to the following address no later than 12:00 PM on March 8, 2021: Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and Workforce Solutions, P.O. Box 1528, Riverside, CA 92501. Written comments can also be emailed to laespritt@rivco.org, no later than 4:00 PM on March 8, 2021.

Due to the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the 2021-2022 One-Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan's summary of the proposed uses of 2021-2022 HUD-funded CPD programs, can be viewed and is available for viewing online, beginning February 6, 2021, at: www.rivcoeda.org and www.harivco.org.

It is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will approve and adopt the final 2021-2022 One Year Action Plan at its regular meeting of May 11, 2021. The 2021-2022 One-Year Action Plan will then be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval on or about May 15, 2021. Please note that both the meeting date and time are subject to change.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. The primary objective of the County's CPD programs is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expansion of economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate incomes. The 2021-2022 One Year Action Plan is a component of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan that must be updated annually. It provides detailed information on the resources the County expects to receive and the specific activities to be undertaken to meet the priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. Upon completion of the Citizen Participation process, the review and considerations of comments, and the approval by the Board of Supervisors, the County will prepare and submit the final 2021-2022 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ANTICIPATED FUNDS. Anticipated allocations to be received through the FY 2021-22 HUD appropriations are: \$8,100,000 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, including the Metro City Program; \$2,531,648 for the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program, including the Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) program; and \$590,000 for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. The County expects to utilize at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the CPD funds for activities that will benefit low and moderate-income persons.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ONE YEAR PLAN ACTIVITIES. The County received 90 proposals for the 2021-22 CDBG funding totaling \$8,070,331. The proposed activities included public service, public facility improvements, rehabilitation, economic development, code enforcement, and others. There were six (6) requests for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding totaling \$1,351,451. Proposals for the HOME program include: HOME New Construction (\$1,124,368); HOME Direct Ownership (\$774,368); HOME/CHDO Set-Aside (\$379,658); and HOME administration (\$253,104). The combined cost for the oversight of the programs (HOME, CDBG, ESG) general management and administrative activities is estimated to be \$1,579,365.

DISPLACEMENT. Planned activities will be designed to minimize the displacement of persons. The provision of relocation benefits to displaced persons and replacement of low-and moderate-income housing units that are demolished or converted to another use as a result of CDBG funded activities will be consistent with the County's Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and provisions of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970, as amended.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND COMMENTS. The County of Riverside initiated the 2021-2022 CPD Funding cycle in August 2020, with the publication of the *Notification of Funding Availability* (NOFA) for the CDBG and ESG programs. The County initiated the *Citizen Participation Process* in August 2020, with the notification to residents, Cooperating Cities, non-profit organizations, service providers, public agencies, and other stakeholders, of the 2021-2022 CPD Funding cycle. The Citizen Participation Process consisted of public meetings in unincorporated communities to receive input from residents and others to identify and assess economic, community, housing, and social development needs in the communities.

PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES. The 2021-2022 One Year Action Plan of the 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan includes the unincorporated areas of the County, the cities of Murrieta and Lake Elsinore (Metro Cities), and the following Cooperating Cities: Banning, Beaumont, Blythe, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Norco, San Jacinto, and Wildomar.

IMPLEMENTATION. The goals for the 2021-2022 One Year Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan include: creating affordable housing for those of very low, low, and moderate-income; providing home ownership opportunities for first-time buyers; improving conditions of substandard housing and rental housing; addressing farm worker housing needs; ensuring the availability of emergency shelters to address the needs of the homeless; creating housing opportunities for the elderly, especially the frail elderly; creating supportive housing or shelter for persons afflicted with HIV/AIDS; creating rental assistance through subsidy programs; providing short-term shelter for the mentally ill homeless; creating a suitable living environment by improving public facilities and services; and providing economic development opportunities for low- and moderate- income families.

If you have any questions or require additional information about the County's CPD programs, the Citizen Participation process, public hearings, or other information, please contact HHPWS at (951) 951-955-1161, (800) 655-4228, or laespritt@rivco.org.

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