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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: 2017-2018 FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS NOTICE OF FUNDING APPLICATION (NOFA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)

Each year, San Joaquin County receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist low and moderate income persons, provide decent housing, a suitable living environment and/or expand economic opportunities. These funds are allocated by HUD utilizing a formula which considers population, poverty, overcrowded units, and age of housing. The County, as an "entitlement county", then allocates these program funds, to the Urban County jurisdictions consisting of the unincorporated areas of the County and the cities of Escalon, Lathrop, Manteca, Ripon and Tracy. The City of Stockton and the City of Lodi are "entitlement cities" and each receives a separate allocation from HUD. Approximately half of the County's annual allocation is allocated to the aforementioned cities, which in turn, allocate these funds to different activities to meet priority needs and the specific objectives identified in their community. The County estimates its 2017-2018 allocation will be as follows:

CDBG	\$2.4 million
ESG	\$200,000
HOME	\$700,000

There may also be some reallocations from previous years funding that will be allocated at this time.

An application for the use of CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds can be obtained through the Internet at <u>http://www.sigov.org/commdev</u>, under Quick Links. The application is available in WORD format. Printed applications can be obtained from the County's Community Development Department by calling (209) 468-3175.

The completed applications will be reviewed by County staff to determine whether the proposed activity meets HUD's national objectives and local County community development objectives. Furthermore, the proposed activity will be reviewed for compliance with HUD program eligibility criteria. All proposals that meet these requirements, will then be reviewed by the Technical Advisory and Policy Advisory Committees for adherence to the County's 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan. These bodies will then recommend to the County Board of Supervisors which proposals should be funded. All applicants will be notified in writing of funding recommendations in February 2017. The County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to conduct a public hearing in March 2017 to consider the recommended proposals for funding and formally approve them in May 2017. Funds allocated as part of this process will not be available until July 2017. Program funds are not available to individuals.

To be considered for funding, an original completed and signed application must be received at the San Joaquin County Community Development Department, located at 1810 E. Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95205, by **4:00pm on January 27**, **2017**. A separate application must be submitted for each proposed activity. Postmarked deliveries or faxed copies of the application will **NOT** be accepted.

Applicants proposing an activity located in, or providing benefit to residents of the cities of Escalon, Lathrop, Lodi, Manteca, Ripon, Tracy, or Stockton, should contact the respective city for their program applications. Each jurisdiction will have its own application process, with most of the application filing periods closing in January 2017.

A public informational meeting will be held at 9:00am on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the San Joaquin County Community Development Department Conference Room A, located at 1810 E. Hazelton Avenue, Stockton. All interested parties are invited to attend and discuss local community development needs and to obtain answers to any questions pertaining to the application process. Attendance at this meeting <u>is not mandatory</u> to be considered for funding.

For more information or questions, please contact:

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