

Community Development Department

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December 5, 2019

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: 2020-2021 FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS NOTICE OF FUNDING

APPLICATION (NOFA)

Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant and

Home Investment Partnerships

Each year, San Joaquin County receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist low and moderate income persons and households, provide decent housing, a suitable living environment and/or expand economic opportunities. These funds are allocated 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 communities. It is estimated that the Urban County's 2020-2021 allocation will be as follows:

CDBG \$2.7 million ESG \$225,000 HOME \$1.1 million

The estimates above are based on 2019-2020 final allocations. Amounts are subject to increase or decrease based on the Congressionally approved budget, anticipated to be announced in the Spring of 2020. In addition, the County expects to receive program income over the next fiscal year, which may result in additional funds being available – up to \$4.6 million in CDBG funding and up to \$1 million in HOME funding. All figures above are only estimates, and are subject to change.

The County will begin accepting applications on December 17, 2019. An application for the use of CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds can be obtained through the Internet at http://www.sigov.org/commdev, 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 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 Community Development Block Grant Advisory and the Scoring and Ranking 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 2020. The County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to conduct a public hearing to approve the proposals for funding in May 2020. Funds allocated as part of this process will not be available until July 2020. 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 4:00 p.m. on January 24, 2020. A separate application must be submitted for each proposed activity. Faxed copies of the application will NOT be accepted. Applications received after the deadline, regardless of the postmarked date, will NOT be accepted. Applications submitted without the required attachments will NOT be accepted.

Applicants proposing a CDBG or HOME 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 2020.

A public informational meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 16, 2019 at the San Joaquin County Public Health Department Multi-purpose Room, located at 1601 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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