

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**Community Development Needs and Proposed Uses of 2024-2025 HUD-
Funded CPD Programs**

The Riverside County Department of Housing 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 2024-2025 HUD-funded CPD programs to address the identified community development needs. The public hearing is scheduled for April 2, 2024, at 9:30am., in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, 1st floor, Riverside, CA. The public may present oral or written comments during the public hearing.

Furthermore, the public may review and comment upon the proposed uses of 2024-2025 HUD- funded CPD programs, as well as comment upon community development needs, beginning March 1, 2024. Comments may be submitted to the addresses below until 5:00 PM on April 1, 2024.

A summary of the proposed uses of 2024-2025 HUD-funded CPD programs can be viewed by the public at the following location:

Riverside County Housing & Workforce Solutions (HWS)
Community and Housing Development
3403 10th St, Suite 300, Riverside, CA 92501 (951) 955-5936

Riverside County Housing & Workforce Solutions-Indio
44-199 Monroe Street, Suite B, Indio, CA 92201 (760) 863-2650

The proposed uses of 2024-2025 HUD-funded CPD programs can also be viewed on-line at: www.rivcoeda.org

It is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will approve and adopt the final 2024-2025 One Year Action Plan at its regular meeting of July 9, 2024. The 2024-2025 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 July 30, 2024. 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 2024-2025 One Year Action Plan is a component of the 2024-2029 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 2024-2025 One Year Action Plan of the 2024-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ANTICIPATED FUNDS Anticipated allocations to be received through the FY 2024-2025 HUD appropriations are: \$8,000,000 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, including the Metro City Program; \$2,300,000 for the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program, including the Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) program; and \$613,000 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 eighty (80) proposals for the 2024-2025 CDBG funding totaling \$7,567,882. The proposed activities included public service, public facility improvements, rehabilitation, economic development, code enforcement, and others. There were five (5) requests for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding totaling \$986,807. Proposals for the HOME program include HOME New Construction (\$1,825,820); HOME Direct Ownership (\$350,000); HOME/CHDO Set-Aside (\$365,165); and HOME Administration (\$243,442). The combined cost for the oversight of the programs (HOME, CDBG, ESG) general management and administrative activities are estimated to be \$1,844,744.

DISPLACEMENT All planned CPD-funded 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 2024-2025 CPD Funding cycle in August 2023, 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 2023, with the notification to residents, Cooperating Cities, non-profit organizations, service providers, public agencies, and other stakeholders, of the 2024-2025 CPD Funding cycle. The Citizen Participation process consisted of online submissions, 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 2024-2025 One Year Action Plan of the 2024-2029 Consolidated Plan includes the unincorporated areas of the County, the cities of Lake Elsinore and Murrieta (Metro Cities), and the following Cooperating Cities: Banning, Beaumont, Blythe, Coachella, Canyon Lake, Calimesa, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Rancho Mirage, La Quinta, Norco, San Jacinto, and Wildomar.

IMPLEMENTATION The goals for the 2024-2025 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 HWS at (951) 955-5936, or RivCoCDBG@rivco.org

Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the following HUD Los Angeles Field Offices: Community Planning and Development at CPDLA@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Los Angeles Field Offices via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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