

**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS
For
County of Santa Barbara**

**Community Development Block Grant Fiscal Year 2017-2018
And
HOME Investment Partnerships Program Fiscal Year 2015-2016**

Introduction

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual allocations of HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds to the County of Santa Barbara (County) HOME Consortium and CDBG Urban County Partnership, respectively. The County Community Services Department (CSD) is the lead entity for the HOME Consortium, which includes the County and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Santa Maria and Solvang, and for the CDBG Urban County, which includes the County and the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria and Solvang.

Each year, a draft Action Plan that contains the proposed uses of HOME and CDBG funds is made available to the public for input for a period of thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing in which the County Board of Supervisors (Board) awards the funds. Likewise, substantial amendments made to prior year Action Plans must undergo a public comment period and public hearing.

Public Comment Period

A public notice was published in local newspapers and at the offices of the County in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled public hearing of the Board. This substantial Action Plan amendments are available for public review on the County's website, at the offices of partner cities, and at public libraries throughout the County.

The public may provide comments on this substantial Action Plan amendments in writing at any time during the thirty (30) day public notice period prior to the Board hearing. The public also is invited to attend the public hearing to address the Board directly. The Board will consider all public comments and take action on CSD staff recommendations to approve the substantial Action Plan amendment.

Anyone needing special accommodations in order to attend may call (805) 568-3520. *Si tiene cualquier pregunta, por favor llame a (805)-568-3520.*

Written comments also are accepted during the public comment period and may be mailed or delivered to County HCD, 123 E. Anapamu St, 2nd floor, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 or sent via facsimile at (805) 560-1091, or e-mailed to HCD@co.santa-barbara.ca.us. Written comments must be received by HCD by 5:00 P.M. on the day before the scheduled hearing.

Amendment to the FY 2017-2018 Action Plan CDBG Program

The FY 2017-2018 Action Plan is being amended to award \$490,794 in uncommitted FY 2017-18 CDBG funds to capital projects and programs to assist micro-enterprise businesses as recommended by staff and the County’s Capital Loan Committee through the County’s FY 2018-2019 NOFA. The NOFA included FY 2018-2019 CDBG funds and uncommitted funds from prior years.

The total amount of prior year funds being awarded to CDBG projects is \$490,794. The projects identified below include the use of prior year funds and \$627,331 in FY 2018-19 CDBG funds available for non-public services projects, which were included in the FY 2018-19 Action Plan.

Applicant	Project Title	Geographic Location	Funding Amount
County of Santa Barbara General Services	ADA improvements to Agnes Avenue Building	Santa Maria	\$175,000
County of Santa Barbara Parks Division	Camino Pescadero Beach Access Stair Replacement	Isla Vista	\$465,000
Good Samaritan Shelter	Marks House Rehabilitation	Lompoc	\$103,125
Sarah House	Sarah House HVAC System	Santa Barbara	\$200,000
Women’s Economic Ventures	Self-Employment Training	Countywide	\$75,000
Disaster Recovery set-aside			\$100,000
			\$1,118,125

Amendment to FY 2015-2016 Action Plan HOME Investment Partnerships Program

The FY 2015-2016 Action Plan is being amended to award the balance of uncommitted HOME funds, in the amount of \$176,504, to Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) programs. The Program will provide security and utility deposit grants, and monthly rent assistance on behalf of eligible low income households to enable them to find decent, affordable housing. A portion of the funds may be used for certain eligible costs to administer the program. Eligible tenants must have annual household incomes at 60% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) County.

Summary of Public Comments

In accordance with the County's Citizen Participation Plan, the Substantial Action Plan Amendments were made available for a 30-day public comment period which began on May 18, 2018 and concluded on June 19, 2018.

The County Board of Supervisors hearing was held on June 19, 2018 at the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors hearing room.

No written comments were received during the public comment period or during the public hearing.