

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

April 20, 2021

**FROM**

**GARY HALLEN, Director, Department of Community Development and Housing**

**SUBJECT**

Proposed 2021-22 Annual Action Plan

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. Conduct a public hearing to obtain citizens' comments on the proposed 2021-22 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Annual Action Plan for the County's application for \$11,532,072 from the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnerships Act, and Emergency Solutions Grant, including the list of recommended projects that best meet the identified community development needs under the three grants;
2. Consider any necessary changes to the Proposed 2021-22 Annual Action Plan and direct Community Development and Housing staff to return to the Board on or around May 4, 2021, with the final 2021-22 Annual Action Plan for consideration by the Board of Supervisors prior to submittal to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(Presenter: Gary Hallen, Director, 387-4411)

**COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Promote the Countywide Vision.**

**Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.**

**Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.**

**Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The County of San Bernardino's (County) 2021-22 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant entitlement allocation is \$11,532,072; of which \$7,389,880 is for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which includes the allocation for both the County and cooperating cities), \$3,508,906 for HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), and \$633,286 for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

<b>Grant Fund</b>	<b>2021-22 Estimated Allocation</b>
CDBG	\$7,389,880
HOME	\$3,508,906
ESG	\$633,286
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,532,072</b>

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Since 1975, the County of San Bernardino has qualified to receive federal housing and community development grant funds from HUD. The funds are used by the County to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low-and moderate-income persons.

This report is intended to recognize and accept the new Program Year (PY) 2021-22 allocation of HUD CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding and allocate these funds to activities that will address the strategies and objectives identified in the County's 2020-25 HUD Consolidated Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on April 21, 2020 (Item No. 25).

### **PY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan**

To receive federal funding from HUD, the County must submit an Annual Action Plan that identifies the proposed activities, federal and non-federal resources that will be used to address the priority needs and specific goals identified in the County's 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

This year the County anticipates receiving approximately \$7,389,880 million in CDBG funds, \$633,286 of ESG funds, and \$3,508,906 million in HOME funds. Subject to limitations imposed by federal regulations. HOME, ESG, or CDBG funds may be used for homeowner assistance, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, housing preservation, economic development, capital improvements, public services, housing development, fair housing and program management. During the PY, additional resources may become available which may be allocated to activities listed above such as program income and/or de-obligated or uncommitted funds.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds will be used to support eligible projects and activities in the unincorporated communities and thirteen (13) cooperating cities (Attachment A). This partnership is referred to as the CDBG Participating Cities Program and includes the member Cities of Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, and the Town of Yucca Valley. HOME funds will be used to support affordable housing activities in the unincorporated communities and the Cities of Chino Hills and Rancho Cucamonga (referred to as the HOME Consortium).

The County's Annual Action Plan is typically due to HUD by May 15<sup>th</sup> and the PY which begins July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Citizen Participation**

Any proposed amendment that is considered a "substantial amendment" is subject to the full Citizen Participation process, which requires formal action by the Board and approval by HUD. A five day public notice for actions impacting the CARES Act Program or a thirty (30) day public notice for actions impacting the CDBG Program is published to provide the opportunity for the public to review and comment on the proposed substantial amendments.

To meet these requirements, the County published a 30-day public notice in the following publications: Big Bear Grizzly, Daily Press, Hi-Desert Star, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, La Prensa Hispana, and The Sun. The County also posted notices and any applicable supporting documentation on the County's website at <http://sbcountycdha.com/community-development-and-housing-department/hud-plans-reports/> for no less than 30 days.

The public comment period began on March 19, 2021 and will conclude once all comments are received at the April 20, 2021 public hearing before the Board. Any comments received during the public hearing will be considered and included in the County's PY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan and/or Substantial Amendment to the PY 2019-20 Annual Action Plan submittal to HUD.

### **PROCUREMENT**

Not Applicable

**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Suzanne Bryant, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on March \_\_, 2020; Finance (Kathleen Gonzalez, Administrative Analyst, 387-5412) on April 5, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on March \_\_, 2020.