

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING (CDH)

CONSOLIDATED HUD COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (CPD) GRANTS PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for the County of San Bernardino's 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The goal is to provide support for sustainable infrastructures and housing opportunities to help achieve the Countywide Vision adopted by the County Board of Supervisors and San Bernardino Associated Governments on June 30, 2011. The County is initiating planning for the 2017-2018 Program Year, the third year of the County's 2015-2020 five-year Consolidated Plan. The County has been designated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the 2017-2018 CDBG programs for the County unincorporated communities and the following thirteen (13) cities and towns: Adelanto, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa and Yucca Valley.

CDBG PROGRAM BACKGROUND

It is anticipated that the County will receive approximately \$6.4 million of CDBG funds and approximately \$300,000 of program income during the program year beginning July 1, 2017. The County's CDBG program can fund eligible housing and community development activity programs (examples listed in next paragraph).

The amount of each grant award is calculated by HUD based upon need within the unincorporated portions of the County and in the thirteen (13) cooperating cities listed above. The cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Hesperia, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, Victorville and the Town of Apple Valley receive their own entitlement grants from HUD and conduct their own programs within their corporate boundaries, separate from the County's programs. Applications for projects and services within these cities should be directed toward their respective departments that manage the HUD entitlement program.

Eligible activities for CDBG funding must meet one of the following national objectives: 1) principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, 2) eliminate slums and blight, and 3) meet an urgent need. The types of projects and programs which may be considered for funding, subject to national objectives compliance, are summarized as follows: Acquisition or disposition of real property, construction and rehabilitation of publicly owned facilities, improvements to public and privately owned buildings, to make them accessible to people with disabilities, and infrastructure improvements to include sidewalks, street, drainage, and water and sewer systems. Also included are rehabilitation of public or privately owned housing for low- and moderate-income households, demolition and clearance to abate health hazards, public services that are new or expanding and are directed toward meeting a community service need (no more than 15% of the County's CDBG funds can be utilized each year for public service programs) and interim assistance or temporary help to alleviate harmful or dangerous conditions. CDBG sub-recipients must be public or private non-profit organizations.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS/APPLICATIONS FOR CDBG

At this time, CDH is accepting CDBG applications for the 2017-2018 program year. Applications for Construction Improvement and Public Services projects are available at: County of San Bernardino Department of Community Development and Housing, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Third Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0043; Telephone (909) 387-4705. These application forms and instructions can also be accessed on CDH's website at <http://www.sbcountyadvantage.com/About-Us/Community-Development-Housing.aspx>

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, December 2, 2016 no later than 4:00 p.m. (Application forms must be received by CDH no later than 4:00 p.m. PST at the office listed above, or must be postmarked by this date).