May 20, 2020 Community
Development and Cities & Towns
Advisory Committees Concurrent
Meeting

Ground Rules

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Ground Rules, continued

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Agenda

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Public Comments for Items Not in the Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes from CD April 15, 2020 and CTAC March 18, 2020 meetings.
- 4. Proposed Changes to CD Committee Ordinance (CD Committee Only)
- 5. Public Hearing: 2020 Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan
- 6. Discussion: Proposed Funding Plan for CARES Act Funding
- 7. Adjournment

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Community Development Committee Roll Call
- Cities & Towns Advisory Committee Roll Call
 - (please state your name when your City/Town is called!)

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3. Approval of Minutes

- Community Development Committee make a motion and vote on minutes from April 15, 2020
- ➤ Cities & Towns Advisory Committee make a motion and vote on minutes from March 18, 2020

4. Proposed Changes to CD Committee Ordinance

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- CD Committee ordinance states that every and all matters related to the Commission must come through the CD Committee
- Overlap between CD Committee and Leadership Council
- Leadership Council should inform CD Committee of funding decisions
- CARES Act seems to fall under the authority of COVID-19 response which is emergency response
- Example: King's County

"While poring through dozens of pages of numbers and jargon may not seem like fun, the document offers an important glimpse into the current housing situation faced by Sonoma County's poorest families." - Will Carruthers, North Bay Bohemian, May 1st 2020

Three Major Sections

- Establishing Needs and Priorities (pgs 1-99)
- ► The Strategic Plan: Proposed goals for the next Five Years (pgs 99-133)
- ► The One Year Action Plan (pgs 133-167)

AP-38 Project Summary (pgs 142-146)

Category	Amount
Administration and Planning	CDBG: \$417,094 (20%) ESG: \$11,832
Acquisition, Disposition, and Predevelopment	CDBG: \$40,000
Housing	CDBG: \$674,317 HOME: \$278,320
Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$630,920
Public Services and Homeless Prevention	CDBG: \$282,820
ESG-Funded Projects	ESG: \$151,293

- 1. Affordable Housing: Increase and preserve the housing stock that is affordable, safe, and accessible for low-, very low-, and extremely-low families and individuals, including those with special needs and those who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.
- **2. Homelessness:** Promote effective and proven strategies for homelessness prevention and intervention countywide.
- 3. Non-Housing Community Development
 - Assist in creating and/or replacing infrastructure systems and public facilities that meet the needs of lower-income people, people with disabilities, and other special needs subpopulations county-wide
 - Promote the well-being and economic integration of lower-income persons through non-housing services, self-sufficiency programs, job training, and economic development assistance; and
 - Promote Fair Housing by investing in services which assist low-income tenants with fair housing complaints, reasonable accommodations and eviction defense, each of which enables residents to remain in their home or extend their period of housing.

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- 2. Close Public Hearing
- 3. Committee Discussion
- 4. Motion to Recommend or Make Changes

5. Public Comment on FY 2020 Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan

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5. Recommended Action

Review and recommend the 2020 Consolidated Plan and 1-Year Action Plan for adoption by the Board of Supervisors on June 2, 2020.

To Vote:

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6. Proposed Uses for CARES Act Funding

HUD is disbursing through the CARES Act:

- \$2 billion to conventional CDBG Program. Sonoma County received \$1,109,159 million from this allocation
- ▶ \$1 billion to states and insular areas outside of the standard formula. Intended "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus ... based on public health needs, risk of transmission of coronavirus, the number of coronavirus cases compared to the national average, and economic and housing market disruptions"
- > \$2 billion to states and local governments on a rolling basis, at the discretion of the Secretary, with formula factors to be defined by HUD
- ▶ \$4 billion to Continuums of Care for conventional ESG programs. Sonoma County received an allocation of \$564,000

Waivers for Existing CDBG Funds

- Grantees may use FY19 and FY20 CDBG funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. (not obligatory)
- ► Eliminates the CDBG 15% cap on a jurisdiction's grant (and any program income) that is obligated in a program year for "public services." This applies to any FY19 and FY20 CDBG allocations

Waivers for Existing HOME Funds

The 15% Set-Aside for Community Housing Development Organizations (\$134,401 for FY2020-21) can now be used for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

CDBG-CV

CDBG-CV may be used to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic or to meet other community needs. For example:

- Provide grants or revolving loan funds for small and medium enterprises;
- Support community non-profits performing essential services;
- Develop workforce and training services for displaced workers;
- Retrofit community facilities for medical or quarantine uses;
- Essential supply deliveries to elderly and other vulnerable populations; and
- Support various interrupted or at-risk core governmental functions.

ESG-CV

ESG COVID-19 funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless or receiving homeless assistance. Funds can be used for staffing and overhead costs directly related to:

- Street outreach;
- Emergency shelter;
- Homelessness prevention;
- Rapid re-housing; and
- HMIS

Next Steps

- Seek approval for an Action Plan Amendment to Receive CDBG-CV and ESG-CV funds
- 5 Day Comment Period: June 1-6, 2020
- Virtual Public Hearing: June 3, 2020
- ▶ Board of Supervisors Review and Approval: June 9, 2020

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting:

Community Development Committee

June 3, 2020

10AM-11:30AM

Virtual

Cities & Towns Advisory Committee

June 3, 2020 (Tentative)

10AM-11:30AM