<u>Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan for Community Development Block Grant</u> <u>Funding</u>

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Commission) receives annual entitlement funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which includes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. The Commission's Five-Year Consolidated Plan includes a Strategic Plan that details the needs and goals for use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG for the period of 2020-2025. The Annual Action Plan outlines the specific programs and activities the Commission is funding with the entitlement funding to meet the goals described in the Consolidated Plan. Any substantial changes in funding, goals or activities require a substantial amendment to the Consolidated Plan as set forth in 24 CFR Part 91.

This Substantial Amendment to the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan will add two additional goals to the Strategic Plan included in the Consolidated Plan. These two additional goals are included under the Non-Housing Community Development Goal and will add the goal outcome indicators of jobs created/retained and businesses assisted. The added goals are a result of the increased local need to support microenterprise assistance for low -and moderate-income daycare providers and their low-and moderate-income clientele.

On March 20, 2024, the Sonoma County Community Development Committee (CD Committee) and Cities and Towns Advisory Committee (CTAC) will recommend the addition of two goal outcome indicators to the Consolidated Plan. Public comment is encouraged at a public hearing to be held on March 20, 2024.

This draft Substantial Amendment to the Consolidated Plan will be available for public review from March 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024, at the following locations for your review:

- 1. On the Sonoma County Community Development Commission website here:
- 2. https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/development-services/community-development-commission/plans-policies-and-reports
- 3. A hard copy at the Sonoma County Library, Santa Rosa Branch, located at 211 E Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404
- 4. A hard copy at the Community Development Commission office Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5 P.M. at 1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.
- 5. A hard copy is available upon request by contacting Valerie Johnson at 707-565-7514 or via email at <u>Valerie.Johnson@Sonoma-County.org</u>.

For additional information, contact Valerie Johnson, at (707) 565-7514 or Valerie.johnson@sonoma-county.org. Written comments concerning the draft Substantial Amendment may be sent to valerie.johnson@sonoma-county.org. The Commission will include a summary of the public comments and responses in the submittal to HUD.