



Cities & Towns Advisory Committee
 Sonoma County Community Development Commission

Public Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

10:00AM- 11:30AM

Meeting recording available online:

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Community-Development-Committee/Calendar/Community-Development-Committee-Meeting-February-17-2021/>

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Attendees:

Cloverdale	Kevin Thompson
Cotati	Noah Housh
Healdsburg	Stephen Sotomayor
Rohnert Park	Jenna Garcia
Town of Windsor	Jessica Jones

Absent:

Sebastopol	Kari Svanstrom
Sonoma	David Storer

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes for January 20, 2021 CD Committee meeting

CD Committee did not have quorum. Deferred vote.

4. Approval of Minutes for December 16, 2020 and December 30, 2020 CTAC meeting

Motion by Cotati, Noah Housh, to approve both minutes with note to include the motion that was in the December 16, 2020 minutes for CDC staff agendaize a discussion to establish clear operational protocols for determination on all funding sources needing direction during emergency situations at the most expeditiously available CTAC agenda. Seconded by Steven Sotomayor.

Ayes:



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Cloverdale
 Cotati
 Healdsburg
 Rohnert Park
 Windsor

Noes:
 None

Absent:
 Sebastopol
 Sonoma

5. Interim Executive Director’s Report

Ken Tasseff, Health Care Privacy and Security Officer for the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, presented about the vaccine rollout. He reported about vaccine site locations as well as number of doses administered to date. Approximately 18% of county residents over age 16 had received the vaccine as of this meeting. More information is available at socoemergency.org/vaccine.

- a) Update by Tina Rivera, Assistant Director, that the Board of Supervisors approved the County Fund for Housing Allocations on Feb 2, 2021. All relevant documentation for this item is available on the County web site: <https://sonoma-county.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4771174&GUID=E9FEABBF-EC24-496B-8F9D-09EA97633634&Options=&Search=>

Upcoming funding opportunities are CDBG-DR and CDBG NOFAs coming up in April. Jenna Garcia requested timeline deadlines for CDBG funding. Tina Rivera will bring this information to both committees.

Members requested a copy of Associate Director Rivera’s CFH spreadsheet.

- b) CTAC requested that CDBG-CV funding allocations prioritize the Urban County. HUD confirmed that these funds need to provide rental assistance primarily in the Urban County and not in Santa Rosa and Petaluma as entitlement jurisdictions that have their own funding. CDBG-CV funding will only be used in the Urban County/non-entitlement jurisdictions. A coordinated response of entitlement and non-



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entitlement jurisdictions may be worked out locally.

CTAC requested a spreadsheet of providers administering the rental assistance program.

- c) Updates on new State and Federal housing funds
Rohish Lal, Legislative Policy and External Affairs Officer, provided an update on this item. SB91 was approved to use \$2.6 billion in federal funds to pay landlords 80% of rent for qualifying tenants with COVID-related rent and utility financial issues.

HUD is evaluating actions taken by previous administration that affected Fair Housing policies and laws. HUD memo: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/26/memorandum-on-redressing-our-nations-and-the-federal-governments-history-of-discriminatory-housing-practices-and-policies/>.

The State Auditor also issued a report on homelessness available here: <http://auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2020-112.pdf>.

6. Report on new Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funds

New funding is available from the US Dept. of Treasury to stabilize households and forestall evictions. Funding can also be used to pay utilities. The County received \$14.7 million. Cities and County are distributing these funds throughout the county. 10% is available to service providers; 90% must be used for rental/utility assistance.

The County will also receive \$15 million from CDBG. Cities and County will strategize together on the best way to administer this program. These funds need to be spent by the end of the 2021 calendar year.

Funds are available to pay off rent and utilities in arrears as well as for up to one year as well as for future rent and utility costs. Payments go directly to landlords or the utility company. Either the landlord or the tenant can apply, but not both. State funds require landlords forgive 20% of owed rent.

CDC leaders will be meeting with all jurisdictions in the County to discuss collaborating on this program to ensure the people most in need are reached with these funds.

7. Approval of City of Healdsburg Request for HOME/HEAP Funds Budget Modification



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Steven Sotomayor, City of Healdsburg, recused himself for this item.

The City of Healdsburg requested to utilizing HOME funds to offset increased construction costs for building a Navigation Center at Victory Apartments, a project funded with HEAP dollars. This is a budget modification request, not a request for additional funds.

CTAC voted to support the modification.

Ayes:

Cloverdale, Kevin Thompson
Cotati, Noah Housh
Rohnert Park, Jenna Garcia
Windsor, Jessica Jones

Absent:

Sebastopol
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The CD Committee did not have a quorum, so a special meeting will be set up within 72 hours.

8. Adjournment

CD Committee and CTAC adjourned at 11:22 am