

Notice of Substantial Amendments to San Mateo County 2016 Annual Action Plan, 2017 Annual Action Plan, 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan, and 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs, and the Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds.

On or about October 23, 2020, San Mateo County intends to submit the following substantial amendments to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

A substantial amendment to its 2016 Annual Action Plan. The substantial amendment is needed to add and designate the project that will be provided with Year 4 (2016) Annual Action Plan HOME-CHDO allocation. Per HOME regulations, the County is required to provide at least 15% of its HOME entitlement allocation to a certified CHDO entity. The County will designate the 965 Weeks Street Project, sponsored and developed by MidPen and EPA CAN DO, which is a certified CHDO, as the recipient of \$172,488 in HOME-CHDO funds. 965 Weeks Street, located in East Palo Alto, California, is a new construction 136-unit affordable, rental housing project. Funds will be used to assist with construction of these units.

A substantial amendment to its 2017 Annual Action Plan. The substantial amendment is needed to reprogram funds designated in the Year 5 (2017) Annual Action Plan HOME-CHDO allocation. Per the COVID-19 HOME waiver, the County is no longer required to provide at least 15% of its HOME entitlement allocation to a certified CHDO entity. The County had designated Light Tree Apartments, sponsored and developed by Eden Housing, which is a certified CHDO, as the recipient of \$166,965 in HOME-CHDO funds. Eden Housing has since returned their award. The funds will be reprogrammed to support the County's other development, rehabilitation, and public service activities and made available through the County's FY2021-2022 NOFA.

A substantial amendment to its 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan. The substantial amendment is needed to:

1. Reprogram funds designated in the Year 1 (2018) Annual Action Plan HOME-CHDO allocation. Per the COVID-19 HOME waiver, the County is no longer required to provide at least 15% of its HOME entitlement allocation to a certified CHDO entity. The County had designated Light Tree Apartments, sponsored and developed by Eden Housing, which is a certified CHDO, as the recipient of \$242,572 in HOME-CHDO funds. Eden Housing has since returned their award. The funds will be reprogrammed to support the County's other development, rehabilitation, and public service activities and made available through the County's FY2021-2022 NOFA; and
2. To identify an additional \$2,905,776 CDBG-CV as available funding sources in order to assist activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

A substantial amendment to its 2019 Annual Action Plan. The substantial amendment is needed to:

1. Reprogram funds designated in the Year 2 (2019) Annual Action Plan HOME, HOME-CHDO, and CDBG allocations. Per the COVID-19 HOME waiver, the County is no longer required to provide at least 15% of its HOME entitlement allocation to a certified CHDO entity. The County had designated Light Tree Apartments, sponsored and developed by Eden Housing, which is a certified CHDO, as the recipient of \$304,322 HOME funds, \$215,944 HOME-CHDO funds, and \$338,094 CDBG funds. Eden Housing has since returned the awards. The funds will be

reprogrammed to support the County's other development, rehabilitation, and public services activities and made available through the County's FY2021-2022 NOFA; and

2. Add the following resource and activity that will be provided through the County's first allocation of CDBG-CV: Utilize up to \$1,570,647 CDBG-CV funds to provide legal assistance to tenants and residential rental property owners adversely impacted by COVID-19 or the government response to COVID-19, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 15, 2020.

The CARES Act loosened certain procedural requirements by providing a waiver of the standard 30-day public comment period. The County's Community Participation Plan was amended on June 30, 2020 to utilize provisions of this waiver, including an expedited comment period of 10 days for amendments offered during extenuating circumstances and/or declarations of emergency. Interested parties are invited to email comments on any of the above actions to Tracy Choi at tchoi@smchousing.org. All comments are due by October 23, 2020.

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