

## **Notice of Substantial Amendments to San Mateo County 2019 Annual Action Plan for the HOME Investment Program (HOME).**

On or about November 16, 2020, San Mateo County intends to submit the following substantial amendments to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

On or about May 11, 2020, HUD released a notification, "Utilization of Waiver and Suspensions of HOME Program Requirements and HOME-Assisted Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for Emergency and Short-Term Assistance in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic."

On May 11, 2020, the Department of Housing, as the lead entity of the San Mateo County HOME Consortium, notified HUD of its intent to utilize a statutory suspension of the 10% Administration and Planning Cap. This suspension enables the county to expend up to 25% of its FY2019 and FY2020 allocations and program income received for administrative and planning costs to address the effects of COVID-19. Utilizing this waiver, the County intends to expend up to **15%** of its FY2019 and FY2020 allocations and program income for administrative and planning costs to address the effects of COVID-19.

This substantial amendment is needed to increase the County's FY19 HOME Administrative and Planning Costs to 15%. Per a public notice published on October 13, 2020, one project that had received a FY19 HOME award, Eden Housing's Light Tree Apartments, has since returned the awards to the County. Given this, the County's increase of its HOME Administrative and Planning Costs to 15% will not have any impact on the other two projects that received FY19 HOME awards: MidPen Housing's Moonridge project and MidPen Housing's Cypress Point project.

Interested parties are invited to email comments on any of the above actions to Tracy Choi at [tchoi@smchousing.org](mailto:tchoi@smchousing.org). All comments are due by November 16, 2020.

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\*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.