

**SAN MATEO COUNTY**

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING**

**Notice of Substantial Amendment to the San Mateo County 2020 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Programs.**

On or about March 20, 2021, San Mateo County intends to submit the following substantial amendments to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its FY2020 Annual Action Plan regarding the following programs:

HOME Investment Program (HOME):

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 amendment is needed to increase the County's FY20 HOME Administrative and Planning Costs to 15%. County's increase of its HOME Administrative and Planning Costs to 15% will not have any impact on the other sole project that received a FY20 HOME award: MidPen and EPA CAN DO's 965 Weeks Street Project.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

Through the FY2020-21 NOFA process, Habitat for Humanity of Greater San Francisco ("Habitat") applied for and was awarded \$500,000 in CDBG funds to assist its Firehouse Live project, located in South San Francisco, CA. On December 15, 2020, Habitat notified the County that the project is no longer moving forward and was withdrawing its application and award for CDBG funding. This amendment is needed to remove Habitat's Firehouse Live project from the County's FY2020 Annual Action Plan and reprogram the \$500,000 of CDBG funds to MidPen Housing's Willow Greenridge Project, which was awarded \$1,000,000 from the County's CDBG Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) through the FY2020-21 NOFA process. With this amendment, the Willow Greenridge Project will now be funded by \$500,000 in CDBG and \$500,000 in CDBG-RLF funds. The total amount awarded for the Willow Greenridge Project remains unchanged at \$1,000,000.

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 March 20, 2021.

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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.