

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

PUBLIC NEEDS WORKSHOPS FOR THE URBAN COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO - 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ACT (HOME), EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS (ESG) PROGRAMS, AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM (SHP)

The County Planning and Building Department and the cities of Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Grover Beach, Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo are inviting interested persons to attend public workshops for discussion of housing and community development needs that could be addressed through CDBG, HOME, ESG, and SHP funding. The purpose for the meetings is to provide the public with information about the programs and solicit information on the appropriate use of the funds. This input will be compiled and presented to the Board of Supervisors on November 20, 2007 at a public hearing. An additional notice will be mailed advertising this hearing.

CDBG funds can be used for housing, economic development, public services and facilities that benefit low-income families (and meet other requirements of the program). HOME funds are only for affordable housing for low-income families. ESG funds are used for homeless shelters or domestic violence shelters. SHP funds are used for a variety of homeless services for persons.

The five participating cities and the county have been designated by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an "urban county" eligible to receive annual, formula-based grants of CDBG, HOME and ESG funds directly from HUD. In the past, the county and its cities have applied for these funds through the state, competing with many other cities and counties for grant awards.

HUD has not notified the Urban County of the funding levels for the 2008-funding year for the program year starting July 1, 2008. The Urban County will use the 2007 allocation funding amounts as an estimate for 2008. The 2007 funding amounts were as follows: \$2,136,934 in CDBG funds; \$1,341,662 in HOME funds, \$92,487 in ESG funds, and \$848,222 in SHP funds. Accurate funding levels will be announced by HUD at a future date.

The public workshops will be held at the following dates, times and locations:

North County Workshop – 7:00 P.M. Weds., Aug. 29, 2007, Atascadero City Hall, 6907 El Camino Real, Atascadero
South County Workshop – 7:00 P.M. Thurs., Sept. 6, 2007, Arroyo Grande City Hall, 215 West Branch Street, Arroyo Grande

San Luis Obispo Workshop - 7:00 P.M., Thurs., Sept. 11, 2007, City/County Library, Library Conference, Room, 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Any individual, group or organization wishing to apply for CDBG, HOME, SHP, or ESG funding must submit an application to the county or applicable city, using the official application. Applications can be mailed to: Tony Navarro, Planner III, Department of Planning and Building, 976 Osos Street, Room 300, San Luis Obispo, CA., 93408 or hand delivered to Tony Navarro at 1050 Monterey Street, Room 370, San Luis Obispo, CA., faxed to (805) 781-5624, or E-mailed to tnavarro@co.slo.ca.us. **Applications will be accepted until close of business October 5, 2007. Hard copies of the original application must be PHYSICALLY received by 5:00 P.M. on October 5, 2007. Postmarks are not acceptable.** To obtain an application, go to the following website: www.sloplanning.org. Questions may be directed to Tony Navarro, Planner III, (805) 781-5787.

The tentative time frame for review of proposals, funding decisions and availability of funds is summarized below:

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| • Needs Workshops: | August - September 2007 |
| • Proposals due: | October 5, 2007 |
| • Public hearing by county: | November 2007 |
| • City Council hearings on draft funding recommendations: | November 2007 |
| • Publish Urban County draft funding recommendations: | November 2007 |
| • Public workshops on draft funding recommendations: | December 2007 – January 2008 |
| • City public hearings to approve funding recommendations: | January - February 2008 |
| • Public hearing by county to approve 2007 Action Plan: | February 2008 |
| • Edit Plan, transmit to HUD: | March - April 2008 |
| • Plan due date at HUD: | May 15, 2008 |