

SAN MATEO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Notice of Substantial Amendment to San Mateo County 2023-27 Consolidated Plan and 2023-24 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs.

On or about February 12, 2024, San Mateo County intends to submit the following substantial amendment to its 2023-27 Consolidated Plan and 2023-24 Annual Action Plan to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

• A substantial amendment to San Mateo County 2023-27 Consolidated Plan and 2023-24 Annual Action Plan. The substantial amendment is needed for the following actions:

- Allocate \$2,592,208 in HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds for a new affordable housing development named Oak Gardens, which will be a 62-unit affordable housing development for veterans located within the Palo Alto VA Medical Center complex.
- Re-allocate \$55,000 in CDBG funds, which were declined by El Concilio of San Mateo County for its Minor Home Repair Program, as follows: allocate \$3,000 to the Latin Commission's Latino Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services' FY 2022-23 Casa Maria project and allocate the remaining \$52,000 towards the FY2024-25 Winter Notice of Funding Availability, which opened on December 5, 2023.
- Add \$18,284.32 from the unallocated CDBG funds to FY 2023-24 CDBG Rehab Administration for a total value of \$35,000 for this activity, which will cover administrative expenses related to the use of CDBG rehab program funds.
- Change the Goal Outcome Indicator for *Goal #1: Provide services to stabilize low-to-moderate income and Special Needs households* from Households to Persons.
- Change the Goal Outcome Indicator for *Goal #4: Assist persons experiencing and at risk of homelessness access shelter and move into stable housing* from Households to Persons.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the above action to Douglas Frederick at dwfrederick@smchousing.org. All comments are due by February 9, 2024.

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Background:

On April 25, 2023, the County of San Mateo's Board of Supervisors held a public hearing and authorized the San Mateo County 2023-27 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) and 2023-24 Annual Action Plan (AAP). In the draft ConPlan and AAP, the County expected entitlement and Program Income funds to total \$2,519,903.20 for the CDBG Program and \$2,592,208.34 for the HOME Program. These funds were not fully allocated to projects.

On May 15, 2023, the County of San Mateo submitted the final ConPlan and AAP to HUD for review and approval. In the final ConPlan and AAP, the County the County continued to expect entitlement and Program Income funds to total \$2,519,903.20 for the CDBG Program and \$2,592,208.34 for the HOME Program. These funds were still not fully allocated to projects.

On August 1, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved the recommended slate of AHF 11 projects after a competitive evaluation process. The County received fifteen applications for this funding, which collectively requested approximately \$88,000,000 for the creation of 1,100 affordable housing units. One of the projects approved was the Oak Gardens Project, which was awarded \$2,592,208 in HOME Program funding.

In mid-August 2023, while the County was completing the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER), it realized that the initial set of Goal Outcome Indicators it has selected for Goals 1 and 2 in the Consolidated Plan did not match the matrix codes being used by the funded projects. To align the data and make sure reporting is accurate, the County plans to adjust these Goal Outcomes Indicators.