

PRESS RELEASE



Riverside County Economic Development Agency

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County of Riverside Invites Residents to Attend Community Meetings to Participate in the Preparation of the Five Year Consolidated Plan for HUD Funding

The Economic Development Agency (EDA) for the County of Riverside invites residents to participate in community meetings to assist and facilitate in the development of the County's next Five Year Consolidated Plan. A detailed list of these meetings is attached.

In order to receive the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the County has to prepare a comprehensive plan known as the Five Year Consolidated Plan. This plan lays-out how the County, and its Cooperating Cities*, will use these funds over the next five years.

The purpose of the community meetings is to allow residents to share and discuss needs, exchange ideas, and consider concerns and opportunities specific to their community. The participation of residents, service providers, government agencies, churches, and other community organizations is an essential part of developing the Consolidated Plan.

* See attached list of Cities

Community Meeting Schedule

A detailed listing of the Community Participation Meetings has been attached to this notice. Please note that all meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

Individuals unable to attend the community meetings may submit written comments to the County of Riverside through January 15, 2014, to either of the following:

Mail: Riverside County EDA
ATTN: CDBG Program
3403 Tenth Street, Suite 400
Riverside, CA 92501

Email: jthurman@rivcoeda.org

Fax: (951) 955-9505

Uses of HUD Funding

CDBG funds can be used for many activities including child care, health programs, senior programs, after-school activities, food pantries, youth programs, job training, public transportation, education, and more. CDBG can also be used to fund public facilities and other projects such as senior centers, fire stations, street improvements, parks and playgrounds, community centers, clinics, libraries, economic development, and homeless shelters.

ESG funds are used to support homeless shelters and homeless programs. Homeless programs include those that prevent homelessness and rapidly re-house persons and families.

HOME funds are used to support affordable housing activities including first-time homebuyer program and multi-family housing for persons and families with low-incomes.

Anticipated Five Year Funding:

The County anticipates receiving approximately \$48,500,000 from HUD over the five year period: July 2014-June 2019. This funding amount is subject to funding appropriations from Congress. The funding for each program is estimated to be:

- CDBG funding of \$37,810,000 - \$7,562,000 for 2014-2015
- ESG funding of \$2,360,000 - \$472,000 for 2014-2015
- HOME funding of \$8,330,000 - \$1,666,000 for 2014-2015

Community Needs Assessment Survey

In order to encourage and promote the participation of residents and service providers in the development of the Five Year Consolidated Plan, as well as each One Year Action Plan, the County of Riverside utilizes a comprehensive community needs assessment survey in addition to the community meetings.

The survey allows residents to identify and prioritize the most important needs for their communities. An online version of the survey, in English or Spanish, can be found at www.rivcoeda.org. The survey will also be made available at various events throughout the County including health fairs, community clean-ups, and at other community meetings.

A copy of the survey can also be mailed to you, or emailed, by calling:

(951) 955-8916 (West County)

(760) 863-2552 (East County)

Community Participation Meetings

2014-2019 Consolidated Plan

and 2014-2015 Action Plan

District	Meeting(s) Location	Date/Time
1	<p>Mead Valley Library 21580 Oakwood St. Perris, CA 92570</p> <p>http://www.rivcoeda.org/Portals/0/CDBG/PressRelease/CP%20District%20One.pdf</p>	<p>Wednesday November 13, 2013 6:00 PM</p>
2	<p>Highgrove Library 530 W. Center Street Highgrove, CA 92507</p> <p>http://www.rivcoeda.org/Portals/0/CDBG/PressRelease/CP%20District%20Two.pdf</p>	<p>Wednesday October 23, 2013 7:00 PM</p>
3	<p>Francis Domenigoni Community Center 32665 Haddock St. Winchester, CA 92596</p> <p>http://www.rivcoeda.org/Portals/0/CDBG/PressRelease/CP%20District%20Three.pdf</p>	<p>Thursday October 10, 2013 6:30 PM</p>
4	<p>Mecca Community Library 91-260 Avenue 66 Mecca, CA 92254</p> <p>Roy Wilson Community & Child Care Center 13341 Mesa Verde Mesa Verde, CA 92225</p> <p>Ripley Community Center 24501 School Road Ripley, CA 92225</p> <p>http://www.rivcoeda.org/Portals/0/CDBG/PressRelease/CP%20District%20Four%20bilingual.pdf</p>	<p>Wednesday November 13, 2013 6:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday January 8, 2014 7:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday January 8, 2014 5:30 PM</p>
5	<p>Cabazon Community Center 50390 Carmen Avenue Cabazon, CA 92230</p> <p>http://www.rivcoeda.org/Portals/0/CDBG/PressRelease/CP%20District%20five.pdf</p>	<p>Tuesday November 19, 2013 6:00 PM</p>

Riverside County's Urban County Program

Cooperating Cities

Banning

Beaumont

Blythe

Canyon Lake

Coachella

Desert Hot Springs

Eastvale

Indian Wells

La Quinta

Lake Elsinore (Metro City)

Murrieta

Norco

Wildomar

San Jacinto