

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

FOR THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 2021-2022

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) – DISTRICT ALLOCATION
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)**

The County of Riverside is announcing the start of the application cycles for the 2021-2022 Urban County CDBG (District Allocation), ESG, and HOME programs. These Federally-funded programs are used by the County and its participating cities to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and the expansion of economic opportunities principally for persons and families with low-incomes.

The County anticipates receiving the following grant amount from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2021-2022 program year: CDBG \$7,800,000; ESG \$580,000; and HOME \$2,300,000.

To view the full **Notice of Funding Availability** (NOFA) for the CDBG (District Allocation) and ESG programs, please visit www.rivcoeda.org or www.harivco.org. Paper copies of the NOFAs can also be obtained through email at nfonosch@rivco.org or by calling 951-955-5936.

COOPERATING CITY CDBG ALLOCATION: Please note, the Cooperating Cities that participate in the County's CDBG program will receive their own allocation from the County's CDBG allocation for projects and activities that benefit their individual cities. Organizations that are considering applying to the Cooperating Cities for their CDBG allocations must consult with those cities directly for application information, procedures, and deadlines. County's CDBG webpage provides contact information for the Cooperating Cities.

ONLINE APPLICATION: The County is using the Online Application System for both the CDBG (District Allocation) and ESG programs. All applications for these two programs must be submitted through the online system. The 2021-2022 Online Application System will be open starting August 20, 2020. All CDBG and ESG applications submitted through the Online Application System must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM (PST) on November 6, 2020. For questions or assistance with the online application system, please contact Susana Orozco at sorozco@rivco.org or 951-955-5933.

To begin the application process, Applicants must visit the County's website at:

<https://rivcoeda.org/Departments/Housing/Community-Development-Block-Grant/Community-Development/CDBG-Program>

The website offers a brief tutorial to assist applicants in the use of the online application system including setting-up an Online User Profile which is required to use the system.

CDBG (District Allocation) and ESG applications will only be accepted from 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations and government entities.

HOME PROGRAM: The County will accept HOME applications for new construction and substantial rehabilitation projects on an on-going, over the counter basis until all funds for the current fiscal year are exhausted. Organizations seeking HOME funds for affordable housing projects should contact the Housing Division of the County for application information at (951) 343-5469 or rivcoeda.org. In the event that the County of Riverside decides to release a competitive RFP for the solicitation of HOME funds, a notice of no less than thirty (30) days will be provided of the County's intention to release an RFP.

The County is required to prepare and submit to HUD a One Year Action Plan that provides detailed information on all of the activities that the County will fund with CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds for the 2021-2022 program year. The Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed One Year Action Plan during February/March 2021. The Board will then approve the final One Year Action Plan in April/May 2021.

Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the following:

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NOTE: To obtain a list of the times and locations of the County's Citizen Participation Meetings for the 2021-2022 program year, please contact Nicholas Fonosch at nfonosch@rivco.org. **Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no Citizen Participation Meetings have been scheduled at this time.**

Individuals with hearing or speech disabilities may contact the CDBG program staff by utilizing the California Relay Service (711).

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