



City of
Los Banos
At the Crossroads of California

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Date: March 2, 2015
Re: Notice of Public Hearing
For: Discussion of Possible State CDBG Application

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Los Banos will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., in the Community Center Lounge located at 645 Seventh Street, Los Banos, California in order to discuss possible applications for funding under the next fiscal year's (July 1 to June 30) State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to solicit citizen input on possible activities to be included in the application.

The Community Development and Economic Development Allocations of the State CDBG program will publish a combined "Notice of Funding Availability" (NOFA) each program year. Eligible cities and counties may submit applications for CDBG funds under the NOFA. It is estimated that up to \$2,000,000 will be available in total. The Economic Development "Over-the-Counter" (OTC) Allocation requires a separate application with a maximum limit of \$5,000,000 per year. The NOFA also includes the Native American and Colonia's Allocations. The Native American Allocation is only for areas with high concentrations of low-income Native American residents, who are not part of a federally recognized Native American Indian tribe or Rancheria. The Colonia's funding is only for designated communities within 150 miles of the Mexican-American border.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE ABOVE ALLOCATIONS IN THE NOFA CONSIST OF: HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS; PUBLIC FACILITY AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS (INCLUDING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF NEW HOUSING CONSTRUCTION); PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS, PLANNING STUDIES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND MICROENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES PAID FOR WITH STATE CDBG FUNDS MUST MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE THREE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES LISTED IN CDBG FEDERAL STATUTES AS FOLLOWS: BENEFIT TO LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

OR PERSONS; ELIMINATION OF SLUMS AND BLIGHT; OR MEETING URGENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEED.

The City of Los Banos anticipates submitting an application under the NOFA published during the next program year. The City has or anticipates receiving approximately \$55,000 in CDBG Program Income that must be expended prior to expending awarded grant funds.

The purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities the City of Los Banos should apply for under the State CDBG program. A separate public hearing will be held to discuss and approve the application prior to submittal to the State. If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Sandra Benetti at (209) 827-7000 ext. 118.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Los Banos, at 520 J Street, Los Banos, California 93635, or you may telephone Sandra Benetti at (209) 827-7000 ext. 118.

In addition, information is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday-Friday.

The City of Los Banos promotes fair housing and makes all its programs available to low and moderate income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or handicap.

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