PUBLIC NOTICE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN 2025/2026 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

The County of San Joaquin anticipates receiving 2025-2026 federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the general purpose of assisting low- and moderate-income persons to obtain decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. Approximately half of the County's estimated entitlement funding allocations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) will be allocated to the cities of Escalon, Lathrop, Manteca, Ripon, and Tracy. The cities of Lodi and Stockton are "entitlement cities" and will each receive a separate entitlement from HUD. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds are allocated by the County to eligible organizations countywide.

The County estimates that its' FY 2025-2026 entitlements funding plus estimated program income will be approximately \$5 million made up of CDBG, HOME and ESG. Estimates are based on prior year allocations and anticipated program income received. Amounts are subject to increase or decrease based on the Congressionally approved budget.

Activities eligible for CDBG funding include infrastructure, public facilities, public services, housing, economic development, planning and administration costs, and neighborhood revitalization that focus on benefitting low-moderate income persons and households. HOME funds are allocated to general housing activity types to include homeowner and rental construction, rehabilitation, and first-time homebuyer assistance for low-income persons or households. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds are allocated to organizations providing shelter, rapid re-housing and essential services to the homeless population. Homelessness prevention activities under ESG are capped at 10% and cannot be a standalone activity.

An application for the use of CDBG, HOME or ESG funds can be obtained through the internet posted under Quick Links on San Joaquin County's Division of Human Services Agency website <u>https://www.sjgov.org/department/hsa/neighborhood-preservation/home</u> beginning December 26, 2024. Applications may also be picked up from the Neighborhood Preservation Division, 400 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA 95202 or by calling, (209) 468-3175. Completed applications must be received by February 7, 2025, no later than 4:00pm at the above address. You may also submit electronically via pdf file to <u>neighborhood@sjgov.org</u>.

If your proposed project is expected to benefit residents of one of the cities in the County, you should contact the respective city for their funding application. Each jurisdiction will have its own application process, with most of the filing periods closing in January/February.

A public meeting to discuss the upcoming NOFA and eligible activities/projects will be held at 3:00 PM, January 9, 2025. The meeting will be conducted virtually to allow for flexibility among interested people and garner as much participation as possible. If you would like to participate in this meeting, please visit <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86591618667</u>.

The County promotes fair housing and makes programs available to low and moderate income families regardless of age, race, color religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or physical disabilities.