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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE STATE CDBG APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the *County of Mendocino* will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Mendocino County Board Chambers located at 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah CA., in order to consider approval of an application for funding under the next fiscal year's (July 1 to June 30) State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to solicit public input on possible competitive and supplemental activities to be included in the application.

The Community Development and Economic Development Allocations of the State CDBG program publishes a combined "Notice of Funding Availability" (NOFA) each program year. Eligible cities and counties may submit applications for CDBG funds under the NOFA for a maximum per application request of \$ 3,000,000. It is estimated that the funding of the State 2018 CDBG program allocation is approximately \$29,000,000. The Economic Development "Over-the-Counter" (OTC) Allocation requires a separate application with a maximum limit of \$3,000,000 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-MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS OR PERSONS; ELIMINATION OF SLUMS AND BLIGHT; OR MEETING URGENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEED.

The purpose of this public hearing is to give the public an opportunity to make their comments known regarding the projects and activities being considered by resolution for submittal under the State CDBG program. A properly noticed public meeting was held on December 18, 2018 to review eligible activities and projects. The projects and activities presented at that public meeting were considered and ranked according to CDBG requirements for eligibility and need.

The *County of Mendocino* anticipates submitting an application by resolution under the current NOFA for the following projects and activities; 1) public improvements, construction to begin in Spring 2020 (streets, gutters, sidewalks, utilities) in support of the forty unit Orr Creek Commons housing complex which will provide housing for low/moderate income households, individuals with developmental disabilities, and homeless veterans, to be located at the corner of Bush Street and Orr Street, census tract number 011500 in the amount of \$1,420,931, 2) a county wide microenterprise technical assistance program designed to assist CDBG eligible microenterprise with startup, expansion, marketing, cash flow management, and other needs in the amount of \$500,000 to begin Fall 2019, a planning and technical assistance study to determine broadband needs in low/moderate income neighborhoods throughout the county and how to address those needs, in the amount of \$75,000, (with a cash match of \$3,750 provided from the Mendocino Economic Development Finance Corporation), and to begin in Fall 2019, and general administration for the grant, in the amount of \$144,070. The total grant application is expected to be in the

amount of \$2,140,181. It is the intent of the county to pursue utilization of the CDBG funds immediately upon completion of all conditions required by the Housing and Community Development Agency. The *County* has or anticipates receiving approximately \$ 120,000.00 in CDBG Program Income that must be expended prior to expending awarded grant funds for these projects or activities.

If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact *Adrienne Thompson at the Department of Planning and Building Services, 707-234-6677.*

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the *County of Mendocino, Department of Planning and Building Services, at 860 North Bush Street, Ukiah CA 95482*, or you may telephone *Adrienne Thompson at 707-234-6677.* In addition, information is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00-5:00 PM on *Monday-Friday.*

The *County of Mendocino* 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.