

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Planning And Community Development BOARD AGENDA #: \*D-1

AGENDA DATE: March 15, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Open a 30-day Public Review Period and Set a Public Hearing on April 26, 2016 at 9:05 a.m. to Consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan (AAP)

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

No. 2016-135

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King  
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent       Routine       AP      AGENDA DATE: March 15, 2016  
CEO CONCURRENCE: \_\_\_\_\_      4/5 Vote Required: Yes       No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Open the 30-day public review period to consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan (AAP).
2. Set a Public Hearing for April 26, 2016 at 9:05 a.m. to close the public review period and consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

**DISCUSSION:**

This is a request to open a 30-day public review period and set a public hearing for April 26, 2016, at 9:05 a.m. to consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

Federal regulations require a 30-day public comment period prior to local approval of an AAP. The draft AAP to be considered for approval on April 26, 2016 is provided as Attachment "1" of this report and will be available for public review between March 15, 2016 and April 26, 2016 at the Planning Departments of each member of the Stanislaus Urban County, and online at: <http://www.stancounty.com/planning/cdbg/plans-and-reports.shtm>.

Stanislaus County, in partnership with the cities of Ceres, Hughson, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, and Waterford, form the Stanislaus Urban County for purposes of receiving federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funding. Stanislaus County is the "lead entity" with responsibility for implementing and administering CDBG and ESG funding.

The AAP is part of the Stanislaus Urban County's 2015-2020 CDBG Regional Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) and describes the specific projects and activities that will be undertaken during Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)  
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Funding Allocations**

Based on current HUD funding projections, the Stanislaus Urban County's CDBG and ESG

allocations for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 are estimated to be:

- CDBG           \$2,171,255
- ESG            \$ 197,836
- TOTAL        \$2,369,091

The estimated allocation reflects a 1.2% reduction in CDBG funding and a 3.8% increase in ESG funding from the previous Fiscal Year allocation. The allocations to each respective Stanislaus Urban County member reflected in the table below have been determined based on the above funding projections and U.S. Census poverty and population data.

**TABLE ONE  
CDBG AND ESG ALLOCATION ESTIMATES**

<b>Consortium Member</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Ceres</b>	\$242,040	\$15,027	\$257,067
<b>Hughson</b>	121,058	15,027	136,085
<b>Newman</b>	137,473	15,027	152,500
<b>Oakdale</b>	151,683	15,027	166,710
<b>Patterson</b>	137,321	15,027	152,348
<b>Waterford</b>	126,074	15,027	141,101
<b>Stanislaus County</b>	604,229	319,089	923,318
<b>Public Services</b>	217,126		217,126
<b>Fair Housing</b>		25,000	25,000
<b>CDBG Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,737,004</b>	<b>\$434,251</b>	<b>\$2,171,255</b>
<b>ESG</b>	182,999	14,837	197,836
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,920,003</b>	<b>\$449,088</b>	<b>\$2,369,091</b>

Final allocation amounts for each Stanislaus Urban County member are subject to change based on final HUD grant allocations, expected to be released in April 2016 and will be adjusted proportionately in the final AAP to be submitted to HUD. Per HUD's instructions (CPD Notice 13-010), this AAP will not be submitted to HUD until FY 2016-2017 allocations are announced reflecting actual and final allocations, but no later than August 16, 2016.

As part of the proposed allocations, each of the Stanislaus Urban County members receive independent funding to cover administrative costs. As the lead entity with responsibility for implementing and administering CDBG and ESG funding, Stanislaus County receives the majority of the available CDBG administrative funding; which is capped at 20% of the overall CDBG allocation. HUD recognizes Stanislaus County as the sole grantee responsible for administration of CDBG and ESG funds. Accordingly, the County's Planning and Community

Development Department is responsible for the receipt and timely expenditure of funds, environmental documentation for projects, eligibility determination of programs and those persons accessing services of the programs, and program monitoring.

As a HUD mandated requirement, the Stanislaus Urban County must provide a fair housing program designed to combat impediments to fair housing choice through education, investigation, and litigation to the community. The cost of providing a fair housing program is subject to the 20% administrative funding cap. The Stanislaus Urban County annually complies with this requirement by contracting with a fair housing service provider selected through a competitive Request for Proposal process. Project Sentinel, the Stanislaus Urban County's current fair housing service provider, submitted the only proposal for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

The following is an overview of the projects and activities, by funding source, to be undertaken in Fiscal Year 2016-2017:

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding**

#### **Stanislaus County:**

##### ***Airport Neighborhood Sewer Infrastructure Project:***

This project will provide a sewer system with street overlays serving the unincorporated Airport Neighborhood. Engineering and design of the sewer infrastructure, for the entire project, has been completed in partnership with the City of Modesto, and construction of the first phase of the project, funded by CDBG funds, has been completed.

Stanislaus County is currently seeking California State Water Resources Board (CSWRB) grant funds to continue construction on the remaining phases of the project; however, if awarded, CSWRB funds are not anticipated to completely cover the remaining costs of project construction. It is anticipated that additional CDBG funds will be needed for project completion.

##### ***Empire Storm Drain Project:***

This project was initiated in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 as a Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency (RDA) project with the intent to leverage CDBG funds and RDA resources (with RDA funds being the major funding source). The project was engineered and designed to build a positive storm drainage system and as such, Phase 1A (the first phase of four phases) was completed in 2010, serving 80 parcels for approximately \$2.5 million utilizing both CDBG and RDA funds. With the State of California's elimination of redevelopment agencies in 2011, the construction of additional project phases, estimated to cost approximately \$15 million, cannot proceed due to funding constraints.

In an effort to identify a lower-cost option to complete the remaining phases of the project, a feasibility study for a Low Impact Development (LID) swale storm drainage system was completed. The LID system was presented at a February 17, 2015, community meeting; however, it was not supported by the Empire residents.

In response to feedback received from Empire residents, the project has been redesigned to provide for a targeted storm drainage system and traffic safety improvements, including a roundabout and sidewalks for safe routes to school for children and general pedestrian use, for the residential neighborhood generally bounded by 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on the north, Yosemite Boulevard on the south, "G" Street on the east and "A" Street on the west.

Stanislaus County Public Works is initiating proceedings for the annexation of the project area into the Community Services Area (CSA) 27-Empire. Construction of the project is contingent upon success of the proposed CSA annexation which is needed to provide for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the targeted storm drain system and other improvements once the infrastructure has been constructed.

The actual expenditure of CDBG funds for either of the Stanislaus County infrastructure projects will be dependent on future approvals by the Board of Supervisors. Staff will return to the Board of Supervisors for funding approval and authorization to proceed with project construction once the outcome of the CSWRB grant funding request and CSA annexation proceedings are finalized.

***Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs):***

The NRSA Plan for the Parklawn and Airport Neighborhoods, approved by HUD in December 2012, covers a five year period (Fiscal Years 2012-2017) during which CDBG and other grants funds were proposed to be targeted to these neighborhoods. The ultimate objective of the Revitalization Strategy (RS) is to empower low-income residents through a targeted approach aimed at revitalizing the neighborhoods by investing resources that will improve/add housing stock, provide economic development opportunities through job creation, install needed infrastructure, and provide public services.

In addition to pursuing implementation of the next phases of the Airport sewer project and continuing efforts to develop properties acquired through the Stanislaus Urban County's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) in the Parklawn and Airport neighborhoods, staff will continue to work with neighborhood residents and existing non-profit organizations to pursue establishing a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) and to provide resource information to the communities. A CBDO has the primary purpose of improving the physical, social, economic environment of its service area by addressing one or more critical problems in the area, with particular attention to the needs of low to moderate income persons. A total of \$2,936.94 in prior Fiscal Year CDBG funding approved for NRSA activities is proposed to be utilized to fund The Salvation Army Red Shield's At Risk Teen Program in Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Additional information is included in the Public Services Program section.

**City of Ceres:**

The City of Ceres will begin construction on the Sequoia Tract- Sequoia Village Farm Labor Camp American's with Disabilities (ADA) Improvements Project. The boundary area for this project is Arthur Way to the west, Darrah Street to the north, Fourth Street to the east and Herndon Way to the south. The project will result in the installation of approximately 45 ADA compliant ramps with minor sidewalk repairs where needed and required. The City will also

continue with Phase 2 of their Nadine and Evans Road Infrastructure project that will provide curb, gutter, sidewalk and storm drainage.

City of Hughson:

The City of Hughson will begin work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Sidewalk Infill Project. This project is part of a multi-year effort to complete sidewalk infill projects to improve connectivity, mobility and access for non-motorized users of the City. This project will include the sidewalk infill, curb, gutter, ADA ramps, storm drainage improvements, and street paving as necessary. The project area is located along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Walker Lane and Fox Road.

City of Newman:

The City of Newman will begin design and engineering work and construction of its Inyo and Q Street Infrastructure projects. These projects will result in the installation/repair of curb, gutter, sidewalk, and driveways along with tree removal, street repair and overlay due to severe damage from tree roots. The City will also commence with improvements to Klehn Park that includes ADA improvements.

City of Oakdale:

The City of Oakdale will begin design work and construction of their Block 3 Flood Control Project. The project will provide improving flood control measures for the area of West H Street, West I Street, South Wood Street, Wanda Way and Hinkley Avenue.

City of Patterson:

The City of Patterson will begin design work and construction of the first phase of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Infrastructure Project. The project will consist of a water main replacement and installation of curb, gutter, storm drain, sidewalks, and street repaving. The project is located on 5th Street and is bounded by E Street to the north and C Street Sperry Avenue to the south, and is part of the greater Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Project. An alternate infrastructure project may be added depending on funding decisions from the city council prior to the final AAP.

City of Waterford:

The City of Waterford will begin the first construction phase of the South Becky Way Storm Drainage Infrastructure. The project will place a positive storm drain system in the area to replace an inadequate existing rock/dry well drain system.

Projects proposed in the cities of Hughson, Newman, Patterson, Waterford, and the unincorporated community of Empire are not located within a Low-Moderate Area (LMA) as reflected in HUD's 2010 Census Block Group data and, as such, do not meet the LMA benefit requirements allowing projects to proceed without individual door-to-door income surveys being conducted. An income survey is needed to verify that at least 51% of the households in the project are area low-income, thus meeting CDBG income eligibility thresholds.

County staff has developed a survey tool meeting HUD's standards and will be coordinating with cities to conduct all necessary surveys prior to the release of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 funding, in order to not delay project implementation. Considering known neighborhood conditions and neighborhood demographics, there is confidence that the identified project areas will meet CDBG LMA income eligibility thresholds; however, if an area fails to meet the eligibility threshold, an amendment to the AAP to identify an alternative project may be required.

In Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the cities of Newman and Waterford entered into an agreement to shift \$100,000 of Newman's allocation to Waterford and, in return, Waterford would shift \$100,000 of their Fiscal Year 2016-2017 allocation to the City of Newman. To date, the City of Waterford has not utilized the shifted allocation and is not anticipated to do so before the end of Fiscal Year 2015-2016. As such, in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 the City of Newman will have available both the \$100,000 from their Fiscal Year 2015-2016 allocation and their Fiscal Year 2016-2017 allocation and the City of Waterford will not be obligated to shift \$100,000 of their Fiscal Year 2016-2017 allocation.

In addition to jurisdiction specific activities listed above, CDBG funds will be used to fund the following programs throughout the Stanislaus Urban County in Fiscal Year 2016-2017:

**Economic Development:**

Stanislaus County in partnership with the Alliance Small Business Development Center (SBDC) began a Technical Assistance program for small businesses located within the Stanislaus Urban County in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and the program will continue throughout Fiscal Year 2016-2017. An ADA Compliance Assistance Program will continue to be developed with guidance from HUD. CDBG funds approved in prior years for economic development activities will be utilized to fund these activities.

**Public Services Grants (PSG):**

CDBG funds allow the opportunity for the Stanislaus Urban County to fund non-profit organizations that provide public services. In accordance with HUD public services cap regulations, approximately ten percent of the total Fiscal Year 2016-2017 CDBG allocation, estimated to be \$217,216, is proposed to be set-aside for this purpose. As part of this funding cycle, the Stanislaus Urban County received and reviewed twenty-six (26) competitive applications for PSG funding. Organizations that have applied for PSG funding include, but are not limited to, organizations that provide services to at-risk youth, seniors, and the homeless. The draft AAP includes PSG funding recommendations for the following organizations:

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) – Direct Services Project  
Center for Human Services – Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children Resource Center  
Center for Human Services – Oakdale Family Resource Center  
Center for Human Services – Westside Family Resource Center  
Children's Crisis Center – Guardian House Program  
Children's Crisis Center – Marsha's Shelter Program  
Children's Crisis Center – Verda's Children Shelter Program

Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living- Assistive Technology Program  
Family Promise – Renter Restoration Program (partial funding only, due to limited funding)  
Healthy Aging Association – Young at Heart Program  
The Salvation Army Red Shield – Tutoring and Computer Program  
Second Harvest Food Bank – Food Assistance Program

Attachment “2” includes a list of all PSG applications, along with Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) applications discussed later in this report, received (in order of highest to lowest ranking) with applications recommended for funding reflected in bold and italic print. Recommendations for funding were made by a review panel consisting of eight members: one representative from each of the seven Stanislaus Urban County members and a representative from the Stanislaus County Continuum of Care.

Final approval for the PSG funding recommendations will be requested at the April 26, 2016 public hearing. Upon approval, technical adjustments may be needed if a funded organization fails to meet contract requirements or is found to be ineligible to receive funds. All funding recommendations are subject to final HUD approval. If an organization is found to no longer be eligible, funding will be awarded to the next highest ranking organization.

In the case where an approved PSG program becomes eligible for alternative County funding, their PSG funds may be awarded to the next highest ranking organization once the alternative funding is fully secured. Healthy Aging Association’s Young at Heart Program may be eligible to receive alternative funding from the County’s Parks Department; however, a decision to award alternative funding will not occur until after the April 26<sup>th</sup> approval of the PSG funding recommendations. If this occurs, Family Promise would be fully funded and the Salvation Army Red Shield At Risk Teen Program, the next highest ranking organization, would be awarded the remaining funds. As discussed earlier, prior Fiscal Year NRSA funding is proposed to be awarded to the Salvation Army Red Shield’s program. The Salvation Army Red Shield’s program proposes to serve South Modesto (which includes the NRSA’s Parklawn neighborhood).

### **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)**

The Stanislaus Urban County will continue the implementation of the NSP Program to increase the affordable housing stock within Stanislaus County. In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, NSP Program Income will continue to be available to all Stanislaus Urban County members to fund the removal of blighted and dangerous buildings in NSP target areas. County staff will also continue to work with the Housing Authority of Stanislaus County to finalize plans for the development of the remaining inventory of properties acquired using NSP funds.

### **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding**

As with PSG funding, ESG funds allow the opportunity for the Stanislaus Urban County to fund non-profit organizations that provide public services to the homeless. ESG funds will be used to provide operational and essential services funding for transitional and emergency homeless shelters, for the development of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and to provide financial assistance, in combination with case management, to stabilize housing for persons experiencing homelessness or who are at-risk of becoming homeless. This year, the



Stanislaus Urban County received and reviewed eight (8) ESG competitive applications for funds (the application review was conducted by the same review committee identified above for PSG funding). The draft AAP includes ESG funding recommendations for the following organizations:

Community Housing and Shelter Services – Homeless Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

Community Housing and Shelter Services – Homeless Management Information System HMIS Family Promise- New Beginnings Shelter to Solutions Program

The Salvation Army – Emergency Shelter Program

The Salvation Army – Outreach Program

We Care Program – Emergency Cold Weather Shelter

Final approval for the ESG funding recommendations will be requested at the April 26, 2016 public hearing. Upon approval, technical adjustments may be needed if a funded organization fails to meet contract requirements or is found to be ineligible to receive funds. All funding recommendations are subject to final HUD approval. If an organization is found to no longer be eligible, funding will be awarded to the next highest ranking organization.

### **HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)**

The Stanislaus Urban County is also a member of City of Turlock and Stanislaus County HOME Consortium (referred to as the “HOME Consortium”). The City of Turlock is the “lead entity” with responsibility for implementing and administering the HUD funded HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds for the HOME Consortium.

HOME program funds are used by localities to provide the following activities:

- Affordable housing development;
- Low-income first time homebuyer down payment assistance;
- Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation assistance; and
- Program administration.

The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 estimated HOME Consortium allocation is \$953,712 (allocation amount for the entire HOME Consortium). Fiscal Year 2016-2017 program funding will be determined and adopted by the City of Turlock.

Currently, the City of Turlock contracts independently with each of the Stanislaus Urban County members. Public release of the City of Turlock’s Fiscal Year 2016-2017 AAP detailing HOME activities to be undertaken and funding allocations among the HOME Consortium members is pending.

### **POLICY ISSUE:**

Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding will serve to provide needed infrastructure improvements, housing, economic development, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, shelter and public services to individuals and families throughout Stanislaus County.

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These programs and services outlined in the Annual Action Plan (AAP) are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Con Plan, the County’s Focus on Prevention efforts, and the General Plans, specifically the Housing Elements, and the respective Stanislaus Urban County members.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Based on current Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding projections, the Stanislaus Urban County’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) allocations for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 are estimated to be \$2,369,091. This funding, along with unspent prior Fiscal Year funding, is available to Stanislaus County during multiple years until it is drawn down. The oldest allocation funds are required to be drawn first. Currently Stanislaus County has CDBG allocation money available as far back as Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and ESG allocation money available back to Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The AAP is a required submittal to HUD and is used to obligate the funds and establish the operational plan for the listed projects within the plan. Appropriations will be requested through the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Proposed Budget Process.

Cost of recommended action:		\$ 2,369,091
Source(s) of Funding:		
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$ 2,171,255	
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$ 197,836	
Funding Total:		<u>\$ 2,369,091</u>
Net Cost to County General Fund		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

Fiscal Year:	2016/2017
Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:	No

Fund Balance as of 2/29/2016:	
Community Development Block Grant	\$ 112,582

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ PRIORITY:**

Approval of the proposed Annual Action Plan (AAP) furthers the Board’s priorities of A Safe Community, A Healthy Community, Effective Partnerships, A Well Planned Infrastructure System, and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by providing the community with the necessary funds to implement needed programs and projects.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Administrative oversight of all Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds allocated to the Stanislaus Urban County will be assumed by existing Planning and Community Development staff.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Draft Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan
2. Public Service Grant (PSG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Listing of Applications Received and Ranking.



# Annual Action Plan DRAFT

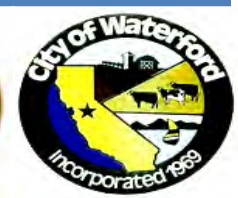
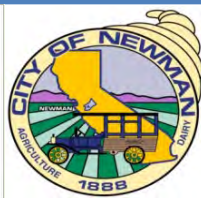
## Fiscal Year 2016-2017

### for

Community Development Block Grant Program  
(CDBG)

& Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)

## STANISLAUS URBAN COUNTY



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## **Expected Resources**

### **AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.220(c)(1,2)**

#### **Introduction**

During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, Stanislaus Urban County expects to receive \$2,171,255 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funding and \$197,836 in Emergency Grant Solutions (ESG) funding. CDBG program income consists of approximately \$400.00 a month unless there's a significant payoff from an existing loan, which will be spent down prior to Fiscal Year 2016-2017 program funds. The exact amount of prior year funds are still unknown. However, Economic Development activities, to be used on a Stanislaus Urban County-wide basis, will be funded with \$140,000 of prior year funds, with approximately \$60,000 estimated to be spent down during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Stanislaus County also currently has a balance of \$865,000 in CalHome funding, of which \$100,000 is anticipated to be utilized during the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 on down payment assistance activities and \$200,000 on housing rehabilitation activities.

**Anticipated Resources**

**Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG Stanislaus Urban County	Public-Federal	Planning Administration Economic Development, Public Infrastructure Improvements, Fair Housing Services, and Public Services	\$2,171,255	County \$400.00	\$2,743,649	\$4,915,304	\$6,513,765	Majority of funds will be utilized for infrastructure projects. 10% will be set aside for public services. 20% for Admin. Prior year resources are projected to be \$2,743,649.00 that are allocated for infrastructure projects that includes \$140,000 set aside for Economic Development activities. This figure may be more than listed in this table.
ESG Stanislaus Urban County	Public - Federal	Homeless Programs, Data Management, and Administration	\$197,836	N/A	N/A	\$197,836	\$593,508	Funds will be utilized for ESG program administration, emergency and transitional shelters, homeless management information systems data entry, and homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services.
CalHome Stanislaus County (Unincorporated County only)	Public-State	First-time homebuyers and/or Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Admin	N/A	N/A	\$100,000 – DPA \$200,000 – Rehab	\$100,000 – DPA \$200,000 – Rehab	\$300,000 – DPA \$292,000 – Rehab	Funds will be used for first-time homebuyers and/or Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Admin.



**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The Stanislaus Urban County members will continue to use State of California funds (as they become available) designed to fund affordable housing projects and programs. Stanislaus County is currently a recipient of CalHome funds to provide down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation assistance.

**Program Income (PI)**

CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), and CDBG-R Program Income funds will continue to be used by the Stanislaus Urban County to fill funding gaps for affordable housing projects/programs as needed to help leverage other funds when possible.

**URBAN COUNTY MEMBER STATE CDBG PROGRAM INCOME**

Prior to joining the Stanislaus Urban County, several Stanislaus Urban County cities received CDBG funds directly from the State of California. Since joining the Stanislaus Urban County, the city of Waterford began collecting program income derived from loans made from their State grants and is reporting their program income through the Stanislaus Urban County.

Use of the funds through the Stanislaus Urban County simplifies the process for cities, which would otherwise have to establish a re-use plan with the State Department of Housing and Community Development. As the lead entity for the Stanislaus Urban County, Stanislaus County ultimately assumes the reporting and monitoring liabilities for State PI reported and used through the Urban County. In order to limit liability, the following criteria will need to be met in order for Stanislaus County to accept the oversight of State Program Income (PI):

- ◆ Adequate notice to Stanislaus County of the intent to use PI will need to be provided to allow for reporting via the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Stanislaus Urban County Annual Action Plan (AAP).
- ◆ A re-use plan detailing a plan for the timely use of the PI, within the same Annual Action Plan fiscal year, will need to be established by the city and accepted by Stanislaus County.
- ◆ PI will need to be used towards a CDBG eligible activity reflected in an adopted Annual Action Plan and approved for funding by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

There is no State CDBG Program Income being reported for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 from any of the Stanislaus Urban County members.

**Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) 1 and 3 Program Income**

The Stanislaus Urban County plans to use NSP 1 and 3 Program Income to remove blighted properties via the Abandoned and Dangerous Building (ADB) Program. The ADB is responsible for investigating requests from the public and public agencies regarding structures that pose a threat to the health and safety of unincorporated Stanislaus County communities. The ADB was integrated into the NSP program to effectively address issues of blight resulting from abandoned and dangerous buildings declared a nuisance in NSP target areas.

## **NSP General**

The City of Oakdale will be working on a multi-family affordable housing project over this next fiscal year in which NSP Program Income funds may be used. The project plans to serve families with low incomes (80% of the area median income, or AMI).

## **CALHOME**

Stanislaus Urban County members will continue the use of State of California funds (as they become available) designed to fund affordable housing projects/programs. Stanislaus County is currently a recipient of CalHome funds, which provides down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers and owner-occupied housing rehabilitation assistance.

## **State Water Board Grant**

Stanislaus County will continue pursuing California State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) grant funds to assist in the completion of CDBG-funded infrastructure projects. With redevelopment agency funds no longer being a financial tool for capital improvement projects, Stanislaus County must now competitively apply for funds such as these to complete projects that are initiated with CDBG funds. Stanislaus County is currently working on its second application for the Airport Neighborhood Sewer Infrastructure Project.

## **If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan**

The City of Oakdale intends to use a 3-acre NSP acquired property to develop a multi-family affordable housing complex over the consolidated plan period. The completion of the development financing and design will be completed by the Spring of 2017 with a construction starting in the Fall of 2017.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.220(c)(3)&(e)Goals Summary Information

**Table 2 – Goals Summary**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve Infrastructure in Low-income Neighborhoods	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Ceres, Hughson, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Waterford, Unincorporated County	Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG (Urban County): \$1,519,878 in current year funds. (Prior fiscal year funds will also be used)	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate income housing benefit: 2,400 persons assisted (cities only; Empire/Airport not counted)
2	Economic Development	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Ceres, Hughson, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Waterford, Unincorporated County	Economic Development	CDBG (Urban County): \$140,000 in prior year funds	Assist 75 small businesses with technical assistance and 50-75 businesses receive education on Federal/State accessibility requirement and/or business expansion.
3	Fair Housing and Tenant/Landlord Services	2016	2017	Non-Homeless Community Development	Ceres, Hughson, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Waterford, Unincorporated County	Fair Housing	CDBG (Urban County): \$25,000	320 extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income individuals

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Access to public services for low- income households and special populations	2016	2017	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Ceres, Hughson, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Waterford, Unincorporated County	Public Services for Extremely Low-, Low-, and Moderate-Income Households/Individuals and Special Populations	CDBG (Urban County): \$217,126	2,774 extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income individuals
5	Shelter/Outreach for Homeless Persons	2016	2017	Homeless	Countywide	Homelessness	ESG (Urban County): \$113,966	750 sheltered homeless individuals and families
6	Rapid Re-Housing for Homeless Persons	2016	2017	Homeless	Countywide	Homelessness	ESG (Urban County): \$34,860	Housing for chronically homeless, homeless families with children, homeless veterans, and homeless persons without children 25 individuals; made up of 8 households
7	Homeless Prevention for Extremely Low Income Households and Individuals	2016	2017	Homeless	Countywide	At Risk of Homelessness	ESG (Urban County): \$19,336	Prevention of homelessness for extremely low-income families with children, and at-risk individuals; 68 individuals, made up of 18 households
8	Homeless Services Data Collection	2016	2017	Homeless	Countywide	Homeless Data Collection	ESG (HMIS Funds): \$14,837	Data collection 1 job maintained or created for data entry assistance

## AP-35 Projects - 91.220(d)

### Introduction

As shown in the previous section, AP 20 Annual Goals and Objectives, the Stanislaus Urban County has identified goals to address housing and community development needs between Fiscal Years 2015 and 2020. On an annual basis, the Stanislaus Urban County will try to achieve as many of these goals as feasible. Below are the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 projects (also known as programs or activities). Wherever possible, the Stanislaus Urban County has identified specific projects.

**Table 3 – Project Information**

#	Project Name
1	Stanislaus County CDBG Program Administration
2	Stanislaus County Airport Neighborhood Sewer Project
	Stanislaus County Empire Storm Drain Infrastructure Project
4	Economic Development Program – Small Business Development Technical Assistance
5	Economic Development Program- ADA Technical Assistance Program
6	Fair Housing and Tenant/Landlord Services – Project Sentinel
7	City of Ceres – Project Administration
8	City of Ceres - Nadine and Evans Road Infrastructure Project Phase II
9	City of Ceres – Sequoia Tract-Sequoia Village Farm Labor Camp ADA Improvements
10	City of Hughson - Project Administration
11	City of Hughson - 2nd Street Infrastructure Project Phase I
14	City of Newman – Project Administration
15	City of Newman - Inyo Avenue Infrastructure Project Phase II
16	City of Newman – Q Street Sidewalk Improvement Project
17	City of Newman – Klehn Park ADA Improvements Project
18	City of Oakdale – Project Administration
19	City of Oakdale – Block 3 Flood Control Project- Design and Infrastructure Project
21	City of Patterson – Project Administration
22	City of Patterson – 5 <sup>th</sup> Street Infrastructure Project Phase II
23	City of Waterford - Project Administration
24	City of Waterford – South Becky Way Storm Drainage Infrastructure Project
25	CASA of Stanislaus County – Direct Services Project (PSG)
26	Center for Human Services – Westside Family Resource Center (PSG)
27	Center for Human Services – Oakdale Family Resource Center (PSG)
28	Center for Human Services – Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children (PSG)
29	Children’s Crisis Center – Children’s Guardian Project (PSG)
30	Children’s Crisis Center – Marsha’s High Risk Infant/Toddler Shelter (PSG)
31	Children’s Crisis Center – Verda’s Children Shelter (PSG)
32	Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living – Assistive Technology Program (PSG)

33	Family Promise of Greater Modesto- Renter Restoration (PSG)
34	Salvation Army Red Shield – Tutoring and Computer Program (PSG)
35	Salvation Army Red Shield – At Risk Teen Program (NRSA- PSG)
36	Healthy Aging Association – Young At Heart Program (PSG)
37	Second Harvest Food Bank – Food Assistance Program (PSG)
38	ESG Program Administration
39	Community Housing and Shelter Services – HPRP Program (ESG)
40	Community Housing and Shelter Services – HMIS Project (ESG)
41	Family Promise of Greater Modesto- New Beginnings – Shelter to Solutions (ESG)
42	The Salvation Army - Shelter Program (ESG)
43	The Salvation Army – Outreach Program (ESG)
44	We Care Program – Emergency Cold Weather Shelter (ESG)

**Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs**

There are three specific goals for the CDBG/ESG programs. They are:

- ◆ Provide decent housing;
- ◆ Provide a suitable living environment; and,
- ◆ Expand economic opportunities

The Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Stanislaus Urban County / City of Turlock Regional Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) was designed to address the above program goals by outlining the Urban County’s needs and priorities for the plan period. CDBG program funds are designed to serve those at or below 80% of the AMI. The current 100% AMI in Stanislaus County for one (1) person is \$39,900 and a family of four (4) is \$56,900. If a project benefits a specific neighborhood or community, at least 51% of the population within that geographic boundary must be within this targeted income group (this is known as an “area benefit activity”).

As stated above, CDBG area benefit activities must address the needs of low and moderate income persons residing in an area where at least 51% of the residents are of low-income. This is recognized by United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a Low/Moderate Area (LMA). With HUD’s release of 2010 Census data in 2014, a number of areas that previously qualified as LMA are no longer eligible. Four Stanislaus Urban County partner members (Hughson, Newman, Patterson and Waterford) no longer contain any LMA areas according to the new Census data. The northeast portion of the Empire community (north of Yosemite Boulevard and east of Santa Fe Avenue) is also no longer eligible according to the new data.

There is reason to believe that HUD-provided data does not reflect the actual majority income levels of several Stanislaus Urban County neighborhoods based on the visible physical conditions of the project areas and local knowledge and information of the community’s demographics. In cases where Stanislaus Urban County members would like to undertake area benefit activities that are not identified as eligible areas by HUD, Stanislaus County and those Stanislaus Urban County members will conduct door-to-door income surveys of the project areas to ensure that they meet the required LMA standards.

Further, priority is assigned based on the level of need that is demonstrated by the data collected during the preparation of the Con Plan, specifically in the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis; the

information gathered during the consultation and citizen participation process; and the availability of resources to address these needs.

During the AAP planning period, members of the Stanislaus Urban County will have the opportunity to “shift” their fiscal year allocations for other member(s) of the Stanislaus Urban County’s future year allocation to address the need for larger sums of funding to complete infrastructure projects of larger scale.

Aside from the City of Ceres, most Stanislaus Urban County’s city allocations range from \$136,000 to \$166,000 for infrastructure activities. Due to redevelopment funds no longer being an option for leverage funding, their annual CDBG allocation alone may not be enough to complete a larger scale project.

Any Stanislaus Urban County member that would like to shift their allocation with another member’s future year allocation must enter into an independent agreement. Cities entering into agreement to shift funds, will be responsible for working out repayment terms amongst themselves if future allocations decline.

The yearly allocation for the HOME program includes Stanislaus County and its urban members. The allocation is also based on Census data population and poverty percentages amongst jurisdictions. The City of Turlock is the lead entity with responsibility for implementing and administering HOME funds for the HOME Consortium. Please refer to the City of Turlock’s Fiscal Year 2016-2017 AAP for specific HOME activities.

In addition, the members of the HOME Consortium and Stanislaus Urban County use various methods to establish health and safety project priority criteria based on unique community needs.

For Stanislaus County, the County Board of Supervisors adopted on August 23, 2011 a Residential Neighborhood Infrastructure Project Ranking Criteria to be used in determining the priority of future infrastructure spending projects beyond those already having been programmed and reflected in past Annual Action Plans and Implementation Plans of the County’s former redevelopment agency.

The ranking criteria focus on the following factors:

- a. Health and safety needs of the program/project and how those needs compare with the needs of other programs/projects. (i.e., high per capita septic system failures).
- b. The willingness and ability of the local community to assess themselves for purposes of contributing towards project costs and costs of ongoing maintenance and operation of improvements, inclusive of support of the program/project by the area’s Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) or an organized community group (if no MAC exists to represent the area).
- c. Identified and available funding sources for the specific program/project (the ability to leverage local agency dollars with outside funding sources are critical to ensuring a successful program/project).
- d. A projects geographical and fiscal equity in terms of equitable distribution throughout the various communities, service to income qualified residents, and, when needed, proximity to needed infrastructure connects.

On October 28, 2014 the Board of Supervisors adopted a plan called Focus on Prevention 2015, which is a strategy for community transformation in four areas critical to the quality of life in Stanislaus County (homelessness, strengthening families, youth early intervention, and reducing recidivism). The goal of the Focus on Prevention initiative is to bring all sectors of the community together to provide an opportunity for cross-sector development of community-wide prevention strategies.

Stanislaus County through its CDBG/ESG program will continue the implementation of the Focus on Prevention Initiative and will integrate the work that comes out of this effort into future funding decisions. As a next step to incorporate the Focus on Prevention initiative into the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant programs the scoring criteria has been updated to include an emphasis on prevention focused proposals for the Public Services Grants and ESG Program. Throughout the upcoming fiscal year community stakeholder groups will continue to meet and staff will be incorporating as appropriate more Focus on Prevention strategies as the process unfolds.

For Fiscal Year 2016-2017, Public Services funds were allocated based on a competitive grant cycle to which public service providers can apply for grants up to \$20,000. Applicants were restricted to submitting three (3) applications per agency for public services, provided each application is a request for a different program or office. One \$25,000 Fair Housing Services Grant was made available which had an agency limit of one (1) application per agency. All applicants were required to attend a technical workshop prior to submission of an application. A panel made up of representation from each Stanislaus Urban County member and the Stanislaus Housing and Supportive Services Collaborative Continuum of Care (CoC) reviewed each written application submission and oral presentation and scored them individually.

As regulated in the 2015-2020 Con Plan community outreach was conducted to prioritize the targeting of public service funds within the community. A community survey identified the following public service priorities:

#### **High Priorities**

- ◆ Services for At-risk Children/Youth
- ◆ Senior Services
- ◆ Services for Physically/Mentally Disabled Persons
- ◆ Homeless Services

#### **Medium Priorities**

- ◆ Services for Victims of Domestic Violence
- ◆ Homeless Prevention Services
- ◆ Emergency Food Assistance
- ◆ Parent Education

#### **Low Priorities**

- ◆ Utility Assistance
- ◆ Financial Literacy
- ◆ Services for Persons Recently Incarcerated or on Parole
- ◆ Service for Persons with Substance Abuse Problems
- ◆ Other General Low/Mod Income Services

Below is the scoring criteria that was utilized for Public Services Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant Program for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017:

#### **Capacity & Experience**

- ◆ Agency & Staff Experience with Grant Administration
- ◆ Program Sustainability Outlook



### **Need/Extent of the Problem**

- ◆ Prevention Focus
- ◆ Consolidated Plan Consistency/Priority
- ◆ Meeting a Community Need

### **Collaboration**

- ◆ Does Project Include Cross Sector Engagements?
- ◆ Is there Partnerships and Collaborations?
- ◆ Outreach and Referrals

### **Accomplishments & Program Evaluation**

- ◆ Are Accomplishments Measurable?
- ◆ Standardized Client Intake and Eligibility Process
- ◆ Standardized Methods and Tools to Evaluate Progress
- ◆ Are Long-Term Goals Verifiable and Attainable?
- ◆ Will Program be Impactful and Effective?

### **Financials**

- ◆ Clear and Efficient Budget
- ◆ Leveraging Sources

### **Performance & Risk Assessment**

- ◆ Implementation- Soundness of Approach
- Monitoring Results and Timeliness

### **Project Innovation**

#### **Grant Submittal**

- ◆ Is the Application Clear?
- ◆ Presentation Value

The results of the competitive process were presented to the CoC, and the ESG/SHP/HMIS Subcommittee during the 30 day public review period.

The greatest single obstacle to meeting underserved needs, in addition to constraints and restrictions of the funding programs' requirements, is the limited funding available to address underserved needs. An estimated total of \$217,126 in CDBG funds has been set-aside for the Public Services Program and \$197,836 in ESG funds for homeless prevention, HMIS, rapid re-housing and shelter programs. Applicants will be awarded funding according to their ranking based on their overall scoring. Final funding is dependent on applicants meeting all contract requirements, HUD funding availability and final Board of Supervisors approval.

### **Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA)**

The NRSA Plan for the Parklawn and Airport Neighborhoods, approved by HUD in December 2012, covers a five year period (Fiscal Years 2012-2017) during which CDBG and other grants funds were proposed to be targeted to these neighborhoods. The ultimate objective of the Revitalization Strategy (RS) is to empower low-income residents through a targeted approach aimed at revitalizing the neighborhoods by investing resources that will improve/add housing stock, provide economic development opportunities through job creation, install needed infrastructure, and provide public services.

In addition to pursuing implementation of the next phases of the Airport sewer project and continuing efforts to develop properties acquired through the Stanislaus Urban County's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) in the Parklawn and Airport neighborhoods, staff will continue to work with neighborhood residents and existing non-profit organizations to pursue establishing a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) and to provide resource information to the communities. A CBDO has the primary purpose of improving the physical, social, economic environment of its service area by addressing one or more critical problems in the area, with particular attention to the needs of low to moderate income persons. A total of \$2,936.94 in prior Fiscal Year CDBG funding approved for NRSA activities is proposed to be utilized to fund The Salvation Army Red Shield's At Risk Teen Program in Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The Salvation Army Red Shield's program proposes to serve South Modesto (which includes the NRSA's Parklawn neighborhood).

## **AP-38 Project Summary**

### **Project Summary Information**

PUBLIC SERVICES PROGRAMS –URBAN COUNTY\*

#### **Court Appointment Special Advocates (CASA) of Stanislaus County Direct Service Project \$20,000**

CASA connects youth in foster care with case managers who advocate for them throughout their time in the foster care system. At-risk youth in the foster care system are referred to CASA by the Stanislaus County Superior Court to provide advocacy services for children in dependency. The advocate works with everyone involved and makes independent, informed recommendations on the child's behalf directly to the judge who makes all orders regarding the case. The dedication of CASA volunteers allows judges to ensure successful outcomes for children. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives. Independent research has demonstrated that children with a CASA volunteer are substantially less likely to spend time in long-term foster care and less likely to reenter care.

#### **Center for Human Services (CHS)**

##### **Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children- Concrete Support in Times of Need \$20,000**

CHS in partnership with Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children (CPHC) will provide emergency assistance (food, clothing, utility assistance, baby supplies, transportation vouchers, hygiene needs) to low-income families from the Ceres area through their Concrete Support in Times of Need Program. CPHC's Family Resource Center provides case management services to families referred from Ceres Unified School District, Ceres Public Safety, Community Services Agency, local businesses, or self-referred. Families will receive a Family Development Assessment to determine need and to help with future family goal planning. Families that are in need of emergency assistance would work with a Family Advocate to access other programs such as housing assistance, Cal Fresh, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, WIC and other community programs.

#### **Center for Human Services (CHS)**

##### **Oakdale Family Resource Center Crisis Support Program \$20,000**

CHS will assist residents and families from Oakdale, Valley Home and Knights Ferry who need assistance with utility bills, food, clothing, temporary shelter and mental health or alcohol and drug counseling services through their Crisis Support program at the Oakdale Family Resource Center (FRC). A Family Advocate will provide strength-based assessments, an empowerment plan with goals, resource and referrals and other needed services. The goal is to increase each resident's capacity to become a healthy and productive member of the eastside community by providing concrete support for basic and emergency needs.

**Center for Human Services (CHS)  
Westside Family Resource Center \$20,000**

The Westside Family Resource Center will provide brief case management and crisis intervention, utility assistance, emergency food, and resource and referral services for low-income families in need residing on the west side of the County. Families and individuals that are in need of utility assistance must work with a case manager to complete a three session Budget and Financial Planning Training in order to receive the utility assistances. Families and individuals in need of emergency food can receive a one-time emergency food bag and would be referred to our nutrition classes to help address any future emergency food needs. CHS will work with community partners on the Westside to maximize the number and depth of resources provided to the homeless or low income residents seeking services and support.

**Children's Crisis Center  
Children's Guardian Project \$20,000**

This project will provide emergency child care, meals, crisis intervention and support services to a disadvantaged population of high-risk infants, toddlers and school-age children living in Oakdale, Valley Home, Hughson, Empire, Hickman and Waterford. This project will deliver specialized care to an impoverished population of children growing up within families experiencing generational abuse, domestic violence, familial abuse and/or homelessness. These children will be members of families living in very low to moderate low income households (below 80% of AMI), enduring various social and economic challenges. They will have undergone traumas stemming from exposure to domestic violence, substance abuse, extreme poverty, mental illness or homelessness. They are likely to be frightened, suffering poor hygiene, lacking trust and delayed in their development. Without intervention, they face increased risk for further abuse, advanced neglect, chronic illness, developmental delays, emotional disturbance, mental illness, academic failures and delinquency.

Nurturing staff, specializing in child development, crisis counseling and crisis management will tend to the physical, emotional, therapeutic, educational and nutritional needs of each child. Caregivers will be qualified with education and advanced training in child development, school-age instruction, disaster preparedness, food service and crisis intervention. This project will shield vulnerable children from family situations that threaten their well-being and will help families overcome anxieties related to poverty, homelessness, unemployment and evictions.

**Children's Crisis Center  
Marsha's High-Risk Infant/Toddler Shelter \$19,980**

This project will provide shelter, emergency care, meals, crisis intervention and homeless support services to an impoverished population of high-risk infants and toddlers ages birth - 3 years living in Ceres, Empire, Grayson, Patterson, Salida, Westley and unincorporated Modesto. This project will deliver specialized shelter to this highly vulnerable population of children growing up within families experiencing poverty, domestic violence, familial abuse and/or homelessness. Nurturing staff, specializing in infant/toddler care, child development, crisis counseling and crisis management will tend to the physical, emotional, therapeutic, educational and nutritional needs of each child. Caregivers will be qualified with education and advanced training in child development, preschool instruction, disaster preparedness, food service and crisis intervention. This project will shield disadvantaged children from family situations that threaten their well-being and will offer support to help families overcome anxieties related to poverty, homelessness, unemployment and evictions.

**Children's Crisis Center  
Verda's Children Shelter \$19,980**

This program represents a new project that would provide shelter, emergency care, meals, crisis intervention and homeless support services to an impoverished population of high-risk infants, toddlers and school-age children ages birth to 17, living in unincorporated Turlock, Newman, Patterson, Hughson, Hickman and Waterford. This project will deliver specialized shelter to this disadvantaged population of children growing up within families experiencing poverty, domestic violence, familial abuse and/or homelessness. Nurturing staff, specializing in child development, crisis counseling and crisis management will tend to the physical, emotional, therapeutic, educational and nutritional needs of each child. Caregivers will be qualified with education and advanced training in child development, school-age instruction, disaster preparedness, food service and crisis intervention. This project will shield vulnerable children from homelessness and family situations that threaten their well-being. It will offer support to help families overcome anxieties related to poverty, homelessness, unemployment and evictions.

**Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL)  
Assistive Technology Program \$5,000**

DRAIL is an agency that serves anyone with a disability regardless of age or ethnicity. The Assistive Technology Program would serve extremely low to low income or moderate income individuals with disabilities who need any durable medical equipment or other device that would empower them to be self-sufficient. Many devices are not covered by insurances or are only covered partially with a share of cost required by the individual. The consumers who DRAIL serves are either receiving SSDI or SSI are in the process of applying for benefits with no income at the time.

**Healthy Aging Association  
Young at Heart Program \$20,000**

The program provides strength training and exercise, fall prevention, health education and outreach to seniors 62 and over in the cities of Oakdale, Waterford, Hughson, Ceres, Grayson/Westley, Patterson and Newman. These classes are provided two to three times a week in the above listed cities. Health Education and Outreach will also be provided to other unincorporated areas within Stanislaus County. The programs are designed to improve the prevention, early intervention, treatment and management of chronic conditions by providing community-based health and wellness resources for Stanislaus County's low-income and at risk seniors and disabled at no cost. The classes are available in multiple neighborhoods throughout the county reduce the barriers to participation by seniors who do not have access to transportation.

**Family Promise of Greater Modesto  
Renter Restoration Program \$12,354 (Partial Funding)**

Family Promise proposes to implement an innovative new program designed to help homeless or very low income families overcome barriers to rental housing and re-enter the mainstream rental market. The program consists of 3 main components: renter education and mentoring; landlord outreach in engagement and the creation of a landlord guarantee and as an incentive for participation. The agency will hire a part-time rental case manager to implement an education for renters who seek to overcome poor rental history such as evictions or a history of late payments.

**Salvation Army Red Shield  
Tutoring and Computer Program \$19,812**

The agency will be operating a tutoring program to help children in south Modesto and surrounding areas with their educational needs. Children will be divided into 3 groups due to grade level with an additional group for Spanish Speakers. There is a tutor assigned to each grade level group, and he/she sits in the center of the circular table to assist each student. In the case where no homework is given, the children will work on level appropriate packets of work that have been prepared by the tutoring coordinator. A computer program is also available after tutoring that allows each child to learn typing skills and informational literacy. They are also given a small snack prior to the tutoring and a meal after computer program is complete.

**Salvation Army Red Shield  
At Risk Teen Program \$2,936.94 (NRSA funding)**

The program is designed to give teens a safe place to go after school and to provide mentoring and fun recreational activities. Hours of operation for the program are Monday through Thursday from 2:30pm until 6:30pm and on Friday until 9:00pm. Monday through Thursday the program will provide space for teens to do homework, use the computer lab and receive mentoring. Friday afternoons will be focused on special recreational activities for the participating teens. This program will focus on the Parklawn neighborhood while funded with NRSA funding. If there is a technical adjustment in funding and the organization becomes fully funded then the program will service the South Modesto area while still maintaining a focus on the Parklawn neighborhood.

**Second Harvest Food Bank  
Food Assistance Program \$20,000**

Second Harvest Food Bank provides assistance to those who are food insecure. Second Harvest's Food Assistance Program interacts with non-profit charities that have a food pantry program of their own. The agency is currently serving 18 non-profit organizations in the cities of Ceres, Oakdale, Hickman, Keyes, Empire, Patterson, Waterford, and Newman which include the unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County. The non-profit charities visit the Food Bank as often as once per week to select packaged groceries, canned fruit and vegetables, grains, dairy products, meats, fresh fruits and vegetables. The charities then distribute the food through their food pantries to individuals in need. The strength of the program is the ability to pick up large-scale donations from retail stores and distribution centers, which far exceeds the pickup and storage capabilities of small non-profit charities. By centralizing the collection, storage, and distribution of product through the Food Bank, more individuals in need are served through the food pantries.

Second Harvest Food Bank is requesting funding to purchase food that will be used to supplement our distribution efforts in the grant service areas. The funds will be used to purchase additional nutritional groceries that are not frequently donated to Second Harvest Food Bank. These funds will provide for additional nutritional food being made available to the low-income residents residing within the Stanislaus County CDBG funding area.

## Infrastructure Projects – Urban County

### STANISLAUS COUNTY

#### **Stanislaus County-CDBG Program Administration: \$319,089**

Stanislaus County will provide management and administration services to the Stanislaus Urban County program member. The funds will cover the costs of salary, publications, public notices, and other eligible costs directly related to the program. These funds will also cover administration costs incurred from administering the ESG program (costs incurred in excess of ESG administration funds).

#### **Fair Housing Program: \$25,000**

Stanislaus County will contract with Project Sentinel, a HUD certified fair housing agency, to carry out Fair Housing Program services. Funds will be used to provide fair housing information, housing counseling and tenant/landlord mediation services to residents of the Stanislaus Urban County. Project Sentinel provides housing advocacy to the Stanislaus Urban County's members through community forums, town-hall meetings, and housing fairs.

- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 200
- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$25,000

#### **Airport Neighborhood Sewer Infrastructure Project: \$302,114**

This project will provide a sewer system with street overlays serving the unincorporated Airport Neighborhood. Engineering and design of the sewer infrastructure, for the entire project, has been completed in partnership with the City of Modesto and construction of the first phase of the project, funded by CDBG funds has been completed.

Stanislaus County is currently seeking California State Water Resources Board (CSWRB) funds to finance the remaining phases of the sanitary sewer system in the Airport Neighborhood. CDBG funding will remain allocated to the project until sufficient funding is secured to complete the project.

- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 2,000
- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$13,955,500

#### **Empire Storm Drain Infrastructure Project: \$302,115**

This project was initiated in Fiscal Year 2006-2007 as a Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency (RDA) project with the intent to leverage CDBG funds and RDA resources (with RDA funds being the major funding source). The project was engineered and designed to build a positive storm drainage system and as such, Phase 1A (the first phase of four phases) was completed in 2010, serving 80 parcels for approximately \$2.5 million utilizing both CDBG and RDA funds. With the State of California's elimination of redevelopment agencies in 2011, the construction of additional project phases, estimated to cost approximately \$15 million, cannot proceed due to funding constraints.

In an effort to identify a lower-cost option to complete the remaining phases of the project, a feasibility study for a Low Impact Development (LID) swale storm drainage system was completed. The LID system was presented at a February 17, 2015, community meeting; however, it was not supported by the Empire residents.

In response to feedback received from Empire residents, the project has been redesigned to provide for a targeted storm drainage system and traffic safety improvements, including a roundabout and sidewalks for safe routes to school for children and general pedestrian use, for the residential neighborhood

generally bounded by 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on the north, Yosemite Boulevard on the south, "G" Street on the east and "A" Street on the west.

Stanislaus County Public Works is initiating proceedings for the annexation of the project area into the Community Services Area (CSA) 27-Empire. Construction of the project is contingent upon success of the proposed CSA annexation which is needed to provide for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the targeted storm drain system and other improvements once the infrastructure has been constructed.

The actual expenditure of CDBG funds for either of the Stanislaus County infrastructure projects will be dependent on future approvals by the Board of Supervisors. Staff will return to the Board of Supervisors for funding approval and authorization to proceed with project construction once the outcome of the CSWRB grant funding request and CSA annexation proceedings are finalized.

- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 2,500
- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$4,300,000

## **CITY OF CERES**

### **City of Ceres CDBG Administration: \$15,027**

This expenditure includes costs associated management, oversight, and coordination of the related CDBG funded projects.

### **Sequoia Tract- Sequoia Village Farm Labor Camp ADA Improvements Project : \$140,000**

The project will provide ADA improvements within the area which is bounded by Arthur Way to the west, Darrah Street to the north, Fourth Street to the east and Herndon Way to the south.

- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 932
- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$220,000

### **Nadine and Evans Road Infrastructure Project- Phase 2: \$100,000**

The project will provide curb, gutter and sidewalk, matching AC and storm drainage. The project area is located along Nadine Avenue between Weber Avenue and Richland Avenue. Phase 2 will focus on the Evans Road area of the project.

- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 75
- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$200,000

## **CITY OF HUGHSON**

### **City of Hughson CDBG Administration: \$15,027**

This expenditure includes costs associated management, oversight, and coordination of the related CDBG funded projects.

### **2nd Street Sidewalk Infill Project- Part 2: \$121,058**

The project is part of a multi-year effort to complete sidewalk infill projects to improve connectivity, mobility and access for non-motorized users of the City. The project will include the installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk and pedestrian and ADA improvements. The project area is located along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Walker Lane and Fox Road.

- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$150,000
- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 50

## **CITY OF NEWMAN**

### **City of Newman CDBG Administration: \$15,027**

This expenditure includes costs associated management, oversight, and coordination of the related CDBG funded projects.

### **Inyo Avenue Infrastructure Project: \$100,000 (FY 2015-2016 funds)**

The project is to install/replace curb, gutter and sidewalk and street repair and overlay (due to infrastructure repairs) on the north side of Inyo Avenue from R to Merced Streets.

- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$100,000
- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 52

### **Q Street Infrastructure Project- Part 2: \$70,000**

The installation/repair or curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveways, tree removal, street repair and overlay due to severe damage by tree roots in the project area.

- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$70,000
- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 80

### **Klehn Park Improvement Project- Phase 1: \$67,473**

The project is to make ADA improvements and improve safety conditions within the community park. The park is located Drive at 1290 Amy Drive on the corner of Driskell Avenue and Amy and on a 1.5 acre parcel.

- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$100,000
- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 100

## **CITY OF OAKDALE**

### **City of Oakdale CDBG Administration: \$15,027**

This expenditure includes costs associated management, oversight, and coordination of the related CDBG funded projects.

### **Block 3 Flood Control Project Design and Construction: \$151,683**

The project will provide improved flood control measures for the areas of West H Street, West I Street, South Wood Street, Wanda Way and Hinkley Avenue.

- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$250,000
- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 500

## **CITY OF PATTERSON**

### **City of Patterson CDBG Administration: \$15,027**

This expenditure includes costs associated management, oversight, and coordination of the related CDBG funded projects.

### **5th Street Infrastructure Project: \$137,321**

The project will be phased over the next two fiscal years and will include 2,825 linear feet of water main replacement along the 5<sup>th</sup> Street alley. The project area is along the 5<sup>th</sup> Street alley between C and D Streets.

- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$398,305



- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 98

An alternate infrastructure project may be added based on the city council's funding decisions prior to April 2016.

**CITY OF WATERFORD**

**City of Waterford CDBG Administration: \$15,027**

This expenditure includes costs associated management, oversight, and coordination of the related CDBG funded projects.

**South Becky Way Storm Drainage Infrastructure Project: \$126,074**

The project will place a positive storm drain system in the area to replace an inadequate existing rock/dry well drain system. Street paving will be constructed as necessary to repair the digging and trenching caused by the addition to these improvements. The project area is located on South Becky Way from Pecan Avenue south to the end of the cul-de-sac.

- ◆ Estimated Project Cost: \$200,000
- ◆ Estimated Number of People Served: 104

**AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.220(f)**

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed.

Unincorporated Stanislaus County, along with the cities of Ceres, Hughson, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, and Waterford, form what is known as the “Stanislaus Urban County”. The Stanislaus Urban County, as an Entitlement Jurisdiction, receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement funds from HUD on an annual basis based on a formula allocation. Stanislaus County is recognized as the “lead entity” under these entitlement programs.

A requirement of the CDBG program is to benefit those members of the population that meet the definition of Targeted Income. A Targeted Income person is one who earns 80% or less of the AMI for CDBG funds, and 30% or less than the AMI for ESG grant funds. Additionally, if a project benefits a specific neighborhood or community, at least 51% of the population within that geographic boundary must be within the Targeted Income Group (TIG).

**Geographic Distribution**

**Table 4 - Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Urban County CDBG Block Groups	100%

The main objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding opportunities for persons of low and moderate-income.

Approximately 10% of the Stanislaus Urban County’s CDBG entitlement allocation is designated under the “Public Service” program. The Public Service program provides funds to non-profit organizations, through a competitive application process, to provide essential public service programs throughout the participating Stanislaus Urban County members.

The remaining funds are distributed among the Stanislaus Urban County members, via a formula that represents poverty and population census data, to address community infrastructure needs. These needs may include, but are not limited to, sewer infrastructure and storm drainage to sidewalk infill projects. CDBG funds are used to address infrastructure improvement needs, which in turn improve the quality of life by promoting safe and healthy communities.

**Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

For the development of the AAP, the participating jurisdictions used population information derived from the U.S. Census regarding median household income. The target areas of the Stanislaus Urban County members are the very low and low-income areas of the jurisdictions. Although funds are used for all residents of the Stanislaus Urban County’s members, priority is given to programs and projects in the target areas.

CDBG funds allocated to the Stanislaus Urban County will be utilized for various programs including infrastructure improvements, economic development, public services, and fair housing. Some programs are funded collectively for the benefit of the entire Stanislaus Urban County, such as homeless and public services. Other programs are specific to individual members of the Stanislaus Urban County. Each member of the Stanislaus Urban County identifies the specific needs within its respective communities as a means to determine use of its specific allocations.

**Affordable Housing**

**AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.220(g)**

**Introduction**

The tables in this section provide estimates on the number of homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households to be provided affordable housing during the program year and the number of affordable units that will be provided by program type, including rental assistance, production of new units, rehabilitation of existing units, or acquisition of existing units.

**Table 5 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	275
Non-Homeless	40
Special-Needs	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>515</b>

*Note: Total does not add up due to number of clients being served being represented in more than one category.*

**Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	45
The Production of New Units	15
Rehab of Existing Units	7

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>

**Discussion**

One of the goals identified in the Con Plan and this AAP is to increase the supply of affordable housing for the Urban County’s lowest-income households.

Housing assistance programs were also identified as a community need via the consolidated plan process. In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, Stanislaus Urban County members will continue to use any funds available including State CalHome housing funds (not all Stanislaus Urban County members are recipients of CalHome funds) and their HOME funds to address the variety of housing needs within the jurisdiction. Although the Stanislaus Urban County has identified housing assistance and housing programs as one of the top three priorities, the Stanislaus Urban County members’ ability to considerably contribute toward the provision and development of affordable housing programs/projects has been drastically limited both by the State of California’s elimination of Redevelopment Agencies (which was the most significant tool for the provision of affordable housing, economic development, job creation and elimination of blight), as well as by the continued reduction of HOME funds in recent years.

Emergency shelter and rental assistance, for homeless households and households at-risk of becoming homeless, will also be provided through the Emergency Solutions Grant program.

**AP-60 Public Housing - 91.220(h)**

**Introduction**

The Stanislaus Urban County and the Housing Authority of Stanislaus County (Housing Authority) continue to have a close working relationship and meet on an as needed basis to discuss concerns relevant to public housing and other housing matters. The Stanislaus Urban County will continue to work with the Housing Authority and other public and private housing and social service agencies to foster public housing improvements and resident initiatives.

**Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

The Housing Authority’s mission is committed to addressing the unmet housing needs of residents and communities in the county consistent with federal, state, and local law. The Housing Authority owns and operates public housing units in addition to operating the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). Based on the data supplied by HUD, the Housing Authority has 4,197 Housing Choice Vouchers in use. As of March 2015. The Housing Authority has a fluctuating waiting list of 4,500 families in the Stanislaus Urban County and 850 in the City of Turlock. (Source: 2015 PHA Plan)

The Housing Authority operates 647 conventional public housing units throughout Stanislaus County in five Asset Management Properties (AMP). AMP 1 contains a total of 149 units located in Oakdale, Turlock, Ceres, and Hughson. AMP 2 contains a total of 66 units located in Newman, Patterson and Westley. The remaining 432 units are located in AMP’s 3, 4 & 5 in the City of Modesto.

The Housing Authority operates several affordable housing programs in addition to Public Housing, including year round Farm Labor Housing, Seasonal Migrant Farm Worker Housing and several smaller affordable housing properties including units funded under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8).

Currently, there is no other funding or authorization from HUD to increase the number of Public Housing units, however, the Housing Authority is always working to increase the stock of affordable housing in Stanislaus County through other available resources, programs, and partnerships as opportunities arise.

**Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership**

The Housing Authority provides homeownership resources to participants in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program has established partnerships with a variety of community resources to refer participants for services including pre- and post-secondary education, health care, child care, employment development, supported employment, and small business development including micro-loans. The FSS Program also encourages families to participate in financial wellness programs including financial literacy and credit repair with an emphasis on long-term financial stability for the purposes of homeownership. Supportive services are provided through Community Impact Central Valley (CICV), the Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), and Stanislaus County Integrated Services Agency.

The Housing Authority continues to have a services and communication “quality control” system that provides the Housing Authority with immediate customer feedback and identifies areas that may need improvement.

The Housing Authority has also implemented a resident education program with regularly scheduled meetings and written communications on agency policy, rules, and leases.

Efforts to improve communications with residents and program participants include: on site resident training/informational meetings, regular newsletters and flyers.

The Housing Authority has implemented a “curb-side” appearance program. The focus of the program is the exterior of buildings, parking areas, play grounds and other areas of the complexes. Rodent and insect problems are addressed when residents report a problem and/or on annual inspections. In an effort to better educate residents concerning these problems, information is regularly provided through the Housing Authority’s newsletter.

These actions have assisted the Housing Authority in creating an atmosphere which emphasizes customer satisfaction and communication.

**If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance**

N/A. The Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

**AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.220(i)**

**Introduction**

As discussed earlier in this AAP, the Stanislaus Urban County and City of Turlock participate in the Stanislaus Housing and Supportive Services Collaborative Continuum of Care (CoC) to develop and implement regional goals and strategies (outlined in this section) to address and end homelessness.

To develop the Stanislaus Urban County’s homeless funding priorities, the current condition of homelessness in the Nation and Stanislaus County was examined by pulling from the 2015 Point-in-Time (PIT) count, the CoC’s 2015 Exhibit 1, the Stanislaus Urban County’s Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan (Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Con Plan), and the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness’s Report, “Opening Doors – Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness”

(2010). A recent Community Survey, conducted in preparation for the development of the Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Con Plan, identified homeless services as a high priority and homeless prevention activities as a medium priority. Eligible activities allowed for under the homeless funds that the CDBG Stanislaus Urban County receives (ESG and CDBG Public Services) were then compared to existing services available to homeless and at-risk persons to develop the funding priorities described below. The ultimate goal of the Stanislaus Urban County Homeless Strategy is to increase housing stability and decrease incidents of homelessness in Stanislaus County by targeting funds to populations most in need, meeting both the immediate and long-term needs of the homeless, and avoiding the duplication of services by coordinating with service providers and the CoC.

The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness has the following 4 Goals:

- ◆ End Chronic Homelessness in five years
- ◆ Prevent and End Homelessness among Veterans in 5 years
- ◆ Prevent and End Homelessness for Families, Youth and Children in 10 years
- ◆ Set a Path to End all Homelessness

The Federal Strategic Plan focuses on solving homelessness for the chronic homeless, homeless veterans, homeless families with children, and homeless unaccompanied youth. Within the document six strategies are discussed as paths to housing those target populations:

- ◆ Individualized Goal-Based Service Planning
- ◆ On-Going Support Services Connected to Mainstream Resources
- ◆ Independent Living Skills Training
- ◆ Connections to Supportive and Trustworthy Adults and Support Networks
- ◆ Employment and Education
- ◆ Housing

Similarly, the current focus of the Stanislaus Housing and Supportive Services CoC funding has been to provide permanent supportive housing (PSH) for the chronically homeless, homeless veterans and for homeless youth out of foster care. The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program provides emergency shelter, homeless prevention and rental assistance to help stabilize and house homeless households with and without children and long-term homeless adults. ESG sub-grantees will assess individual clients' needs and will evaluate their potential for success in the appropriate program (Emergency, Transitional, Permanent Supportive Housing or Rental Assistance). If they are not able to offer the needed service, then clients will be referred to the appropriate resource.

Drawing from these local data sources and federal strategies, the Stanislaus Urban County has established the following Homeless Strategic Plan action items:

- ◆ Develop and operate coordinated entry for all households who are entering the homeless system or at risk for homelessness.
- ◆ Reach out to homeless households (especially unsheltered persons) and assess their individual needs with coordinated entry and a common assessment tool; collect information to determine the underlying issues and risk factors and develop a plan to address those issues.

- ◆ Reduce recidivism through system-wide implementation of evidenced-based practices known to effectively address homelessness, including incorporation of the Focus on Prevention 2015 strategies.
- ◆ Address the emergency shelter needs of people living outside through increased street outreach and assessment of their health needs.
- ◆ Significantly expand homeless rapid re-housing services to end homelessness as quickly as possible.
- ◆ Consider adoption of a “housing first” approach as a direct route to reducing homelessness.
- ◆ Help low-income households who are being discharged from publicly funded systems of care avoid becoming homeless by engaging those systems of care in identifying solutions to such households and planning to avoid new homelessness.
- ◆ Improve data collection and analysis, including better utilizing HMIS to track the transition of persons into and out of homelessness.
- ◆ Increase access to vocational training opportunities for homeless persons.
- ◆ Increase access to affordable housing & support services in areas related to life skills.
- ◆ Increase coordination with entities releasing persons into homelessness and with service providers and the CoC.

Please see Table 1a and the discussion provided under the Homeless Needs Assessment portion of the Con Plan for additional details on the needs of homeless in Stanislaus County.

**Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

**The Emergency Solutions Grant Program**

The primary source of homeless funds in the Stanislaus Urban County is Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds. The ESG program, formally the Emergency Shelter Grant program, is intended to supplement state, local and private efforts to improve the quality and number of emergency shelters and transitional facilities for homeless people as well as to provide case management and financial assistance to prevent homelessness and to permanently re-house homeless persons. HUD issued an interim rule for the ESG Program on December 5, 2011. This rule amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act in accordance with the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), enacted into law on May 20, 2009. The interim rule established a list of eligible activities, and allows the local grantee, Stanislaus Urban County, to select activities in accordance with its own community development objectives.

Designed as a first step in a CoC plan of assistance, the ESG program strives to address the immediate needs of persons residing on the street and needing emergency shelter and transitional housing, as well as assisting their movement to independent living. While flexible in terms of serving all homeless subpopulations and preventing persons from becoming homeless, ESG program legislation and implementing regulations do limit the types of activities and amounts of funds that can be spent on different activities. The following categories of eligible activities and applicable limitations are discussed in the Emergency Solutions Grant Standards on page 39.

Street Outreach Activities (funding capped)

- ◆ Emergency Shelter Activities (funding capped)
- ◆ Homeless Prevention Activities
- ◆ Rapid Re-Housing Activities
- ◆ Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Activities

To be eligible for ESG assistance, a public service project must serve homeless persons or very low income households who are at-risk of homelessness (at or below 30% of AMI).

HUD's proposed allocation for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 ESG funds is in the amount of \$197,836. The interim rule eliminated the previous program caps and replaced them with a 60% maximum (or Hold Harmless Need "HHN" maximum) of grant funds to be spent on shelter and street outreach activities. Administration funds are capped at 7.5% of the total grant allocation. Locally, approximately \$10-15,000 per year is set aside for HMIS data entry assistance, to assist non-HUD funded shelters and homeless service providers in entering their client service data into the HMIS system. After the HMIS award and Administration are subtracted from the overall award amount, 50% of the remaining award is awarded to shelter programs and the remaining 50% of the funds are awarded to programs that provide homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services.

The following includes a list of homeless service and prevention programs to be funded by the Stanislaus Urban County with Emergency Solutions Grant funds throughout the Fiscal Year 2016-2017:

**EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAMS – URBAN COUNTY**

**Community Housing and Shelter Services (CHSS)  
Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program \$19,336**

The goal of this project is to assist 8 Households, or about 25 individual with Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing funding. The Homeless Prevention funding will be utilized to provide rental assistance to prevent eviction for households who have received a 3-day notice and have written verifiable documentation of an emergency that has caused them to enter into default on their rent. The Rapid Re-Housing funding will be utilized to provide short-term rental assistance via first month's rent and deposit assistance to households who are homeless and are unable to pay for their full move-in fees. All households served will receive on-going Case Management Services and complete an individualized action plan to address their immediate and long-term goals to ensure permanent housing sustainability.

**Community Housing and Shelter Services (CHSS)  
HMIS Project \$14,837**

Data entered into the HMIS system for all homeless service providers, not just HUD funded, provides a better representation of the homeless population needs within the community. Complete quality data entry also makes it more likely for our community to receive a representative funding amount for homeless services, reducing the burden on our limited public safety dollars. The partnership allows the non-HUD funded homeless service agency to enter the data (over 50% of the homeless population) and better represent to funders the numbers of actual number of needy individuals that are present within the community as a whole.

**Family Promise of Greater Modesto  
New Beginnings- Shelter to Solutions \$52,620**

With “*New Beginnings – Shelter to Solutions*” Family Promise continues to provide a comprehensive approach to ending family homelessness. The emergency shelter program strengthens families by providing a safe place where homeless children and their families can stay together during crisis. Through the Interfaith Hospitality Network, volunteers from local congregations provide overnight lodging and meals in their existing facilities. The Family Promise Day Center operates as home base for the families during the day with showers, laundry facilities and resources for job and housing search. Participation in case management is required and focused to address each family’s unique needs and goals. Case management includes resources for education, employment assistance, life skills training and our newest program, *New Beginnings*, a financial literacy program tailored specifically to low-income or homeless families. Transportation is provided to and from our overnight shelter sites.

Rapid Re-Housing rental assistance helps remove financial barriers and enable families to make the transition to housing stability. Families utilizing the rental assistance program receive housing search and placement assistance, housing stability case management and landlord mediation. Short-term rental assistance provides a resource for families to make their New Beginning and encourages them to work toward independence. Follow up financial education and counseling continues to be available for six months after program completion to help families navigate challenges and reduce recidivism.

**The Salvation Army  
Emergency Shelter Program \$60,000**

The Shelter program addresses the homeless needs by providing the basic needs of shelter, meals, showers and healthcare services to adult individuals who otherwise would be on the streets. The shelter is located at 320 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Modesto and offers up to 116 beds for adult homeless persons who are over the age of 18 that are without dependents.

**The Salvation Army  
Outreach Program \$8,706**

The Salvation Army Homeless Case Management Program is designed to interrupt the cycle of homelessness and recidivism by connecting homeless individuals to services. The case managers will work with the clients to create a goal plan and identify a path to assist the client into the correct program for their needs.

**We Care Program of Turlock  
We Care Emergency Cold Weather Shelter \$27,500**

The We Care Program (WCP) Emergency Cold Weather Shelter serves homeless men over the age of 18. The WCP’s Cold Weather Shelter has the capacity to shelter 48 homeless individuals a night during the most inhospitable winter months. The shelter provides a warm, safe environment for individuals who would otherwise be sleeping on the street or in places not meant for human habitation. The shelter will operate from November 2016 to April 2017, seven days a week from 6:30pm to 8:00am. Nutritious meals are provided nightly by various local churches, civic organizations, local businesses and individual families. Mealtime provides community members with the opportunity to bring immediate assistance to those in need while serving to break down the stereotypes of homelessness. We Care provides onsite services including, but not limited to, computer access for employment searches, resume development, Rapid Re-Housing and Supportive Housing Programs, case management provided by a licensed clinician, notary public services, a clothes closet, transportation vouchers, and financial assistance to obtain identification documents.



## **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

The path to obtaining and maintaining permanent housing has many steps. The first of these steps often involves providing for the immediate basic needs of persons experiencing homelessness, such as food and shelter. In order to continue in the stabilization of a shelter client transitional housing and supportive services are essential and made available through several non-profit agencies in the community. The Stanislaus Urban County's Homeless Strategy places a high priority on utilizing homeless funds to assist emergency and transitional shelters with covering their operational and essential service costs. Approximately 58% of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 ESG award will fund programs that provide emergency (both seasonal and year-round) shelter.

Short-term strategies for addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons include but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ Expanding street outreach efforts to prioritize the needs of persons living outside, especially those whose health is compromised.
- ◆ Sustaining existing emergency shelter and transitional housing inventory and helping those in shelter exit to permanent housing through rental assistance combined with case management that assists clients in developing life skills and reducing barriers to obtaining and retaining housing.

### **Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again**

The Stanislaus Urban County Homeless Strategy also places a high priority on providing rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to persons and households experiencing homelessness. Approximately 27.3% of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 ESG award will go towards ESG programs that provide rental assistance, utility assistance, payment of rental and utility arrears, or rental or utility deposits in combination with case management which works with clients on an individual basis to sustain permanent housing. Modeled after the 2009 Recovery Act Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) Recovery program, which concluded in August 2012, the program utilizes housing search and placement services, intensive case management, and rental assistance to remove barriers to permanent housing for homeless persons and persons 30% or under the AMI who are at-risk of losing their housing.

The Continuum of Care strategies encourage providing homeless households with housing quickly and with supportive services that are of greatest need to support stable housing; other needs the households may have should be addressed through referrals to existing mainstream resources available in the community.

Permanent housing destinations generally include an apartment or house, permanent supportive housing, or living permanently with friends or family. A return to homelessness is indicated by a new entry in a homeless residential program (emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing) in HMIS within 365 days after exiting to permanent housing.

Ending the cycle of homelessness requires a combination of rental assistance, homeless prevention, re-housing, and permanent supportive housing programs along with long-range homeless reduction strategies. Long-term strategies include but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ Expanding economic stability programming to help participants achieve long-term stability and reduce recidivism.
- ◆ Increasing inventory of permanent supportive housing for homeless households through the development of affordable housing.
- ◆ Aligning CoC strategies with the “Opening Doors” Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness and HEARTH data-driven strategies to shorten lengths of stay, rapidly re-house as many homeless persons as possible, and prevent persons from becoming homeless.
- ◆ Aligning CoC strategies with the Stanislaus County Focus on Prevention efforts, specifically their effort to reduce the incidents of homelessness through cross-sector community collaboration.
- ◆ Improvements in data collection and coordinated assessment between service providers to assist in targeting funding to services proved to be most effective in moving individuals and households out of homelessness.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.**

The State has policies in place that require health care facilities to participate in regional planning meetings and develop a specific document to identify best practices for the post-hospital transition of homeless patients, methods to establish and support effective communications between hospitals and stakeholders regarding this transition and the identification of resources. Local health care facilities have specific protocol in place requiring a safe discharge for all patients. In 2008, the Stanislaus County Public Health Agency reestablished the task force to review the current protocol in place and address any gaps in services necessary to ensure successful discharge planning services. The Public Health Agency has become actively involved in the CoC and working towards developing liaisons with housing services agencies within the CoC to update the existing discharge planning protocol. Currently in place there are discharge planning social workers on staff at the hospitals who work with service providers to locate appropriate housing that could include HUD McKinney-Vento funded emergency shelters, transitional or permanent housing units and prevent the release of patients to the streets.

Representatives from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) and the Community Services Agency (CSA) regularly attend the monthly CoC meetings and are active participants in discharge coordination planning, in particular for homeless individuals, throughout Stanislaus County.

For adults recently released from custody, Stanislaus County addresses housing issues through the Day Reporting Center (DRC). The Sheriff’s Department conducts Probation Orientation Meetings at the DRC in which several programs have participated in the past including Solidarity, Teen Challenge, and Gospel Mission. As a result of the CoC’s coordination with the Probation Department, the Stanislaus County Sheriff’s and Probation Departments also recently began a diversion program, where homeless individuals who would otherwise be jailed for minor crimes are able to stay at the Salvation Army shelter facility, where they receive shelter and case management services. Collaboration with public service providers and the Probation Department is on-going.

Stanislaus County has transitional living procedures in place for juveniles exiting foster care to address youth in placement where the long term plan is emancipation. These procedures are required by both the State and Federal governments. Stanislaus County develops a 90 day transition plan that includes a housing component. Procedurally, a lead officer receives a list of those eligible minors from the case

officers and works with the case officer, minor, family, and any service providers to develop the plan prior to the minor's last status review (usually at 18 years old). A status review is a court hearing to review the minor's status in placement. The plans are submitted to the court and all involved parties, including the minor.

Through contracted services with BHRS, Telecare SHOP (Stanislaus County's primary agency for outreach to Chronically Homeless/mentally ill persons) provides treatment and discharge planning to adults with mental illness and/or chemical addiction. Extensive policies are in place to ensure that patients and mentally ill inmates are not discharged into settings such as shelters, the streets, hotel or motels. Discharge planning is multi-disciplinary and starts upon admission to a facility, with SHOP case managers working with a team including the patient, family, guardians and agencies to develop a plan for housing, medication, vocational, social and educational needs, follow-up, support services and life activities. Discharge planning includes supportive or protective housing if the patient is incapable of independent living. Agencies receive diagnosis, medication and other pertinent information to assist with follow up services. Appropriate discharge settings include nursing homes, basic care facilities, adult foster care, and independent living which are not funded through HUD McKinney-Vento resources. SHOP assists individuals in completing application for housing and mainstream resources such as Social Security prior to the patients discharge. This protocol has been accepted within the CoC and the general community and has proven to be highly successful in preventing homelessness for persons discharged from mental health facilities.

## **AP-75 Action Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction**

Actions or policies of governmental agencies, whether involved directly or indirectly in the housing market, can impact the ability of the development community to provide adequate housing to meet consumer demands. For example, the impact of federal monetary policies and the budgeting and funding policies of a variety of departments can either stimulate or depress various aspects of the housing industry.

Environmental review, general planning, zoning, and related local land use regulations and development standards are all extensions of local government police powers to protect life and property, minimize nuisances, and achieve a desired quality of life as expressed through a participatory public process. Certain barriers to affordability are required by State Law (such as preparing and adopting a General Plan and conducting environmental review), adopted for safety or civil rights reasons (such as the imposition of seismic construction standards in quake-prone areas, or requiring compliance with accessibility or visit ability design standards), or enacted to remedy or prevent a specific local issue (such as requiring landscaping to deter graffiti). However, the term "barrier" should not be interpreted in the context that local development standards and development review procedures are inhibiting the provision of quality affordable housing that would otherwise be developed.

### **Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment**

Potential constraints to housing development in the Stanislaus Urban County vary by area, but generally include infrastructure, residential development fees, land use controls, development standards, development and building permit application processing times, and resource preservation. Barriers to housing also include personal barriers such as poor credit history, involvement with the law, limited knowledge about tenants' rights and the complaints process.

An analysis of these potential barriers is detailed in the Stanislaus Housing Element. A summary of potential barriers identified in the Housing Element is also provided in the Market Analysis (MA-40) section of this Con Plan and in the Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI).

Actions, planned and ongoing, by Stanislaus Urban County to remove or ameliorate barriers to housing, consist of the following:

**Development Process:** To expedite project facilitation and provide internal support to project applicants, the Stanislaus Urban County will continue to undertake efforts to build relationships between the Stanislaus Urban County and the development community to provide input into delivery of development services, cost of services, construction standards, development impact fees, and other development service policy areas.

**Fee Structure:** The Stanislaus Urban County will continue to review its fee systems as a means of reducing the cost of housing development. The Stanislaus Urban County and its city members recognize that fees can affect the cost of construction and of affordable housing in the community.

**Subdivision Improvement Standards and Zoning Ordinance:** The Stanislaus Urban County and its city members will review and provide input to modify Subdivision Improvement Standards, where reasonable and appropriate, to provide cost savings in the development of residential units while continuing to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare of residents.

**Affordable Housing:** The Stanislaus Urban County will assign priority to educating the citizens of Stanislaus County and member cities regarding the importance of providing affordable housing to support job growth. This will be done through public education, public participation, and fair housing information.

**Rental Housing:** The Stanislaus Urban County will analyze implementation of incentive programs such as a Mortgage Revenue Bond Program or other program for both owner-occupied and rental properties.

**Land Costs, Construction, and Financing:** Land, construction, and financing costs represent a significant constraint to residential development; developers of affordable housing face challenges in securing financing. Due to the limited possible return from rents or sales prices of affordable units, many private lenders are concerned with the financial returns for these types of projects; as a result, additional financing and subsidy from state and federal funding sources for affordable projects are necessary. The Stanislaus Urban County and its city members will pursue, where appropriate, state and federal funding and/or subsidies to address land and construction costs.

**Non-Governmental Constraints:** Housing purchase prices, financing costs, cost of land and improvements, construction costs, property taxes, profit, and rent rates continue to be the biggest constraints to housing access for households with lower and moderate incomes. The Stanislaus Urban County and its member cities will continue to monitor these non-governmental constraints and where possible, undertake efforts that can address these constraints and their effect on the provision of affordable housing.

**In addition to the above barriers, the following impediments to fair housing choice are identified in the AI:**

- ◆ Insufficient supply of affordable housing.
- ◆ Shortage of subsidies and strategies to promote affordable, accessible housing for low-, very low-, and extremely low-income households, including protected classes.

- ◆ Differential origination rates based on race, ethnicity, and location.
- ◆ Limited coordination with real estate industry.
- ◆ Limited knowledge of fair housing rights.
- ◆ Discrimination in rental housing.
- ◆ Local development standards and their implementation, e.g., zoning, building, or design standards, may constrain development of housing opportunities for minority and low-income households.
- ◆ Inadequate access to employment opportunities, transportation, and public and social services, and infrastructure to support increased housing opportunities for lower-income households.

The Stanislaus Urban County has also allocated annual funding in the amount of \$25,000 to Project Sentinel to actively engage the community regarding issues of barriers to affordable housing.

## **AP-85 Other Actions - 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

Stanislaus Urban County, through the Con Plan, targets federal funds to residents that have traditionally not been served, or are underserved, by previous programs. Project activities funded through the Con Plan are carefully designed to provide appropriate and needed services, particularly to those that may not be eligible for assistance from other sources, or are geographically isolated by lack of transportation, or that lack basic amenities, particularly medical care, in their neighborhoods.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

For seniors and homebound frail elderly, the physically and developmentally disabled, victims of domestic violence, and infants and youth, funds provided through the Con Plan often make the difference between independent living and institutionalization.

Homeless households are also commonly identified as having underserved needs. These households include individuals and families who cannot secure or maintain affordable and safe shelter and lack a fixed regular residence or reside at nighttime in an emergency shelter or institution. Numerous homeless populations like veterans, youths, seniors, and disabled individuals have specific needs that require more intense specialized attention to resolve their homelessness.

One of the ongoing challenges in meeting the needs of the underserved is the lack of sufficient funding for services provided by local governments, non-profit organizations, and other agencies. Service providers faced with this challenge are expected to provide more and more services with the same, if not smaller, budget every year.

To address this obstacle, Stanislaus Urban County will continue to seek funding opportunities through different sources, encourage projects or programs that leverage funds, and ensure that projects and programs are operated as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Stanislaus County, in partnership with the Housing Authority, continues to support the Family Self Sufficiency program to assist eligible low income persons become homeowners. Stanislaus County also continues to partner with Habitat for Humanity, when feasible, in the acquisition of lots for the construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing units to be made available to low income households.

Further, Stanislaus County also administers State of California CalHome funds to supplement federal HOME funds for the provision of the Stanislaus County First Time Homebuyer and Housing Rehabilitation Programs. Stanislaus County's Housing Rehabilitation Program assists owner-occupied households address health and safety related repairs in their homes. These funds will continue to be used to leverage other resources and maximize the number of households to be assisted thereby addressing underserved needs.

Stanislaus County will continue its partnership with the CoC, a multi-agency collaborative which focuses on the community's housing and social service needs, also allows for the distribution of much needed SuperNOFA funds to affordable housing developers within Stanislaus County. The Stanislaus Urban County will continue partnering with Stanislaus Housing and Supportive Services Collaborative (SHSSC) to address the needs of the community and addressing obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

#### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

As stated throughout the Con Plan, housing is considered a high priority. Accordingly, the Stanislaus Urban County prioritizes the use of, HOME, or CalHome funding it receives for the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing (including preservation and conservation) that serves low-income households and to address homelessness.

The following is a summary of the programs and projects to be carried out by the current Stanislaus Urban County members in an effort to provide affordable and decent housing:

#### **HOME**

Stanislaus Urban County will use HOME funds, available through the HOME Consortium, for First-time Homebuyer and Owner Occupied Rehabilitation programs. Specific information regarding activities in the Stanislaus Urban County are contained in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 City of Turlock Annual Action Plan (City of Turlock AAP), as Turlock is the lead entity for the HOME Consortium, of which Stanislaus Urban County is a member.

#### **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)**

The City of Oakdale will continue its efforts at developing 2 vacant NSP parcels in partnership with the Housing Authority to provide affordable housing and rental units. A multi-family housing development with 32 rental units and 8 single family units are in the planning stages.

#### **Emergency Solutions Grant Program**

Through the ESG Program, Stanislaus Urban County residents facing short-term financial crisis are able to seek assistance through agencies such as Community Housing and Shelter Services, Family Promise, and We Care, who provide rental assistance in combination with intensive case management to homeless persons and families or to prevent people in jeopardy of becoming homeless. Case managers work with ESG participants to overcome barriers to permanent housing by providing financial management training, job and housing search assistance, and service referrals. These resources ease the financial burden of the homeless and assist in the facilitation of achieving permanent housing.

#### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The Housing Authority serves as the lead agency for Stanislaus County in the identification, documentation and prevention of lead poisoning. The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program of Stanislaus County, administered through the Housing Authority, becomes involved with childhood lead-based poisoning when notification of an elevated screening blood level is received either from the laboratory or physician. If the blood level is 10ug/dL (micrograms per deciliter), notification is made to the family. Once a child meets the case definition, an environmental investigation is performed by a

Registered Environmental Health Specialist to determine, if possible, the source of lead exposure. The Housing Authority, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Resources, conducts the investigation of residences where children with elevated levels of lead reside.

The Stanislaus Urban County partners with the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to distribute information in the unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County and members of the HOME Consortium. If the source of lead exposure is related to the residential physical environment (e.g. peeling paint that indicates the presence of lead) then the Housing Rehabilitation Program may participate in source eradication.

The Housing Authority has addressed the issue of lead-based paint hazards by providing notices to landlords and tenants who participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program, borrowers/occupants of the Stanislaus Urban County Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, and homebuyers who use HOME and CDBG funds, warning them of the hazards of lead-based paint. Additionally, all units that are rehabilitated with CDBG and HOME funds are subject to lead-based paint compliance requirements. Through the creation of new affordable housing units, low-income households are able to reside in new housing units that are free of lead-based paint hazards.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

Stanislaus Urban County has a multipronged approach to addressing the issue of reducing poverty through ensuring an adequate, affordable, quality housing supply, improving low-income neighborhoods, strengthening the employment skills of the community and ensuring access to basic needs such as food and shelter. The strengthening of business skills through economic development programs and neighborhood improvements also plays a part in reducing the number of those close to poverty.

Stanislaus Urban County works to reduce the number of poverty-level individuals and families by targeting CDBG, HOME, and/or other funds to projects that will provide affordable housing units and related services to foster self-sufficiency. The Urban County does not have the resources or the capacity to increase the incomes of poverty-level persons; however, other agency programs, such as the Housing Authority, act to reduce the housing costs for these individuals with the Housing Choice Voucher Program and public housing units, all of which serve low-income residents.

### **Focus on Prevention Initiative**

On October 28, 2014 the Board of Supervisors adopted a plan called Focus on Prevention 2015, which is a multi- year phased strategy for community transformation in four areas critical to the quality of life in Stanislaus County, including:

- ◆ Homelessness
- ◆ Strengthening Families
- ◆ Youth Early Intervention
- ◆ Reducing Recidivism

The goal of the Focus on Prevention Initiative is to bring all sectors of the community together to provide an opportunity for cross-sector development of community-wide prevention strategies. A community convening will be held centering on each of the four categories listed above, where a plan for the development of the next phase will be outlined by the participants. This effort recognizes that although good programs exist throughout Stanislaus County, multiple sectors of the community often stay within their established networks causing gaps in the network of care for Stanislaus County's at-risk populations.

As a result the outcomes and overall impact of these programs is falling short and the County is experiencing both funding gaps and funding redundancies. While the County will act as the facilitator of the convenings, this effort centers on the platform that government is not the answer and that champions from the community must be the mobilizers of change. The effort focuses on coordination between the following sectors of the community:

- ◆ Education
- ◆ Neighborhoods
- ◆ Non-profits
- ◆ Media
- ◆ Philanthropy
- ◆ Business
- ◆ Faith-based communities
- ◆ Government
- ◆ Arts, Entertainment and Sports
- ◆ Health

Upon completion of each convening, the next step will be the development of community-led prevention strategies. On October 1, 2015 the Homeless Convening took place in Modesto with over 500 people in attendance. As a result of the first convening several stakeholder groups have continued to meet and develop strategies within their community on how to address homelessness. Stanislaus County updated its scoring criteria for the Public Services Grant Program and ESG Program to have non-profit agencies propose more prevention based programs and services. The focus on prevention is intended to become a new norm in which programs and services with a prevention focus and with meaningful prevention performance measures guide future resource decisions.

Stanislaus County through its CDBG/ESG program is committed in the support of the implementation of the Focus on Prevention Initiative and will integrate the work that comes out of this effort into future funding decisions. CDBG and ESG funds will be incorporating more Focus on Prevention strategies as the process unfolds.

### **Homeless Services**

All local nonprofit agencies serving the homeless offer some level of supportive services to program participants, ranging from family counseling to job skill development, all of which are intended to promote self-sufficiency and exiting poverty and homelessness.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Grant Program (EFSG), administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides funding to supplement and expand ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food, and supportive services for the nation's hungry, homeless, and people in economic crisis.



## **Homeless Prevention and Transitional Housing**

Homeless prevention activities are designed to keep low-income people who are at the highest risk of homelessness from entering homeless services. Prevention programs have been retooling to stabilize individuals and families that are at risk of becoming homeless and to improve their stability to avoid future housing crises. The majority of prevention programs are funded through the state's balance of State ESG funds, HOPWA funds, Supportive Services for Homeless Veterans funds, and local private funding. Locally the Stanislaus Urban County funds prevention programs through CDBG and ESG funds through the Public Services Program.

As the CoC begins a system-wide shift to a housing first approach, the CoC has encouraged the conversion of transitional facilities to permanent supportive housing. The remaining transitional housing programs are shortening their length of stay to more rapidly exit homeless persons to permanent housing, or they are seeking funding from other systems of care for intensive services for homeless persons facing severe barriers to housing. This reflects a new understanding of the purpose of transitional housing rather than continuing to fund it as a routing component of Stanislaus County's homeless housing system.

The majority of programs and activities described within this document will have a minor impact on moving a family out of poverty. Most do not increase earning power or give a family a substantially higher income. The few notable exceptions are the programs that address barriers to independence, including employment, along with housing, such as the Family Self-Sufficiency Program and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Programs. The Stanislaus Urban County, along with the CoC and other organizations, will aggressively pursue increasing the availability of these and similarly designed programs as the opportunity arises.

## **Other Programs**

The Stanislaus County Alliance WorkNet, The Community Services Agency's (CSA) CalWorks Program, and the California Employment Development Department (EDD) are all resources available to persons seeking employment.

## **Alliance Worknet**

In addition, Stanislaus County, through its economic development efforts, strives to promote activities that will ultimately have major impacts on the community, thus reducing poverty.

## **The Alliance partners with Stanislaus County and its cities in fulfilling the following objectives:**

- ◆ Promotion of Stanislaus County and its nine incorporated cities as a desirable location for new and expanding businesses.
- ◆ To work with public agencies and local businesses to promote cooperation in the economic development process.
- ◆ To assist in business retention and expansion efforts by offering programs for technical and financial assistance.

The Alliance offers these programs: Technical Assistance, Training and Education, and Loan Programs. This organization also offers confidential, one-on-one counseling to businesses needing assistance in a variety of areas, and a small business center that offers a wide variety of training seminars and conferences for the business community throughout the year.

The Alliance maintains a small revolving loan fund for gap financing. Typically, the Alliance will provide up to half the business financing needs while a bank provides the other half. The Alliance revolving loans are for terms of up to 7 years and are at competitive interest rates.

Stanislaus County will continue to work with the public and private sectors seeking mutual opportunities that will provide jobs to greatly improve employment opportunities for those in need throughout the County.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The Stanislaus Urban County relies on private, nonprofit organizations as well as for-profit developers to build new affordable units and to rehabilitate existing housing units. Stanislaus Urban County staff will continue to work closely with these entities to ensure that as many new affordable units are produced as possible each year. The Stanislaus Urban County also relies on the nonprofit service sector to provide emergency shelter, transitional and special needs housing, and services to the homeless population. The Stanislaus Urban County will continue to support these organizations and their activities to the fullest extent possible.

To the extent that a gap exists in the institutional structure, a strategy of this AAP is to take action to close that gap. Programs such as the Probation Day Center which connects ex-prisoners to services such as housing and employment, and other agencies promoting the development and well-being of children 0-5 years of age, through the Children and Families Commission, will continue to be partners in identifying opportunities for improved institutional structure.

The Stanislaus Urban County and the CoC continue to work together to improve services provided, including data collection quality through the HMIS system, to ensure that participants receiving services do not experience any gaps as they strive to reach their goal of independence from the need of public services within the community.

The Focus on Prevention is a county-wide effort is an attempt to develop, through multi-sector community collaboration, programs that transcend emergency services and work to improve quality of life for program participants.

### **Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies**

The Stanislaus Urban County relies on non-profit organizations and for-profit developers to build and acquire, develop, and rehabilitate affordable units. The City of Turlock and the Stanislaus Urban County will continue to work closely with these entities to ensure that each year as many new affordable units are developed, or made available, as possible.

The Stanislaus Urban County also relies on the non-profit service sector to provide emergency shelter and transitional and special needs housing. The Stanislaus Urban County will continue to support eligible organizations and their activities with local, state and federal funding as it's made available and upon their governing entity approval.

Stanislaus County, as administrator of the Stanislaus Urban County, coordinates and consults with other program providers, local, state and federal government entities, non-profit and for-profit organizations and business, professional organizations, interest groups, and other parties interested in the implementation of federal programs.

Specifically, they are: Housing Authority of the County of Stanislaus, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency, Stanislaus County Community Services Agency, Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services; California Department of Housing and Community Development; U.S. Department of

Agriculture/Rural Development, U.S. Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); California Coalition for Affordable Housing; Habitat for Humanity, Stanislaus County Affordable Housing Corporation (STANCO), California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA), and Self-Help Enterprises. This will assure that the activities outlined in the AAP are given the fullest attention for design and implementation or construction.

Stanislaus County will continue to participate in regularly scheduled meetings with the cities of Modesto and Turlock to coordinate any CDBG, HOME and ESG funded activity that may be of benefit to each of the separate entitlement communities within Stanislaus County. Further, quarterly meetings will be held between the participating jurisdictions of the Stanislaus Urban County. This will assure that the activities outlined in the AAP are given the fullest attention for design and implementation or construction.

The Stanislaus Urban County will maintain its membership and active involvement in the Stanislaus Housing and Supportive Services Continuum of Care (CoC), a multi-agency collaborative which focuses on the community's housing and social service needs, to continue outreach and information sharing with other Stanislaus County agencies serving similar clientele.

## **Program Specific Requirements**

### **AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.220(I)(1,2,4)**

#### **Introduction**

There are three specific goals of the Federal CDBG/ESG and HOME programs. They are:

1. Provide decent housing;
2. Provide a suitable living environment; and,
3. Expand economic opportunities

This AAP has been developed to assist the Stanislaus Urban County in achieving these three goals. The overriding consideration that is required of the CDBG program is to benefit those members of the population that meet the definition of Targeted Income. A Targeted Income person is one who earns 80% or less of the AMI for CDBG funds, and 30% or less than the AMI for ESG grant funds. Additionally, if a project benefits a specific neighborhood or community, at least 51% of the population within that geographic boundary must be within the Targeted Income Group (TIG).

As identified by the Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2020, priority will be given to projects in the following areas: Infrastructure, Economic Development, Housing Assistance, Housing Programs, and Public Services.

### **Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)**

#### **Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)**

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

**1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed**

In Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the Stanislaus Urban County anticipates receiving approximately \$4,800 in Program Income, all of which will be receipted into IDIS and committed to infrastructure activities. If any of the Stanislaus Urban County partners receive state or federal CDBG Program Income it will be receipted into IDIS and committed to their approved infrastructure or economic development activities.

**2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan**

The Stanislaus Urban County does not currently have an existing Section 108 project.

**3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements**

Not applicable. The Stanislaus Urban County does not have urban renewal settlements.

**4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.**

Not applicable. The Stanislaus Urban County has not returned any funds as a result of ineligible activities, excessive draws, or ineligible expenditures.

**5. The amount of income from float-funded activities**

Not applicable. The Stanislaus Urban County does not have float-funded activities.

**Total Program Income** – See response to Question 1 above.

**Other CDBG Requirements**

**1. The amount of urgent need activities**

The Stanislaus Urban County has not identified any urgent needs following its citizen participation plan process for this AAP.

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)**

**Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)**

**1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:**

N/A Home Consortium Programs are included in the City of Turlock’s AAP, who is the lead entity for HOME funds.

**2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:**

N/A Home Consortium Programs are included in the City of Turlock’s AAP, who is the lead entity for HOME funds.

**3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:**

Not Applicable: Home Consortium Programs are included in the City of Turlock's AAP, who is the lead entity for HOME funds.

**4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:**

Not Applicable: Home Consortium Programs are included in the City of Turlock's AAP, who is the lead entity for HOME funds.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

**Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Stanislaus County's written standards include:

- a. Standard policies and procedures for evaluating individuals' and families' eligibility for assistance under ESG.
- b. Policies and procedures for coordination among emergency shelter providers, essential service providers, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance providers, other homeless assistance providers, and mainstream service and housing providers.
- c. Policies and procedures for determining and prioritizing which eligible families and individuals will receive homelessness prevention assistance and which eligible families and individuals will receive rapid re-housing assistance.
- d. Standards for determining the share of rent and utilities costs that each program participant must pay, if any, while receiving homelessness prevention or rapid rehousing assistance.
- e. Standards for determining how long a particular program participant will be provided with rental assistance and whether and how the amount of that assistance will be adjusted over time.
- f. Standards for determining the type, amount, and duration of housing stabilization and/or relocation services to provide a program participant, including the limits, if any, on the homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance that each program participant may receive, such as the maximum amount of assistance, maximum number of months the program participants receives assistance; or the maximum number of times the program participants may receive assistance.

**Evaluating Eligibility for Assistance under ESG**

1. **Initial Evaluations.** The recipient or its sub-recipient must conduct an initial evaluation to determine the eligibility of each individual or family's eligibility for ESG assistance and the amount and types of assistance the individual or family needs to regain stability in permanent housing, in accordance with the centralized or coordinated assessment requirements set forth under 24 CFR §576.400(d) and the written standards established under 24 CFR §576.400(e).

**Determining Program Participant Eligibility.** The following criteria shall be used to determine program participant eligibility for assistance under ESG:

- a. Income shall be annualized and calculated based on the standards for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8 Eligibility Standards). Program participants must be 30% and under the AMI to be determined to be eligible.
- b. A client cannot be determined to be ineligible for the program due to a lack of income.
- c. Additional criteria, established by the CoC's ESG Sub-committee shall be followed.
- d. Rapid Re-housing assistance, specifically for the target populations listed below, shall be prioritized over Homeless Prevention assistance:
  - i. Chronically Homeless
  - ii. Homeless Veterans
  - iii. Homeless Families with Children
  - iv. Homeless Unaccompanied Youth

**Annual income.** For each program participant who receives homelessness prevention assistance, or who receives rapid re-housing assistance longer than one year, the following documentation of annual income must be maintained:

- a. Income evaluation form containing the minimum requirements specified by HUD and completed by the recipient or sub-recipient; and
- b. Source documents for the assets held by the program participant and income received over the most recent period for which representative data is available before the date of the evaluation (e.g., wage statement, unemployment compensation statement, public benefits statement, bank statement);
- c. To the extent that source documents are unobtainable, a written statement by the relevant third party (e.g., employer, government benefits administrator) or the written certification by the recipient's or sub-recipient's intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party of the income the program participant received over the most recent period for which representative data is available; or
- d. To the extent that source documents and third party verification are unobtainable, the written certification by the program participant of the amount of income the program participant received for the most recent period representative of the income that the program participant is reasonably expected to receive over the 3-month period following the evaluation.

**Determinations of ineligibility.** For each individual and family determined ineligible to receive ESG assistance, the record must include documentation of the reason for that determination.

**Re-evaluations for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance.** The recipient or sub-recipient must re-evaluate the program participant's eligibility and the types and amounts of assistance the program participant needs not less than once every three (3) months for program participants receiving homelessness prevention assistance, and not less than once annually for program participants receiving rapid re-housing assistance. At a minimum, each re-evaluation of eligibility must establish that:

- a. The program participant does not have an annual income that exceeds 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD; and
- b. The program participant lacks sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without ESG assistance.
- c. The recipient or sub-recipient may require each program participant receiving homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance to notify the recipient or sub-recipient regarding changes in the program participant's income or other circumstances (e.g., changes in household composition) that affect the program participant's need for assistance under ESG. When notified of a relevant change, the recipient or sub-recipient must re-evaluate the program participant's eligibility and the amount and types of assistance the program participant needs.
- d. Annual income. When determining the annual income of an individual or family, the recipient or sub-recipient must use the standard for calculating annual income under 24 CFR 5.609.
- e. Connecting program participants to mainstream and other resources. The recipient and its sub-recipients must assist each program participant, as needed, to obtain:
- f. Appropriate supportive services, including assistance in obtaining permanent housing, medical health treatment, mental health treatment, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living; and
- g. Other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available to assist the program participant in obtaining housing stability, including:
  - i. Medicaid (42 CFR chapter IV, subchapter C);
  - ii. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (7 CFR parts 271-283);
  - iii. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (7 CFR part 246);
  - iv. Federal-State Unemployment Insurance Program (20 CFR parts 601-603, 606, 609, 614-617, 625, 640, 650);
  - v. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) (20 CFR part 404);
  - vi. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (20 CFR part 416);
  - vii. Child and Adult Care Food Program (42 U.S.C. 1766(t) (7 CFR part 226));
  - viii. Other assistance available under the programs listed in 24 CFR § 576.400(c).

**Eligibility for Rental Units.** The rental unit identified to receive financial assistance must meet the following minimum qualifications. This applies to both rental units receiving Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention assistance:

- a. Unit must pass habitability inspections, which includes an assessment for lead-based paint hazards. Inspections shall be requested on a standard form and will be conducted by Stanislaus County Building Permits Division staff.
- b. Rental assistance cannot be provided unless the rent does not exceed the Fair Market Rent established by HUD, as provided under 24 CFR part 888.111-888.115, and complies with

HUD's standard of rent reasonableness, as established under 24 CFR 982.507. (1) For purposes of calculating rent under this section, the rent shall equal the sum of the total monthly rent for the unit, any fees required for occupancy under the lease (other than late fees and pet fees) and, if the tenant pays separately for utilities, the monthly allowance for utilities (excluding telephone) established by the Housing Authority for the area in which the housing is located.

- c. Best efforts must be made to ensure that units receiving ESG assistance are legal dwellings and are not in the process of foreclosure.
- d. Units receiving assistance, or the client's last known residence, must be located within the areas covered by the Stanislaus Urban County. These areas include the Cities of Ceres, Hughson, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Waterford and the unincorporated areas of Stanislaus County. This limitation does not apply if the client has been homeless for one (1) year or more.

**Terminating Assistance.** In general, if a program participant violates program requirements, the recipient or sub-recipient may terminate the assistance in accordance with a formal process established by the CoC that recognizes the rights of individuals affected. The recipient or sub-recipient must exercise judgment and examine all extenuating circumstances in determining when violations warrant termination so that a program participant's assistance is terminated only in the most severe cases.

- a. To terminate rental assistance or housing relocation and stabilization services to a program participant, the required formal process, at a minimum, must consist of:
  - i. Written notice to the program participant containing a clear statement of the reasons for termination;
  - ii. A review of the decision, in which the program participant is given the opportunity to present written or oral objections before a person other than the person (or a subordinate of that person) who made or approved the termination decision; and
  - iii. Prompt written notice of the final decision to the program participant.
- b. Ability to provide further assistance. Termination under this section does not bar the recipient or sub-recipient from providing further assistance at a later date to the same family or individual.

## **Rapid Re-Housing and Homeless Prevention Assistance**

- 1. **Rapid Re-Housing Assistance.** If a program participant can document that they meet the following criteria, then they shall be considered to meet the definition of "homeless" and may qualify for Rapid Re-Housing assistance, provided that all other eligibility criteria can also be met:
  - a. An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
    - i. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
    - ii. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters,



transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or

- iii. An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;
  - b. An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence should be classified as Homeless Prevention
  - c. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
    - i. Are defined as homeless under the Runaway and Homeless Youth, Head Start, Violence Against Women, Public Health Services, Food and Nutrition, or Child Nutrition Acts;
    - ii. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;
    - iii. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
    - iv. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment; or
  - d. Any individual or family who:
    - i. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their nighttime residence;
    - ii. Has no other residence; and
    - iii. Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.
2. **Homeless Prevention Assistance.** If a program participant can document that they meet the following criteria, then they shall be considered to meet the definition of "At-risk of Homelessness" and may qualify for Homeless Prevention assistance, provided that all other eligibility criteria can also be met:
- a. An individual or family who:
    - i. Has an annual income below 30 percent of area median family income;

- ii. Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in the homeless definition; and
  - iii. Meets one of the following conditions:
    - 1) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance;
    - 2) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
    - 3) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance;
    - 4) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals;
    - 5) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than two (2) (1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau);
    - 6) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care, e.g., health-care facility, mental health facility, foster care, or other youth facility, or correction program or institution; or
    - 7) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the Stanislaus Urban County approved Fiscal Year 2012-2015 Con Plan;
  - b. A child or youth who does not qualify as homeless under the HEARTH Act but qualifies as homeless under the Runaway and Homeless Youth, Head Start, Violence Against Women, Public Health Services, Food and Nutrition, or Child Nutrition Acts; or
  - c. A child or youth who does qualify as homeless under the HEARTH Act but qualifies as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.
3. **Short-term Rental Assistance.** Short-term rental assistance is defined as rental assistance provided for up to 3 months.
  4. **Medium-term Rental Assistance.** Medium-term rental assistance is defined as rental assistance provided for more than 3 months but not more than 24 months of rent, within a 3 year period.
  5. **Rental Arrears.** Payment of rental arrears consists of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.
  6. **Tenant-based rental assistance.** Includes providing rental assistance to program participants who pay rent for a unit that is under a lease. The following standards apply to this type of rental assistance:
    - a. A program participant who receives tenant-based rental assistance may select a housing unit in which to live and may move to another unit or building and continue to receive rental assistance, as long as the program participant continues to meet the program requirements.

- b. The recipient may require that all program participants live within a particular area for the period in which the rental assistance is provided.
  - c. The rental assistance agreement with the owner must terminate and no further rental assistance payments under that agreement may be made if:
    - i. The program participant moves out of the housing unit for which the program participant has a lease;
    - ii. The lease terminates and is not renewed; or
    - iii. The program participant becomes ineligible to receive ESG rental assistance.
7. **Project-Based Rental Assistance.** Project-based rental assistance is an eligible ESG activity. However, any ESG funded project-based rental assistance program must work with Stanislaus County staff to ensure the program complies with 24 CFR § 576.106 (i).
8. **Use with other Subsidies.** Except for a one-time payment of rental arrears on the tenant's portion of the rental payment, rental assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is receiving tenant-based rental assistance, or living in a housing unit receiving project-based rental assistance or operating assistance, through other public sources. Rental assistance may not be provided to a program participant who has been provided with replacement housing payments under the URA during the period of time covered by the URA payments.
9. **Maximum Amounts and Periods of Assistance.** Each program participant may receive up to 12 months of rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services. This assistance may be extended if the program participant's housing plan has been followed and the case manager determines that additional months of assistance are required for the participant to overcome additional barriers to housing. In no case can HPRP assistance exceed 24 months during any 3-year period.
10. **Prioritizing Assistance Type.** Standards for determining and prioritizing which eligible families and individuals will receive homelessness prevention assistance and which eligible families and individuals will receive rapid re-housing assistance.
- a. Rapid Re-housing assistance, particularly for chronically homeless, for veterans, for unaccompanied youth, and for families with children, shall be prioritized over other financial assistance types.
  - b. When developing a client's housing plan, the following eligible activities should be considered a high priority:
    - i. Employment Assistance and job training
    - ii. Benefit enrollment
    - iii. Resource and referral services
    - iv. Medium-term rental assistance
    - v. Housing search and placement
    - vi. Housing stability case management

- vii. Life skills training
- c. When developing a client's housing plan, the following eligible activities should be considered a medium priority:
  - i. Short-term rental assistance
  - ii. Utility assistance
  - iii. Utility deposits
  - iv. Security deposits
  - v. Rental arrears
  - vi. Rental application fees
  - vii. Child care
  - viii. Education services
  - ix. Transportation
- d. When developing a client's housing plan, the following eligible activities should be considered a low priority:
  - i. Legal services
  - ii. Mental health services
  - iii. Last's month rental payments
  - iv. Moving costs
  - v. Mediation
  - vi. Credit repair
  - vii. Outpatient health services
  - viii. Mental health services
  - ix. Substance abuse treatment services
  - x. Services for special populations
- e. If a client enters the program as Rapid Re-housing, then exits and re-enters, they will be reclassified as Homeless Prevention. The length of Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention assistance will be counted towards the maximum number of months to receive assistance together.

11. **Program Participant Responsibilities.** Standards for determining the share of rent and utilities costs that each program participant is responsible to pay, if any, while receiving homelessness prevention or rapid rehousing assistance is as follows:

- a. If at intake a client is determined to have cash-income or benefits, their rental assistance shall decrease by 10% every month. If a case manager determines that barriers exist that would make this requirement an obstacle to stable permanent housing at program exit, then this requirement may be waived. Barriers shall be documented in client file and must be consistent with CoC established barriers.
  - b. Debt to income ratio limits include: 35% income to housing ratio; and a 45% total monthly debt to income ratio. If a case manager creates a housing plan that includes a plan for getting a program participant's debt to income ratio to these levels, then this requirement may be waived. This shall be documented in the client's Housing Plan and signed by the client.
12. **Rental assistance agreement.** The recipient or sub-recipient may make rental assistance payments only to an owner with whom the recipient or sub-recipient has entered into a rental assistance agreement. The rental assistance agreement must set forth the terms under which rental assistance will be provided, including the requirements that apply under this section. The rental assistance agreement must provide that, during the term of the agreement, the owner must give the recipient or sub-recipient a copy of any notice to the program participant to vacate the housing unit, or any complaint used under state or local law to commence an eviction action against the program participant.
13. **Late payments.** The recipient or sub-recipient must make timely payments to each owner in accordance with the rental assistance agreement. The rental assistance agreement must contain the same payment due date, grace period, and late payment penalty requirements as the program participant's lease. The recipient or sub-recipient is solely responsible for paying late payment penalties that it incurs with non-ESG funds.
14. **Lease.** Each program participant receiving rental assistance must have a legally binding, written lease for the rental unit, unless the assistance is solely for rental arrears. The lease must be between the owner and the program participant. Where the assistance is solely for rental arrears, an oral agreement may be accepted in place of a written lease, if the agreement gives the program participant an enforceable leasehold interest under state law and the agreement and rent owed are sufficiently documented by the owner's financial records, rent ledgers, or canceled checks. For program participants living in housing with project-based rental assistance under paragraph (i) of this section, the lease must have an initial term of one year.
15. **Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services. 24 CFR § 576.105.** Any rapid re-housing or homeless prevention rental assistance must be provided in accordance with the housing relocation and stabilization services, in particular monthly case management. Program staff salary related costs cannot exceed 20% of the total grant award. Staff time will be reimbursed based on the number of hours spent providing housing relocation and stabilization services for Stanislaus Urban County clients plus up to 20% benefits, excluding overhead costs. Paid time off (PTO) is not an eligible expense.
16. **Financial assistance costs.** Financial assistance costs are eligible activities under Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services. Subject to the general conditions under 24 CFR § 576.103 and 24 CFR §576.104, ESG funds may be used to pay housing owners, utility companies, and other third parties for the following costs in order of funding priority:
- a. Rental application fees. ESG funds may pay for the rental housing application fee that is charged by the owner to all applicants.
  - b. Security deposits. ESG funds may pay for a security deposit that is equal to no more than 2 months' rent.

- c. Last month's rent. If necessary to obtain housing for a program participant, the last month's rent may be paid from ESG funds to the owner of that housing at the time the owner is paid the security deposit and the first month's rent. This assistance must not exceed one month's rent and must be included in calculating the program participant's total rental assistance, which cannot exceed 24 months during any 3-year period.
  - d. Utility deposits. ESG funds may pay for a standard utility deposit required by the utility company for all customers for the utilities listed in paragraph (v) of this section.
  - e. Utility payments. ESG funds may pay for up to 24 months of utility payments per program participant, per service, including up to 6 months of utility payments in arrears, per service. A partial payment of a utility bill counts as one month. This assistance may only be provided if the program participant or a member of the same household has an account in his or her name with a utility company or proof of responsibility to make utility payments. Eligible utility services are gas, electric, water, and sewage. No program participant shall receive more than 24 months of utility assistance within any 3-year period.
  - f. Moving costs. ESG funds may pay for moving costs, such as truck rental or hiring a moving company. This assistance may include payment of temporary storage fees for up to 3 months, provided that the fees are accrued after the date the program participant begins receiving assistance under paragraph (b) of this section and before the program participant moves into permanent housing. Payment of temporary storage fees in arrears is not eligible.
17. **Housing search and placement.** Housing Search and Placement is an eligible activity under Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services. This includes activities necessary to assist program participants in locating, obtaining, and retaining suitable permanent housing, as follows:
- a. Assessment of housing barriers, needs, and preferences;
  - b. Development of an action plan for locating housing;
  - c. Housing search;
  - d. Outreach to and negotiation with owners;
  - e. Assistance with submitting rental applications and understanding leases;
  - f. Assessment of housing for compliance with ESG requirements for habitability, lead-based paint, and rent reasonableness;
  - g. Assistance with obtaining utilities and making moving arrangements; and
  - h. Referral for tenant counseling, to local fair housing provider.
18. **Housing Stability Case Management.** Housing Stability Case Management is an eligible activity under Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services. Each program participant receiving homelessness prevention or rapid rehousing assistance must meet regularly with a case manager and the assistance provider must develop an individualized housing plan to help that program participant retain permanent housing after the ESG assistance ends. These requirements are intended to help ensure that the ESG-funded emergency, short-term or medium-term assistance will be effective in helping program participants regain long-term housing stability and avoid relapses into homelessness. ESG funds may be used to pay cost of assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to facilitate housing stability for a program participant who resides in permanent housing or to assist

a program participant in overcoming immediate barriers to obtaining housing. This assistance cannot exceed 30 days during the period the program participant is seeking permanent housing and cannot exceed 24 months during the period the program participant is living in permanent housing. Component services and activities consist of:

- a. Using the centralized or coordinated assessment system as required under 24 CFR §576.400(d), to evaluate individuals and families applying for or receiving homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance;
- b. Conducting the initial evaluation required under 24 CFR § 576.401(a), including verifying and documenting eligibility, for individuals and families applying for homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance;
- c. Counseling;
- d. Developing, securing, and coordinating services and obtaining Federal, State, and local benefits;
- e. Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress;
- f. Providing information and referrals to other providers;
- g. Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including planning a path to permanent housing stability; and
- h. Conducting re-evaluations required under 24 CFR § 576.401(b).

18. **Mediation.** Mediation is an eligible activity under Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services. ESG funds may pay for mediation between the program participant and the owner or person(s) with whom the program participant is living, provided that the mediation is necessary to prevent the program participant from losing permanent housing in which the program participant currently resides.

19. **Legal Services.** Providing legal services is an eligible activity under Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services. ESG funds may pay for legal services, as set forth in 24 CFR § 576.102(a)(1)(vi), except that the eligible subject matters also include landlord/tenant matters, and the services must be necessary to resolve a legal problem that prohibits the program participant from obtaining permanent housing or will likely result in the program participant losing the permanent housing in which the program participant currently resides.

20. **Credit Repair.** Assisting with credit repair is an eligible activity under Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services. ESG funds may pay for credit counseling and other services necessary to assist program participants with critical skills related to household budgeting, managing money, accessing a free personal credit report, and resolving personal credit problems. This assistance does not include the payment or modification of a debt.

21. **24 CFR § 576.107 HMIS System.** Provided funding from another local source is not already available for the HMIS related costs below, the recipient or sub-recipient may use ESG funds to pay the costs of contributing data to the HMIS designated by the CoC for the area. Activities funded under this section must comply with HUD's standards on participation, data collection, and reporting under a local HMIS. Eligible activities under this category include:

- a. Purchasing or leasing computer hardware;

- b. Purchasing software or software licenses;
- c. Purchasing or leasing equipment, including telephones, fax machines, and furniture;
- d. Obtaining technical support;
- e. Leasing office space;
- f. Paying charges for electricity, gas, water, phone service, and high-speed data transmission necessary to operate or contribute data to the HMIS;
- g. Paying salaries for operating HMIS including, completing data entry, monitoring and reviewing data quality, completing data analysis, reporting to the HMIS Lead, training staff on using the HMIS or comparable database, and implementing and complying with HMIS requirements;
- h. Paying costs of staff to travel to and attend HUD-sponsored and HUD-approved training on HMIS and programs authorized by Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
- i. Paying staff travel costs to conduct intake;
- j. Paying participation fees charged by the HMIS Lead, if the recipient or sub-recipient is not the HMIS Lead. The HMIS Lead is the entity designated by the CoC to operate the area's HMIS; and
- k. If the sub-recipient is a victim services provider or a legal services provider, it may use ESG funds to establish and operate a comparable database that collects client-level data over time (i.e., longitudinal data) and generates unduplicated aggregate reports based on the data. Information entered into a comparable database must not be entered directly into or provided to an HMIS.

## Evaluating Outcomes

1. **Defining Stably Housed.** For the purposes of evaluating outcomes of Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention assistance, a program participant is considered to be stably housed, if their residence at time of exit includes one of the following:
  - a. Permanent Supportive Housing
  - b. Rental by client no housing subsidy
  - c. Rental by client, VASH housing subsidy
  - d. Rental by client, other (non-VASH) housing subsidy
  - e. Staying or living with family, permanent tenure
  - f. Staying for living with friends, permanent tenure
2. **Additional Outcomes.** Additional outcomes to be tracked include the following:
  - a. Changes in employment
  - b. Changes in cash benefits



- c. Changes in non-cash benefits
- d. Supportive services received
- e. Job or life skills training received

## Record Keeping

1. **Homeless Status.** Documentation of homeless status must occur at intake. Lack of third-party documentation must not prevent an individual or family from being immediately admitted to emergency shelter, receiving street outreach services, or being immediately admitted to shelter or receiving services provided by a victim service provider. Records contained in an HMIS or comparable database used by victim service or legal service providers are acceptable evidence of third-party documentation and intake worker observations if the HMIS retains an auditable history of all entries, including the person who entered the data, the date of entry, and the change made; and if the HMIS prevents overrides or changes of the dates on which entries are made. Priority for obtaining evidence is as follows:
  - a. Third Party Written
  - b. Third Party Oral
  - c. Documents provided by program participant
  - d. Self-declaration
  
2. **Documenting Homelessness.** For each individual or family who receives ESG homelessness assistance, the records must include the evidence relied upon to establish and verify the individual or family's "homelessness" status. This evidence must include an intake and certification form that meets HUD specifications and is completed by the sub-recipient. Required documentation includes the following:
  - a. If the individual or family is lacking a fixed nighttime residence and is staying in either a place not meant for habitation or a shelter, acceptable evidence includes:
    - i. A written observation by an outreach worker of the conditions where the individual or family was living,
    - ii. A written referral by another housing or service provider, or
    - iii. A certification by the individual or head of household seeking assistance.
  
  - b. If the individual or family is exiting a public institution where their stay was 90 days or less , and where they stayed either in a place not meant for habitation or a shelter prior to entry, acceptable evidence includes 2a.i-iii above and:
    - i. Discharge paperwork or a written or oral referral from a social worker, case manager, or other appropriate official of the institution, stating the beginning and end dates of the time residing in the institution. All oral statements must be recorded by the intake worker; or
    - ii. Where the evidence in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section is not obtainable, a written record of the intake worker's due diligence in attempting to obtain the evidence described in paragraph (b)(2)(i) and a certification by the individual seeking assistance that states

he or she is exiting or has just exited an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less.

- c. For any other circumstances where an individual or family qualifies as homeless under 24 CFR §576.2 of the Federal Code, the evidence must comply with 24 CFR §576.500(b) of the Federal Code.

- 3. **Documenting At Risk of Homelessness Status.** For each individual or family who receives ESG homelessness prevention assistance, the records must include the evidence relied upon to establish and verify the individual or family's "at risk of homelessness" status. This evidence must include an intake and certification form that meets HUD specifications and is completed by the recipient or sub-recipient. The evidence must also include:

- a. Determination of annual income

- b. The program participant's certification on a form specified by HUD that the program participant has insufficient financial resources and support networks (e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to attain housing stability and meets one or more of the conditions described of the definition of "at risk of homelessness" in 24 CFR §576.2)

- c. The most reliable evidence available to show that the program participant does not have sufficient resources or support networks. Acceptable evidence includes:

- i. Source documents (e.g., eviction notice, notice of termination from employment, unemployment compensation statement, bank statement, health-care bill showing arrears, utility bill showing arrears);

- ii. To the extent that source documents are unobtainable, a written statement by the relevant third party (e.g., former employer, public administrator, relative) or the written certification by the recipient's or sub-recipient's intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party that the applicant meets one or both of the criteria under paragraph (1)(ii) of the definition of "at risk of homelessness" in 24 CFR § 576.2; or

- iii. To the extent that source documents and third-party verification are unobtainable, a written statement by the recipient's or sub-recipient's intake staff describing the efforts taken to obtain the required evidence; and a statement that the intake staff that the staff person has visited the applicant's residence and determined that the applicant meets one or more of the criteria under paragraph (1)(iii) of the definition or, if a visit is not practicable or relevant to the determination, a written statement by the recipient's or sub-recipient's intake staff describing the efforts taken to obtain the required evidence

- 4. **Rental Assistance Agreements and Payments.** The records must include copies of all leases and rental assistance agreements for the provision of rental assistance, documentation of payments made to owners for the provision of rental assistance, and supporting documentation for these payments, including dates of occupancy by program participants.

- 5. **Utility Allowance.** The records must document the monthly allowance for utilities (excluding telephone) used to determine compliance with the rent restriction.

- 6. **Services and Assistance Provided.** The recipient must keep records of the types of essential services, rental assistance, and housing stabilization and relocation services provided under the recipient's program and the amounts spent on these services and assistance. The recipient and its sub-recipients that are units of general purpose local government must keep records to

demonstrate compliance with the maintenance of effort requirement, including records of the unit of the general purpose local government's annual budgets and sources of funding for street outreach and emergency shelter services.

7. **Program Participant Records.** In addition to evidence of homeless status or "at risk of homelessness" status, as applicable, records must be kept for each program participant that document:
  - a. The services and assistance provided to that program participant, including, as applicable, the security deposit, rental assistance, and utility payments made on behalf of the program participant;
  - b. Compliance with the applicable requirements for providing services and assistance to that program participant under the program components and eligible activities provisions at 24 CFR § 576.101 through 24 CFR § 576.106, the provision on determining eligibility and amount and type of assistance at 24 CFR §576.401(a) and (b), and the provision on using appropriate assistance and services at 24 CFR §576.401(d) and (e); and
  - c. Where applicable, compliance with the termination of assistance requirement in 24 CFR § 576.402.

## Coordination Among Homeless Service Providers

1. **Centralized or Coordinated Assessment Systems and Procedures.** The recipient and its sub-recipients must keep documentation evidencing the use of, and written intake procedures for, the centralized or coordinated assessment system(s) developed by the (CoC(s) in accordance with the requirements established by HUD.
2. **Provider Coordination.** The ESG Sub-committee will meet once a month, after the general CoC meeting. ESG recipients must attend this sub-committee meeting bi-monthly to ensure standardized coordination among emergency shelter providers, essential service providers, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance providers, other homeless assistance providers, and mainstream service and housing providers.
3. **Coordination with CoC(s) and other Programs.** The recipient and its sub-recipients must document their compliance with the requirements of 24 CFR § 576.400 for consulting with the Continuum(s) of Care and coordinating and integrating ESG assistance with programs targeted toward homeless people and mainstream service and assistance programs. *HMIS*. The recipient must keep records of the participation in HMIS or a comparable database by all projects of the recipient and its sub-recipients.

## Other

1. **Match Funding.** The recipient must keep records of the source and use of contributions made to satisfy the matching requirement in 24 CFR § 576.201. The records must indicate the particular fiscal year grant for which each matching contribution is counted. The records must show how the value placed on third-party, Non-cash contributions was derived. To the extent feasible, volunteer services must be supported by the same methods that the organization uses to support the allocation of regular personnel costs.
2. **Program Income.** Program income shall have the meaning provided in 24 CFR 85.25. Program income includes any amount of a security or utility deposit returned to the recipient or sub-recipient.

3. **Conflicts of Interest.** The recipient and its sub-recipients must keep records to show compliance with the organizational conflicts-of-interest requirements in 24 CFR § 576.404(a)

**2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.**

The CoC has developed a working sub-committee to evaluate the best method for implementing a coordinated client intake and assessment process. As it is required to participate in HMIS as an ESG sub-recipient, a common set of data is currently being collected through entry of client information into the HMIS. Through the HMIS Sub-committee, universal entry and assessment forms have been developed and are in use by each agency required to enter into the HMIS system. The Sub-committee also implemented a common release form for client permission to be entered into HMIS. Throughout the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, the Sub-committee will continue to work together to further develop the CoC's coordinated assessment process.

**3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).**

ESG funds are allocated based on a competitive grant cycle to which homeless and homeless prevention service providers can apply. Applicants are restricted to submitting two (2) applications per agency, provided each application is a request for a different program or office. All applicants are required to attend a technical workshop prior to submission of an application. A panel made up of representation from each Stanislaus Urban County members and the CoC, reviewed each written application submission and oral presentation and scored them individually. Scoring for ESG grants consists of the following categories:

**Capacity & Experience**

- ◆ Agency & Staff Experience with Grant Administration
- ◆ Program Sustainability Outlook

**Need/Extent of the Problem**

- ◆ Prevention Focus
- ◆ Consolidated Plan Consistency/Priority
- ◆ Meeting a Community Need

**Collaboration**

- ◆ Does Project Include Cross Sector Engagements?
- ◆ Is there Partnerships and Collaborations?
- ◆ Outreach and Referrals

**Accomplishments & Program Evaluation**

- ◆ Are Accomplishments Measurable?
- ◆ Standardized Client Intake and Eligibility Process

- ◆ Standardized Methods and Tools to Evaluate Progress
- ◆ Are Long-Term Goals Verifiable and Attainable?
- ◆ Will Program be Impactful and Effective?

#### **Financials**

- ◆ Clear and Efficient Budget
- ◆ Leveraging Sources

#### **Performance & Risk Assessment**

- ◆ Implementation- Soundness of Approach
- Monitoring Results and Timeliness

#### **Project Innovation**

#### **Grant Submittal**

- ◆ Is the Application Clear?
- ◆ Presentation Value

As discussed earlier within the Consultation Process section of this document, the results of the competitive process will be presented to the CoC, and the ESG/SHP/HMIS Sub-committee for input in March 2016.

**4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.**

The CoC has three formerly homeless persons currently actively participating in meetings. The CoC will continue to work to gain input from homeless individuals and advocacy groups for all CoC projects. A Street Relief resources fair for the homeless, which connected homeless persons to medical screenings, enrollment assistance, documentation replacements, emergency food and clothing, as well as for general resource and referral services, is coordinated by CoC members annually. The 2016 Point in Time (PIT) count for sheltered homeless was conducted on Wednesday evening, January 27, 2016 and the unsheltered homeless count was conducted on Thursday, January 28, 2016. Surveys conducted included comments from homeless persons on what services they needed most. The results from the PIT count will be made available in April 2016.

**5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.**

#### **Discussion**

For the purposes of evaluating outcomes of Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention assistance, a program participant is considered to be stably housed, if their residence at time of exit includes one of the following:

- ◆ Permanent Supportive Housing
- ◆ Rental by client with no housing subsidy
- ◆ Rental by client, VASH housing subsidy
- ◆ Rental by client, other (non-VASH) housing subsidy
- ◆ Staying or living with family, permanent tenure
- ◆ Staying for living with friends, permanent tenure

Additionally, sub-grantees will be required to document each program participant's barriers to obtaining and maintaining stable housing at program entry, re-certification, and at program exit. In particular, sub-grantees must keep detailed records for each program participant in the following categories:

- ◆ Changes in employment
- ◆ Changes in cash benefits
- ◆ Changes in non-cash benefits
- ◆ Supportive services received
- ◆ Job or life skills training received

In general, ESG program participants whose residence at program exit is considered to be “stably housed” and who experiences a decrease in the number of barriers from program exit to program entry, will be considered to be a program success.

**Public Service Grant (PSG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**

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PUBLIC SERVICES GRANTS (PSG)									
RANKING	SCORE	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM TYPE	FOCUS AREA*	GRANT	OTHER FUNDING	AMOUNT REQUEST	FUNDING RECOMMENDATION
1	124.25	Center for Human Services	Westside Family Resource Center-Supportive Services	Family Resource Center	Patterson	PSG	Health Services Agency (HSA), First 5 CA, BHRS, Donors	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
2	123.50	Healthy Aging Association	Young at Heart Program	Health/Education/Outreach	County-wide	PSG	United Way, Donors, Sponsorships, Foundations	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
3	122.38	Center for Human Services	Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children	Family Resource Center	Ceres	PSG	Health Services Agency (HSA), First 5 CA, BHRS, Donors	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
4	121.88	Children's Crisis Center	Guardian House Program	Emergency Shelter	Oakdale	PSG	Cal Fresh, Health Services Agency (HSA), First 5 CA, BHRS, Foundation, Donors	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
5	121.63	Center for Human Services	Oakdale Family Resource Center-Crisis Support Program	Family Resource Center	Oakdale	PSG	Health Services Agency (HSA), First 5 CA, BHRS, Donors	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
6	121.25	CASA	Direct Services Program	Court Advocacy	County-wide	PSG	Federal IVE, State, Foundation, Donors	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
7	120.50	Children's Crisis Center	Marsha's Shelter Program	Emergency Shelter	CE, PA, UN	PSG	Cal Fresh, Health Services Agency (HSA), First 5 CA, BHRS, Foundation, Donors	\$ 19,980.00	\$ 19,980.00
8	119.38	DRAIL	Assistive Technology Program	Health/Education/Outreach	County-wide	PSG	Foundations, Donors, Events	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
9	119.13	Salvation Army -Red Shield	Tutoring and Computer Program	After School Program	South Modesto	PSG	Foundations, Donors, Events	\$ 19,812.00	\$ 19,812.00
10	118.88	Children's Crisis Center	Verda's Children Shelter	Emergency Shelter	HU, NE, PA, WA	PSG	Cal Fresh, Health Services Agency (HSA), First 5 CA, BHRS, Foundation, Donors	\$ 19,980.00	\$ 19,980.00
11	117.75	Second Harvest Food Bank	Food Assistance Program	Food Assistance	County-wide	PSG	Corporate Grants, Donations, United Way, Sponsors	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
12	117.38	Family Promise	Renter Restoration Program	Housing Counseling	County-wide	PSG	Donors, Fundraising	\$ 19,932.00	\$ 12,354.00
13	117.37	Salvation Army -Red Shield	At Risk Teen Program	Recreational Activity	Parklawn & South Modesto	PSG	Foundations, Donors, Events	\$ 19,902.00	\$ -
14	116.38	The Salvation Army	Health Clinic	Health/Education/Outreach	Hughson	PSG	Foundations, Donors, Events	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
15	113.00	We Care Program	Cold Weather Shelter	Emergency Shelter	Keyes/Ceres	PSG	Federal-Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP), Donors, Sponsorships	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
16	111.5	Parent Resource Center	Talking with Your Teens	Parent Engagement Program	County-wide	PSG	Health Services Agency (HSA), First 5 CA, BHRS, Donors	\$ 19,992.00	\$ -
17	110.25	Salvation Army -Red Shield	Music Program	After School Program	County-wide	PSG	Foundations, Donors, Events	\$ 6,465.00	\$ -
18	109.88	The Salvation Army	Homeless Meals Program	Food Assistance	County-wide	PSG	Private Donations, Fundraising	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
19	109.63	Parent Resource Center	Fatherhood Project	Parent Engagement Program	PA, NE, UN	PSG	First 5 CA, Health Services Agency (HSA), Donors	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
20	109.38	United Samaritans Foundation	Mobile Lunch Program	Food Assistance	Hughson	PSG	Kaiser Permanente, Modesto City Schools, Private, Donations	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
21	107.88	Family Promise	Progress and Prevention	Housing Counseling	County-wide	PSG	Foundations, Donors, Events	\$ 14,388.00	\$ -
22	107.88	Second Harvest Food Bank	Food 4 Thought Program	Food Assistance	County-wide	PSG	Corporate Grants, Donations, United Way, Sponsors	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
23	105.25	Westside Food Pantry	Westside Food Pantry	Food Assistance	Patterson	PSG	Fundraising	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -
24	101.5	Stanislaus County PAL	Empire Pool Program	Recreational Activity	Empire	PSG	Fundraising	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
25	101.00	Youth for Christ Central Valley	Family Counseling	Family Counseling	County-wide	PSG	Private Donations, Fundraising	\$ 5,201.00	\$ -
26	96.63	West Modesto KKNC	Resilient West Modesto Children	Parent Engagement Program	West Modesto	PSG	Kaiser Permanente, Modesto City Schools, Private, Donations	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
<b>Total PSG Grant Amounts Requested/Recommended for Award</b>								<b>\$ 463,652.00</b>	<b>\$ 217,126.00</b>

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EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)									
RANKING	SCORE	AGENCY	PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM TYPE	FOCUS AREA*	GRANT	OTHER FUNDING	AMOUNT REQUEST	FUNDING RECOMMENDATION
1	116.75	<i>Family Promise</i>	<i>New Beginnings- Shelter to Solutions</i>	<i>Shelter/Rental Assistance</i>	<i>County-wide</i>	<i>ESG</i>	<i>Donors, Fundraising</i>	\$ 52,620.00	\$ 52,620.00
2	105.38	<i>The Salvation Army</i>	<i>Emergency Shelter</i>	<i>Shelter</i>	<i>County-wide</i>	<i>ESG</i>	<i>Foundations, Donors, Events</i>	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
3	103.88	<i>We Care Program</i>	<i>Emergency Cold Weather Shelter</i>	<i>Shelter</i>	<i>County-wide</i>	<i>ESG</i>	<i>Federal-Emergency Food &amp; Shelter Program (EFSP), Donors, Sponsorships</i>	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 27,500.00
4	103.75	<i>Community Housing &amp; Shelter Services</i>	<i>Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-Housing</i>	<i>Rental Assistance</i>	<i>County-wide</i>	<i>ESG</i>	<i>U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</i>	\$ 19,336.00	\$ 19,336.00
5	103.63	<i>Community Housing &amp; Shelter Services</i>	<i>Homeless Management Information System</i>	<i>HMIS</i>	<i>County-wide</i>	<i>ESG</i>	<i>U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</i>	\$ 14,837.00	\$ 14,837.00
6	101.00	<i>The Salvation Army</i>	<i>Outreach Program</i>	<i>Outreach</i>	<i>County-wide</i>	<i>ESG</i>	<i>Foundations, Donors, Events</i>	\$ 8,706.00	\$ 8,706.00
7	99.38	<i>We Care Program</i>	<i>Rapid- Re-Housing Program</i>	<i>Rental Assistance</i>	<i>County-wide</i>	<i>ESG</i>	<i>Federal-Emergency Food &amp; Shelter Program (EFSP), Donors, Sponsorships</i>	\$ 29,420.00	\$ -
8	96.13	<i>Stanislaus Asian Community Legal Services</i>	<i>Outreach Program</i>	<i>Outreach</i>	<i>County-wide</i>	<i>ESG</i>	<i>Foundations, Donors, Events</i>	\$ 82,000.00	\$ -
<b>Total ESG Grant Amounts Requested/Recommended for Award</b>								<b>\$ 294,419.00</b>	<b>\$ 182,999.00</b>
<b>Total All Grant Amounts Requested/Recommended for Award</b>								<b>\$ 758,071.00</b>	<b>\$ 400,125.00</b>

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STANISLAUS COUNTY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 26, 2016 at 9:05 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors will meet in the Basement Chambers, Lower Level, 1010 10th St., Modesto, CA, to conduct a public hearing to consider:

1. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan (AAP) that includes a \$2,171,255 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation and a \$197,836 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) allocation for the Stanislaus Urban County.

A copy of the documents will be available for review between March 15, 2016 and April 26, 2016 at the Planning Departments of each member of the Stanislaus Urban County and online at:

<http://www.stancounty.com/planning/cdbg/plans-and-reports.shtm>.

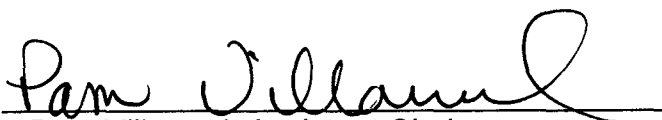
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the said time and place, interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard. Interested persons may also submit written comments to Stanislaus County regarding the program to Angela Freitas of the Stanislaus County Department of Planning and Community Development at the above-referenced address. Any materials submitted for consideration (i.e. photos, petitions, etc.) will be retained by the County.

If you have any questions, please call the Planning and Community Development Department at (209) 525-6330 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or visit the offices at 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3400, Modesto, CA.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATED: March 15, 2016

ATTEST: ELIZABETH KING  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Stanislaus,  
State of California

BY:   
Pam Villarreal, Assistant Clerk

## AVISO DE AUDICION PÚBLICA

SE DA AVISO POR ESTE MEDIO que el día 26 de abril del 2016 a las 9:05 a.m., o lo más temprano de allí en adelante en que se escuche el asunto, la mesa directiva del Condado de Stanislaus se reunirá en el despacho de juntas públicas en el 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Modesto, CA, para considerar la adopción de:

1. Aprobación del Plan de Acción Anual 2016-2017 el cual incluye el reparto de fondos del el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de aproximadamente \$2,171,255 del programa Subsidios Globales Para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG), y \$197,836 del programa de Subsidios para Refugios de Emergencia (ESG) para el Condado de Stanislaus.

Una copia de cada documento estará disponible para revisión publica entre el 15 de marzo del 2016 y el 26 de abril 2016 en los departamentos de planificación de cada miembro del Condado Urbano de Stanislaus (Ceres, Hughson, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Waterford y Condado de Stanislaus) y por internet en:

<http://www.stancounty.com/planning/cdbg/plans-and-reports.shtm>

SE DA AVISO MAS ALLA que a la dicha hora y lugar, se le dará la oportunidad de ser escuchadas a las personas interesadas. Las personas interesadas tendrán la oportunidad de someter comentarios en escrito referente al programa al Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario Y Planificación al (209) 525-6330 entre las horas de 8:30 am y 4:30 p.m. o visite las oficinas en el 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3400, Modesto, CA. Materiales sometidos a la mesa directiva del Condado de Stanislaus (por ejemplo: fotos, peticiones, etc.) serán retenidos por el Condado.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATED: March 15, 2016

ATTEST: ELIZABETH KING  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Stanislaus,  
State of California

BY:   
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