

The purpose of this newsletter will be to share with the reading public the programs and activities implemented by the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency.

The Department of Planning and Community Development responds to requests from a variety of persons that relate to the use of land. Those requests could include land division, business development, placement of buildings on parcels of land or community expansion.

In the future, this newsletter will present specific examples of those types of requests described above and discuss the process involved that leads to application outcomes.

Additionally, the Planning Department provides staff services for the implementation of the Stanislaus County Redevelopment Agency. This agency promotes economic development, housing, and infrastructure projects and programs in various defined areas within the unincorporated limits of the county.

Individual projects and programs will be showcased in the newsletter during their design or implementation.

Finally, the Department is also the implementing agent for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs funded by the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Department.

These programs fund projects such as housing rehabilitation, down payment assistance for first time home buyers, construction of infrastructure, shelter for the homeless, and public service grants that provide needed services by the lower income populations of Stanislaus County and its partner cities.

So, watch for this newsletter to describe fascinating, sometimes mundane programs and projects that are in response to personal inquiry or community and neighborhood need.