

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Sonora will conduct a public meeting on June 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., in the City Council Chambers at 94 N. Washington Street in order to discuss possible applications for funding under the current or next fiscal year's (July 1 to June 30) State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to solicit citizen input on possible competitive and supplemental activities to be included in the application.

The Community Development and Economic Development Allocations of the State CDBG program will publish a combined "Notice of Funding Availability" (NOFA) each program year. Eligible cities and counties may submit applications for CDBG funds under the NOFA. It is estimated that up to \$2,000,000 will be available in total. The Economic Development "Over-the-Counter" (OTC) Allocation requires a separate application with a maximum limit of \$3,000,000 per year. The NOFA also includes the Native American and Colonia's Allocations. The Native American Allocation is only for areas with high concentrations of low-income Native American residents, who are not part of a federally recognized Native American Indian tribe or Rancheria. The Colonia's funding is only for designated communities within 150 miles of the Mexican-American border.

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

The City of Sonora anticipates submitting an application under the NOFA published during the current or next program year. There is no guarantee that the application submitted by the City will be funded as there are always more proposals submitted than there are funds available. The City of Sonora has or anticipates receiving approximately \$50,000 in CDBG Program Income that must be expended prior to expending awarded grant funds. The purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities the City of Sonora should apply for under the State CDBG program. A separate public hearing will be held to discuss and approve the application prior to submittal to the State.

A public information file, including State Regulations, will be available at City Hall, Community Development Department, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from June 7, 2016 to June 17, 2016. Written comments by City residents are invited in addition to comments at the Public Hearing, if you are unable to attend. Please mail comments to: Rachelle Kellogg, Community Development Director, 94 N. Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370, or you may contact her at (209) 532-3508. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting please call the number listed above. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to insure accessibility to this meeting (28CFR25.102-35.104ADA Title II). The City of Sonora promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low and moderate income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

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