



# NEWS

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION • County of Los Angeles  
2 Coral Circle • Monterey Park, California 91755**

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## **THE COUNTY INVITES RESIDENTS TO COMMUNITY MEETINGS SEEKING INPUT ON DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING FUNDS**

Expression of local housing and community development needs through the public participation program will feed into and help shape the annual “Action Plan”

Five (5) meetings in the unincorporated areas are scheduled from September 8 through September 27, 2011; public can also submit written comments through October 27, 2011

The Community Development Commission (CDC) of the County of Los Angeles invites residents to a series of five community meetings (one meeting in each Supervisorial District) seeking their input through a survey on the distribution of approximately \$39 million in community development and housing funds targeted at low- and moderate-income areas and individuals. Residents’ expression of local needs will feed into and help shape the County’s annual “Action Plan.” Individuals who live or work in the unincorporated areas of the County are encouraged to attend.

The 2012-2013 Action Plan describes proposed funding activities, which can include, for example, childcare programs, services for senior citizens, homebuyer



assistance, home repair programs, homeless services, low-interest business loans, graffiti removal, and street and sewer repairs.

The approximate \$39 million in funds originate from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which requires the Action Plan. The funds are broken down into the following three program categories:

- Approximately \$28 million is from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which funds a variety of services in low- and moderate-income communities. Funding is contingent upon Congressional approval and as the CDBG Program has experienced funding reductions since 2002, future funding levels are uncertain at this time;
- Over \$12 million from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which supplies funds for housing rehabilitation, first-time homebuyer programs, and construction in lower-income areas; and
- Over \$1 million from the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, which provides temporary shelter to homeless individuals during cold and wet winter months.

The five community meetings scheduled from September 8 through September 27, 2011, in the unincorporated areas will solicit input from residents, community organizations, and local interest groups. Through a survey, attendees will be asked to identify community development needs of their respective communities. The survey results will help prioritize future CDBG funding.

The list of meetings and a diagram that presents the Action Plan planning cycle are shown on the following pages. For additional information on the meetings, please contact Gloria V. Ramirez at (323) 890-7188.

Individuals unable to attend the community meetings may submit written comments through Thursday, October 27, 2011, to Raymond Webster via e-mail at [Raymond.Webster@lacdc.org](mailto:Raymond.Webster@lacdc.org), fax (323) 890-8595, or mail (postmarked by October 27, 2011) to the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles, CDBG Division, 2 Coral Circle, Monterey Park, CA 91755.

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**LIST OF MEETINGS**

<b>District</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>
1	<p><b>Allen J. Martin Park</b>                      Community Room                      14830 E. Giordano St.                      La Puente, CA 91744</p>	<p><b>September 13, 2011</b>                      Tuesday                      6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p>
2	<p><b>East Rancho Dominguez Park</b>                      Community Recreation Room                      15116 Atlantic Ave.                      Compton, CA 90221</p>	<p><b>September 15, 2011</b>                      Thursday                      6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p>
3	<p><b>Palm Apartments</b>                      Community Room                      959 N. Palm Ave.                      West Hollywood, CA 90069</p>	<p><b>September 8, 2011</b>                      Thursday                      6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p>
4	<p><b>Adventure Park</b>                      Community Room                      10130 S. Gunn Ave.                      Whittier, CA 90605</p>	<p><b>September 22, 2011</b>                      Thursday                      6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p>
5	<p><b>Pamela Park</b>                      Gymnasium                      2236 Goodall Ave.                      Duarte, CA 91010</p>	<p><b>September 27, 2011</b>                      Tuesday                      6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p>

# THE PLANNING CYCLE

