



PRESS RELEASE

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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” and the “Consolidated Plan”

Five meetings are scheduled from
September 6 through September 27, 2012; public can also submit
written comments through October 27, 2012

Los Angeles, August 23, 2012 - The Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC) invites residents to a series of five community meetings seeking input to feed into and help shape the County’s annual “Action Plan” and the Five-Year “Consolidated Plan.” Individuals who live or work within the vicinity of the community meetings are encouraged to attend and articulate their local needs.

The 2013-2014 Action Plan will disperse approximately \$31 million in housing and community development funds, and it describes proposed funding activities, which can include, for example, childcare programs, services for senior citizens, homebuyer

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

The approximate \$31 million in funds originate from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which requires the Action Plan. The funds are broken down into the following three program categories:

- Approximately \$22 million 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 significant funding reductions since 2002, future funding levels are uncertain at this time;
- Over \$6.8 million from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which supplies funds for housing rehabilitation, first-time homebuyer programs, and the construction of housing for low- and moderate-income households; and
- Over \$2.3 million from the Emergency Solutions Grant Program that provides street outreach, emergency shelter, and homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing.

This year, the CDC is also seeking input from the public for the Five-Year 2013-2018 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan, also required by HUD, serves as an action-oriented management tool and guides federal grant spending to address housing and community development needs for low- and moderate-income residents for the next five years within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Urban County Program.

The five community meetings will solicit input from residents, community organizations, and local interest groups. Attendees will be asked to complete the “CDC

Five-Year Consolidated Plan Residents Survey,” which is also available on the CDC website at www.lacdc.org. The County will then use that input in developing the Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan.

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 Brian Talbot at (323) 838-5042.

Individuals unable to attend the community meetings may submit written comments through Saturday, October 27, 2012, to Raymond Webster via e-mail at Raymond.Webster@lacdc.org, fax (323) 890-8595, or mail (postmarked by October 27, 2012) 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

District	Meeting Location	Date/Time
1	Potrero Heights Community Center Community Room 8051 Arroyo Dr. Montebello, CA 90640	Thursday September 27, 2012 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
2	Florence/Firestone Service Center Multipurpose Room 7807 S. Compton Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90001	Thursday September 6, 2012 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
3	West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room 625 N. San Vicente Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069	Tuesday September 11, 2012 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
4	Harbor Hills Housing Community Gymnasium 1876 Palos Verdes Drive North Lomita, CA 90717	Thursday September 13, 2012 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
5	Jackie Robinson Park Carroll Building 8773 East Avenue R Littlerock, CA 93543	Thursday September 20, 2012 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

THE PLANNING CYCLE

