



Sonoma County Community Development Commission
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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 2, 2020

To: The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

From: Barbie Robinson, Interim Director of the Sonoma County Community
Development Commission

Barbie Robinson
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Subject: 2020 Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan

The Community Development Commission is pleased to bring the 2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plan to your Board for approval and submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The 2020 Sonoma County Consolidated Plan is a five-year plan covering the period beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. It is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive certain federal housing, homelessness, and community development funds.

The needs assessment results from the analysis of community input over several public hearings on the projects listed below, as well as parallel community engagement efforts and evaluation of data available on housing, homelessness, economic influences, disaster recovery efforts, and more. The draft Consolidated Plan was available for public comment from May 1-May 31 and was the subject of a public hearing held on May 20, 2020. During this time, the Cities and Towns Advisory Committee and the Community Development Committee submitted several comments and one comment was emailed in from the public.

The following table of projects were those recommended by the Community Development Committee, an advisory body to the Commission consisting of Supervisor-appointed members, Housing Choice Voucher tenants and a representative from the Department of Human Services; and the Cities & Towns Advisory Committee, which consists of representatives from each member jurisdiction of the unincorporated County. All projects funded with these sources will fall under one of the following categories: 1) Housing, 2) Homelessness, and 3) Non-Housing Community Development (e.g. infrastructure improvements, Fair Housing services and education, and economic development).

Note: The award amounts for HOME and CDBG projects may add up to more than the respective CPD allocation amount received from HUD. This is because program income and prior year reserve funding are included in this year's awards.



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Projects Recommended for Funding under the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan

Sponsor	Project	Recommendation	Rationale for Recommendation
City of Cotati	West School St. Path of Travel	CDBG: \$160,000	Project creates a safe pathway to Thomas Page elementary school and benefits a low and moderate income limited clientele.
City of Healdsburg	Sidewalk ADA	CDBG: \$175,000	Project makes investments that improve connectivity and access to amenities in a low-mod income neighborhood.
City of Sebastopol	Youth Annex ADA	CDBG: \$180,000	Project would serve a limited clientele that utilizes the Youth Annex for recreational activities and City Council meetings.
Sweetwater Springs Water District	Sweetwater Springs Water Improvement	CDBG: \$115,920	Project improves water pressure and quality for 60 homes in a low-mod area. Pressure will enable fire hydrants to be placed in the area and will improve water quality for district, which is comprised of over 2000 homes in a historically underserved area.
Catholic Charities	Caritas Center	CDBG: \$40,000	Caritas Center provides wrap-around homeless and housing services, shelter and transitional housing, serving more than 325 people daily. Staff recommends the expenditure of FY 2019-2020 2020-2021 award towards the required NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) prior to any additional funding recommendations
City of Rohnert Park	Essential Workforce Housing Program	CDBG: \$350,000	Project buys down affordability for two single-family homes forever, meaning affordability will pass on from one family to the next when the first homebuyer moves.
SCCDC	Housing Rehab Program	CDBG: \$324,317	Program provides low cost loans to assist low-income households for needed repairs that improve housing stability and decency while maintaining affordability
Fair Housing Services	Fair Housing Services Program	CDBG: \$282,820	Program provides robust fair housing that includes contracting with agencies to provide fair housing discrimination investigation, complaint intake, and counseling for low-income and disabled tenants on their fair housing rights and eviction defense legal services.
BRIDGE Housing	Cotati Station	HOME: \$605,000	Project will create 73 new affordable units in an area of high opportunity and potential for environmental benefits (transit-oriented, walkable amenities and schools). The project also possesses a high level of readiness and leveraged funds.
SC Housing Authority	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	HOME \$37,040	Funds will ensure that 17 vulnerable households maintain housing stability while securing access to long-term rental assistance or affordable housing units.
Catholic Charities	Rapid Rehousing Program	ESG: \$25,113	Program provides housing location, housing-focused case management, and rental assistance to help persons experiencing homelessness to re-enter housing.
Catholic Charities	Homelessness Prevention	ESG: \$27,159	Program provides outreach and diversion services to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
Catholic Charities	Family Support Center	ESG: \$151,293	The Family Support Center (FSC) is a 138-bed emergency shelter dedicated to serving homeless families with children, with the primary aim of exiting these most vulnerable families into permanent housing as rapidly as possible
SCCDC	Admin and Direct Delivery	CDBG: \$417,094 HOME: \$89,601 ESG: \$12,267	Staff administration and in-house work on CDBG, HOME and ESG projects
Reserves		HOME: \$101,967	Funding set-aside in the event of cost-overruns or unforeseen costs associated with HOME-funded projects.

Total		CDBG: \$2,045,151 HOME: \$833,608 ESG: \$163,560	
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