



PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SALINAS

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) For FY 2021-22 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement CDBG, HOME & ESG Programs; State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) 2021 ESG, 2020 PLHA, and 2021 PLHA Programs;

The City of Salinas Community Development Department is pleased to announce, as of January 9, 2021, the following **Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA's)** for:

- I. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) & Emergency Solutions Grants Programs for FY 2021-22;
- II. The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) 2021 Emergency Solutions Grants Program; and
- III. The HCD Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program for 2020 & 2021.

I. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) & Emergency Solutions Grants Programs for FY 2021-22

The City of Salinas (City) is preparing its FY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan (AAP) to HUD for CDBG, HOME, and ESG entitlement funding. The estimated entitlement CDBG, HOME and ESG grant amounts that the City may receive from HUD is uncertain. FY2020-21 amounts were approximately \$2 million in CDBG funds to address community development needs, \$800,000 in HOME funds for affordable housing activities and \$179,000 for ESG to address homeless services. The 2021-22 fiscal year program runs July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Please note that FY 2021-22 is the second year of the City's two-year entitlement funding cycle for CDBG and ESG public services that began in FY 2020-21. The City will automatically extend annual entitlement awards made to organizations providing public services activities under first year funding (FY 2020-21) into FY 2021-22 for entitlement CDBG and ESG on the condition that recipients are exhibiting satisfactory performance. No new agencies will be funded in this application cycle for entitlement CDBG and ESG public service activities. Should the City receive additional or less entitlement CDBG and ESG funding for FY 2021-22, the City may adjust funding amounts accordingly. Public service funding cannot exceed 15% of the entitlement CDBG annual allocation.

Under this NOFA, the City is seeking proposals that include entitlement CDBG activities which meet one or more of the following national objectives: 1) principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, 2) eliminate slums and blight, and 3) meet an urgent need. The types of projects and programs which may be considered for funding, subject to national objectives compliance, are summarized as follows: Acquisition and/or disposition of real property, construction and rehabilitation of publicly owned facilities, improvements to public and privately owned buildings, to make them accessible to people with disabilities, and infrastructure improvements to include sidewalks, street, drainage, and water and sewer systems. Also included are rehabilitation of public or privately owned housing for low- and moderate-income households, demolition and clearance to abate health hazards, public services that are new or expanding and are directed toward meeting a community service need and interim assistance or temporary help to alleviate harmful or dangerous conditions. CDBG sub-recipients may be public, private non-profit organizations, or profit or non-profit Community Based Development Organizations (CBDO).

Additionally, the City is also seeking proposals for the entitlement HOME program funding that provides for a wide range of activities including; but not limited to, construction, acquisition, and/or rehabilitation of affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income households.

Applications must address the goals of the City's Consolidated Plan, the primary objective of which is developing a viable community by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, principally for persons of lower income (i.e., households with incomes not exceeding 80% of the median income), as well as the City Council's goals. Awarded entitlement applications for CDBG, HOME and ESG are expected to begin on July 1, 2021.

II. The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) 2021 Emergency Solutions Grants Program.

The City is also preparing its application for the Non-entitlement HCD, Continuum of Care (CoC) CA-506 Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties, CA 2021 State HCD ESG allocation. The City anticipates submitting the HCD ESG application to the State in June 2021. The proposed 2021 HCD allocation is available to fund homeless services, such as Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-housing, Homeless Prevention, and HMIS in both San Benito and Monterey Counties. The estimated HCD 2021 ESG allocation is uncertain, but last year's allocation was approximately \$240,000.

Non-entitlement HCD ESG activities must meet State ESG program requirements. HCD administers the ESG program with funding received from HUD. Approved applications are anticipated to be awarded by December 2021. Award and funding date are subject to change based on HCD's executed contract with the City. Last year's contract had an expected execution date in December 2020.

III. The HCD Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program for 2020 & 2021.

The City submitted an application to HCD for the 2020 PLHA Program on July 15, 2020 and is expected to receive \$1,006,847. Additionally, the City is preparing to submit an application for the 2021 PLHA Program when HCD releases its NOFA in March 2021. The City expects to receive a similar amount as the 2020 PLHA allocation for 2021 PLHA Program allocation.

Based on the 5-year Plan submitted to HCD, the City will make available under this NOFA \$755,135 from the 2020 PLHA Program allocation and approximately \$400,000 from the 2021

PLHA Program allocation. Funding activities will include predevelopment, development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of multifamily, residential live-work, affordable rental housing, and necessary operating subsidies.

Applications awarded 2020 PLHA Program funds are expected to start on July 1, 2021. Applications awarded 2021 PLHA Program funds are anticipated to start in December 2021 but may be subject to change based on HCD's executed contract with the City.

The NOFA applications will be available online starting on January 9, 2021, at www.citydataservices.net (login and password SAL2021 for new applicants).

A mandatory virtual workshop will be held Wednesday, January 20, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via the Zoom link below to assist applicants with the NOFA and on-line application process. For accommodation for persons with disabilities and language interpreter request, please contact the Community Development Department - Housing Division by January 18, 2021.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89443030545>

Meeting ID: 894 4303 0545

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The deadline for submitting complete applications in City Data Services (CDS) for FY 2021-22 funding is 4 p.m., Monday, February 8, 2021.

For information on the NOFA process, please contact Housing Division staff at (831) 758-7334 or email: housingwebmail@ci.salinas.ca.us. ***Hablamos español.*** TDD users may contact the City through the California Relay Service at 711.