

County of Monterey

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Board Report

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Urban County will continue to use City Data Services (CDS) to facilitate the application process for FY2026-27. CDS is currently undergoing a major revision to their system and the County is not able to make substantial changes to the application for the coming year.

At its last meeting, the Committee requested additional information on the application process and how proposals are rated and ranked. This presentation will review the federal requirements for both programs, provide an overview of the application, and discuss how applications are reviewed and prioritized for funding recommendations.

Congress and the President have not adopted a federal Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget to fund the CDBG and HOME programs. Current funding is authorized via a continuing resolution, which leave funding at current levels - \$1,361,629 for CDBG and \$403,479.96 in HOME funding. The most current proposals for funding these programs call for a 6% reduction to CDBG and elimination of the HOME program. If these proposals become law, the County could expect to receive \$1,279,106 in CDBG funding.

Key dates for the 2026-2027 CDBG and HOME funding period are:

December 18, 2025 - Publication and direct email Notice of Funding of Availability (NOFA)

January 5, 2026 - Applications for funding available online.

January 7, 2026 - Mandatory application workshop.

January 20, 2026 - Applications due.

March 30, 2026 - Urban County Committee reviews applications and staff

recommendations and develops funding recommendations for Board of Supervisors consideration.

May 12, 2026 - Board of Supervisors considers 2026-2027 CDBG and HOME Annual Plan.

July 1, 2026 - Approved Subrecipients have access to funds.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIONS: None. **HOUSING IMPACTS**: Reduces constraints on Housing Development Increases constraints on Housing Development X Neutral Not applicable [N/A] There are no direct impacts on the supply or affordability of housing. Programs may address habitability or affordability for a small number of individual homeowners but not have widespread benefits. FINANCING: There is no impact on the General Fund. CDBG and HOME are awarded to the County annually by the HUD. CDBG funds are included in Fund 013, Budget Unit 8546. HOME funds are included in Fund 013, Budget Unit 8545. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: The use of CDBG and HOME funds may support a variety of goals depending on the actual projects funded year-to-year. HOME funds will generally always improve the quality of life by improving or adding to the affordable housing supply. CDBG funds, especially those used for public services, typically address the Board's commitment to improving the well-being and quality of life for lower-income residents. X Well-Being and Quality of Life X Sustainable Infrastructure for the Present and Future X Safe and Resilient Communities Diverse and Thriving Economy Dynamic Organization and Employer of Choice Prepared by: Darby Marshall, Housing Program Manager, x5391

The following attachments are on file with the Clerk of the Board:

Attachment A - Application Guide FY2026-27 Attachment B - Rating and Ranking Criteria

Attachment C - Presentation