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**California Department of Housing and Community Development
Housing Update**

Nearly \$25 million awarded in recent days, two cities come into compliance, one city at risk of losing compliance

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Housing and Community Development has announced that more than \$3 million in SB 2 planning grant money and nearly \$22 million in Community Development Block Grant money has been awarded recently. In addition, two cities have come into compliance with state Housing Element law and one city is at risk of losing compliance.

SB 2 Planning Grants

Fourteen California cities have received a total of \$3.15 million in SB 2 planning grants. (See attached list)

SB 2, the Building Homes and Jobs Act (2017) established a \$75 recording fee on certain real estate documents to be used for planning grants in its first year, and for affordable homes in subsequent years. The planning grants can be used for updating local planning documents, updating zoning ordinances, conducting environmental analyses or for local improvements to expedite local planning and permitting.

Community Development Block Grants

Some \$21.7 million from the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has been awarded to 18 of California's smaller cities and counties. (See attached list.)

The money will be used for a variety of activities, such as providing single- or multi-family home rehabilitation, homeownership assistance, public water improvements, fire stations, senior and children's services, flood draining improvements and more.

HCD administers the Community Development Block Grant program for those cities with populations under 50,000 and counties with populations under 200,000 in unincorporated areas that do not directly receive funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Holtville, City of Imperial Come Into Housing Element Law Compliance

The cities of Holtville and the City of Imperial have become the eighth and ninth cities to come into compliance with state Housing Element law since Governor Gavin Newsom met with mayors earlier this year to address the housing affordability crisis in California.

Holtville adopted an ordinance to allow for a variety of housing types that address the housing needs for low-income families and special needs populations, including farmworkers. The City of Imperial has committed to addressing the housing needs for lower-income families through increasing densities to provide opportunities to support mixed-use development.

Pico Rivera at Risk of Losing Compliance

HCD continues to hold local jurisdictions accountable for complying with Housing Element law, and today sent a letter notifying the city of Pico Rivera they are in violation of California's Housing Element Law. The city has failed to zone to accommodate enough units to meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation targets. Pico Rivera has 30 days to respond to HCD's findings before HCD will take actions to pull the city's Housing Element compliance.

In addition, HCD is working with a handful of California jurisdictions that are at risk of falling out of compliance with state housing law, including Housing Element law, the Housing Accountability Act, Density Bonus law, no net loss requirements and potential fair housing issues.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development is dedicated to the preservation and expansion of safe and affordable housing, so more Californians have a place to call home. Our team works to ensure an adequate supply of housing for Californians and promotes the growth of strong communities through its leadership, policy and program development. For more information, please visit www.hcd.ca.gov and follow us on Twitter, @California_HCD and Facebook, @CaliforniaHCD.

SB 2 Planning Grants
September 18, 2019 \$3.15 Million

Jurisdiction	City/County	Award Amount	Priority Policy Area (PPA)	Other Activities
Arcata	City	\$160,000	Specific Plans or Form-Based Codes Coupled with CEQA Streamlining	
Chico	City	\$310,000	Housing Related Infrastructure Financing and Fee Reduction Strategies	Rezone to permit by-right; objective design and development standards; ADU strategy; and expedited processing
Cotati	City	\$160,000	Multiple PPAs	
Davis	City	\$310,000	ADU or Other Low-Cost Building Strategies	Specific Plans or Form-Based Codes Coupled with CEQA Streamlining
Fontana	City	\$625,000	Specific Plans or Form-Based Codes Coupled with CEQA Streamlining	Rezone to permit by-right; objective design and development standards; expedited processing; and housing related infrastructure financing and fee reduction strategies
Grass Valley	City	\$160,000	Specific Plans or Form-Based Codes Coupled with CEQA Streamlining	Rezone to permit by-right; expedited processing
King	City	\$160,000	Rezone to Permit By-Right	Accessory Dwelling Units or other low-cost building strategies; Expedited processing
Mammoth Lakes	Town	\$160,000	None	Conceptual land use plan for a 25-acre city owned site
Rosemead	City	\$160,000	Specific Plans or Form-Based Codes Coupled with CEQA Streamlining	
Sonoma	County	\$310,000	Rezone to Permit By-Right	Expedited processing
S. Lake Tahoe	City	\$160,000	Objective Design and Development Standards	Expedited processing
St. Helena	City	\$160,000	Rezone to Permit By-Right	
Truckee	City	\$160,000	Rezone to Permit By-Right	
Willows	City	\$160,000	Expedited Processing	

Community Development Block Grant

September 10, 2019 \$21.7 Million

County	Applicant	Activities	Award Amount
Del Norte	County of Del Norte	Public services - senior services; public services - abused and neglected children	\$500,000
Fresno	City of Firebaugh	Public improvements - waterline replacement	\$2,350,000
	City of San Joaquin	Public improvements - new water well	\$2,950,000
Humboldt	County of Humboldt	ED - microenterprise technical assistance program; PTA study	\$496,220
Imperial	City of Brawley	Single-family housing rehabilitation program; and homeownership assistance program	\$500,000
	County of Imperial	Public facilities - fire station/cooling center	\$3,000,000
	Colonias	<u>Palo Verde</u> : public improvements - water well; <u>Heber</u> : single-family housing rehabilitation program; <u>Niland</u> : single-family housing rehabilitation program; <u>Salton Sea</u> : single-family housing rehabilitation program	\$1,500,000
Lake	City of Lakeport	Public improvements in support of housing new construction - street improvements	\$650,000
Mendocino	County of Mendocino	ED - microenterprise technical assistance program	\$500,000
Merced	City of Los Banos	Public services - code enforcement program	\$500,000
Santa Cruz	County of Santa Cruz	Multi-family housing rehabilitation project; PTA study	\$521,000
Shasta	City of Shasta Lake	Single-family housing rehabilitation program	\$300,000
Siskiyou	City of Mt. Shasta	ED - direct financial assistance for for-profits; ED - microenterprise loans/grants; ED - microenterprise technical assistance program	\$465,117
Tulare	City of Dinuba	Public improvements - flood drainage improvements	\$3,000,000
	City of Exeter	Single-family housing rehabilitation program; homeownership assistance program	\$600,000

	City of Farmersville	Public services - senior services; public services - youth services	\$390,000
	City of Woodlake	Public improvements - flood drainage improvements; single-family housing rehabilitation program; homeownership assistance program	\$3,000,000
Tuolumne	County of Tuolumne	Public services - food bank; public services - housing stabilization program	\$500,000
Total 2018-19 CDBG Awards			\$21,722,337

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