

December 27, 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE POSTING

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR COMMENT

***Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grant B-08-DN-06-0001
Substantial Action Plan Amendment***

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is proposing a substantial amendment to the NSP1 Action Plan. As part of the Action Plan Amendment process, HCD is seeking public comments on the proposed substantial amendment. HCD, in partnership with the County of Tuolumne, will hold a **PUBLIC REVIEW and COMMENT PERIOD** and a **PUBLIC HEARING** for the purpose of soliciting citizens' review and comment on the proposed NSP1 grant substantial amendment. Public review and comment is required to take place prior to submittal of the substantial amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The substantial amendment will designate the community of Groveland as a new NSP1s project area under the HCD HUD grant referenced above. HCD is proposing to allocate up to \$5 million in existing NSP1 funding, \$3 million of remaining grant funds and \$2 million in program income repayment funding toward eligible activities in the new project area. The funds may be used for eligible NSP1 housing and community facility activities in Groveland that lead to increased community cohesion and resilience. HCD is inviting residents of the county and the state to provide comments on the proposed NSP1 substantial amendment.

The State of California has selected the community of Groveland in Tuolumne County for the new NSP1 project area because of the Rim Fire disaster's impact on the community. Because of the Rim Fire, Groveland has been chosen to be the site of a Community Resilience Center (CRC), which is being funded by HCD with HUD National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) grant award. Thus the NSP1 funding is meant to complement the existing NDRC grant funding and ensure a high quality CRC is developed in Groveland which improves community resilience and cohesion.

Citizens are asked to give their input on the selection of the new NSP1 project area and use of NSP1 funding on the CRC and other eligible NSP1 activities. All projects funded by the NSP1 and NDRC grants must meet the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) national objective of benefit to low and moderate income households.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN - Public review of the Draft NSP substantial amendment will be available on Friday, December 27, 2019 (1) on HCD's NDRC web site at www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/disaster-recovery-programs/ndrc.shtml#notices under the Public Notices section, (2) on County website: www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov and at the Tuolumne County Administrative Office during normal business hours from December 27, 2019 through January 15, 2020, (3) at the Sonora Library, the Groveland Library, the Tuolumne Library, the Twain Hart Library.

The **PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD** for these documents is a minimum of 15 days, from **December 27, 2019, through January 15, 2020**. The Department **must receive** all comments on the proposed NSP Action Plan Substantial Amendment no later than **5 p.m. on January 15, 2020**.

HCD and Tuolumne County will hold a public hearing on:

- **January 7, 2020** at the **County Board of Supervisors Chambers**,
Administrative Office, 2 South Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370 FROM 1:30PM – 2:00PM;

Also, the **JANUARY 7, 2020** hearing will also be will hosted by HCD and County and be televised for out-of-area citizens to view. Citizens may view the public hearing on local Cable 8 or via county website.

Written comments can be submitted via (1) electronic mail at CA-NDRC@hcd.ca.gov, or (2) by U.S. mail at the following address:

Attention: Patrick Talbott
Department of Housing and Community Development,
Division of Financial Assistance
P.O. Box 952054
Sacramento, California 94252-2054

A limited number of copies of these documents is also available to entities or individuals unable to access one of the above sources by contacting the County Administrative Office at (209) 533-5511 or HCD 916-263-2297.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and require accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, or have a need for an interpreter, please contact the County Administrative Office at (209) 533-5511 to arrange for those accommodations to be made within five working days of the hearing. HCD and The County promote fair housing and make all programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap. **Questions** about access to documents should be directed to Patrick Talbott at CA-NDRC@hcd.ca.gov or (916) 263-2297.