

## City of Merced Housing HUD Annual Plans Meetings For Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Presentation delivered by Mark Hamilton, Housing Program Supervisor

Handouts available to attendees were: Public notices, CDBG & HOME application instructions, questions & answers to programs, submittal check list, and the application to program. Each session was informed of the application submittal deadlines and that there may be limited funding available for CDBG grants for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Introductions included staff and community organization introductions, and Mark presented a PowerPoint presentation to introduce what the City of Merced Housing department offers for Merced and past and present projects, including the Child Court and Gateway Terrace II affordable housing projects.

At the end of each presentation, Mark sets aside time for a question and answer session with opportunities for attending organizations to speak to each other, which encourages collaboration and teamwork within the community.

Thursday, November 29, 2018 - Fire Station #55, 3520 North Parsons, 6:00 pm			
#	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing	Christina Alley	Was there for information regarding CDBG and to represent past/current projects the CVCAH and the City have partnered with together.
2	(None – attended as member of the public)	Mia Fowler	Was there for information regarding CDBG and to learn about affordable housing.
3	Habitat for Humanity, Merced County	Jan Sorge	Wants funding in order to rehabilitate an existing home on Parsons Avenue. Staff encouraged her to submit an application for funding assistance.
4	Habitat for Humanity, Stanislaus County	Anita Hellem	Would like to continue with the homeowner rehab program for the next fiscal year.
<b>Notes:</b> <u>Questions were answered on these topics:</u> the perception of why more permanent supportive housing seems to be in South Merced, defining permanent supportive housing, housing rehabilitation program projects and funding parameters, and the differences of acquisition vs. rehab projects. There was a brief discussion regarding the shortage of housing units in Merced, including causes and ways to solve it.			

Tuesday, January 3, 2019 - Merced Senior Center, 755 West 15th Street - 6:00 pm			
#	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Merced Lao Family	Zer Yang	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
2	Kiwanis of Greater Merced	Alicia De Los Santos	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
3	Kiwanis of Greater Merced	Janice Jimenez	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
4	Central Valley Coalition for Affordable Housing	Christina Alley	Was there for information regarding CDBG and to represent past/current projects the CVCAH and the City have partnered with together.
5	Merced Boys and Girls Club of Merced County	Mike Pierick	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
6	Love Faith Hope	Loretta Spence	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
<p><b>Notes:</b> <i>Project ideas discussed at this session included:</i> access for youth transportation and getting kids out into the community; programs for the elderly; at-risk youth, youth hiking/life and survival skills; youth computer programs; disabled adults; job training</p> <p><i>Questions were answered on these topics:</i> how the Federal government shutdown has affected federal grant programs; eligible census tracts and income eligibility; Gateway Terrace II affordable housing project; billable hours to only the program being funded, not to staff an organization; and how a housing acquisition program is funded and processed.</p>			
Thursday, January 7, 2019 – Merced Civic Center (City Council Meeting), 678 W 18 <sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, 6:00 pm Community Input Presentation			
<p><b>Notes:</b> Mark Hamilton presented information regarding the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan and project information for the Childs &amp; B/Childs Court Apartment project that Housing staff is working on.</p> <p><i>Questions from City Council regarding the Childs Court Apartments were answered regarding the following topics:</i> safety of the transit stop; lighting and intersection configuration; funding methods and amounts that will be used; and expected timeline of completion.</p>			

Thursday, February 7, 2019 - Merced City Hall (Sam Pipes Room), 678 West 18th Street - 3:00 pm			
#	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	Alpha Pregnancy Help Center	Debbie Croft	Was there for information regarding CDBG
2	Restore Merced	Caleb Medefind	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
3	Lifeline CDC	Monika Grasley	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
4	C.O.V.E.	Margaret Buchmann-Garcia	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
5	Leadership Counsel	Araceli Garcia Munoz	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
6	Healthy House	Belle Vallador	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
7	Merced Rescue Mission	Tim Adam	Was there for information regarding CDBG.
<p><b>Notes:</b> <i>Project ideas discussed at this session included:</i> senior housing, youth, jobs, life skills, disabled adults, victims of domestic violence</p> <p><i>Questions were answered on these topics:</i> Childs and B Street Affordable Housing projects regarding estimated project completion and apartment management; groups the City has worked with in past years; Council direction on affordable housing; current and past affordable housing projects and ideas in Merced, including hotels on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and the Grove, Gateway Terrace, Woodbridge, and Sunnyview/Sunnyside Apartment projects; senior housing; and fair housing services. There was also a discussion regarding installation of audible signals and tactile tiles at bus stops for the visually impaired.</p>			
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – City Council Town Hall Meeting, Multicultural Arts Center, 645 West Main Street - 6:00 pm			
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 – City Council Town Hall Meeting, Rivera Middle School, 945 Buena Vista Drive - 6:00 pm			
Thursday, February 28, 2019 – City Council Town Hall Meeting, Tenaya Middle School, 760 West 8 <sup>th</sup> Street - 6:00 pm			