

## CITY OF OXNARD HUD ENTITLEMENT GRANTS NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2025

### HUD ENTITLEMENT GRANTS

The City of Oxnard, as an entitlement city, annually receives formula grants through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Division. Through HUD CPD, the City receives three separate grants - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Hearth Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) funds. HUD entitlement grants are designed to principally benefit persons of low- and moderate-incomes as defined in the HUD regulations. The City is dedicated to serving the diverse needs of its residents, and works to address the unmet needs identified through the City's community planning process and the use of these programs.

The procedural framework to receive entitlement grants is mandated in the HUD regulations wherein HUD requires grant recipients to set up a local process to encourage citizen participation. The planning process for the entitlement grants is defined in the <u>Citizen Participation Plan</u>, located on the Grants Management <u>website</u>. This plan sets forth the local procedures to receive citizen input regarding the needs and community service gaps that the programs may be able to address. The HUD regulations and local citizen plan requires that at least two public hearings occur, annually, to receive citizen input. The information collected through the public process assists in the City Council's decisions on how to spend program funds.

To receive the HUD entitlement grants, the City of Oxnard is required to develop a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans within the five-year period. The City of Oxnard is participating in the 2025-29 Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan, wherein the City of Oxnard is partnering with County of Ventura and the cities of Camarillo, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and Ventura. A draft version of this plan will be available April 2025, with the final plan scheduled to be adopted by Council and submitted to HUD in May of 2025. The City of Oxnard City Council approved the <u>2020-2024 Regional Consolidated Plan</u> on June 16, 2020.

The 2025 Annual Action Plan will include proposed activities for the forthcoming program year and must be submitted to HUD on or 45 days prior to the start of the new fiscal year. The goals described in the Regional Consolidated Plan serve as the parameters for prioritizing applications for program implementation within each program year.

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

In program year 2024, the City of Oxnard received CDBG grant funding of \$2,098,130, HESG funding of \$194,580 and HOME funding of \$595,463. The City expects to receive HUD funding for program year 2025 that is similar to the amounts stated above. To accomplish the goals set forth in the City's Consolidated Plan and the objectives identified in the 2025 Annual Action Plan, the City will award grant funds to those projects that propose to meet the goals established in the regional consolidated plan. Funds are subject to change based on federal appropriations and any changes to the HUD grant allocation formulas.

#### Estimated HUD Entitlement Grant Awards for PY 2025-26 CDBG \$2,098,130 HESG \$194,580 HOME \$595.463

**CDBG and HESG Applications:** The period to submit program applications for CDBG and HESG funding for program year 2025 will be from February 3, 2025 until March 3, 2025. Applications will be available online using the Google Forms platforms. <u>A link to the Google Forms application</u> will be available from February 3, 2025 through March 3, 2025 on Oxnard Housing Department Grants Management website:

https://www.oxnard.gov/housing/grants-management

**HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Applications:** For HOME application information, please contact Oxnard Housing Department, Affordable Housing & Rehabilitation Division at 805-385-7400.

Website: https://www.oxnard.gov/housing/affordable-housing

### 2025-29 DRAFT OF REGIONAL VENTURA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED PLAN GOALS OVERVIEW

The Strategic Plan, located in the Regional Consolidated Plan (RCP), outlines each jurisdiction's plan for allocating HUD entitlement grants and identifies local priorities within the regional context. Informed by qualitative and quantitative data gathered through citizen participation and consultation with stakeholders throughout the region, market analysis, and an assessment of U.S. Census and other local data that reflect community needs, the Strategic Plan identifies the highest priority needs toward which to direct grant dollars. The following regional goals were identified to meet high-priority needs (in no particular order or ranking):

**Goal 1:** Develop and maintain affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income homeowners and renters.

**Goal 2:** Increase and improve access to public service programs targeting low- and moderate-income residents.

**Goal 3:** In partnership with the Ventura County Continuum of Care, work to end homelessness within Ventura County by providing housing, emergency shelter and social services to homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness.

**Goal 4:** Enhance and maintain access to livable neighborhoods by improving and maintaining public facilities and infrastructure.

**Goal 5:** Promote economic growth and resilience in small businesses and within the workforce in targeted areas.

**Goal 6:** Maintain effective housing and community development programs to carry out HUD CPD funded programs and activities.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION—IMPORTANT DATES**

#### October 7, 2024- December 19, 2024 Survey

Resident Input of Community Need for programs to address housing, homelessness, public services, community development and economic development needs in the City of Oxnard. The survey was available on the Oxnard Housing Department Grants Management website: <a href="https://www.oxnard.gov/housing/grants-management">https://www.oxnard.gov/housing/grants-management</a>

#### October 17, 2024 - Community Meeting

Receive Public Input Re: 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan Unmet Needs and Community Goals.

# December 18, 2024 - 1st Public Hearing required by Citizen Participation Plan at City Council Chambers

Receive Public Input Re: 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan Unmet Needs and Community Goals. Hybrid meeting including in-person and virtual participation.

# February 3, 2025 - Application Open to receive CDBG and HESG applications via Google Forms application

- 1. Online applications by organizations and the City of Oxnard department for program and project funding by CDBG and HESG grants will be accepted via Google Forms application on Oxnard Housing Department Grants Management website: <u>https://www.oxnard.gov/housing/grants-management</u>
- **2.** Workshop Attendance is required to submit an application.
- **3.** March 3, 2025- Final dates for submission of applications. The City reserves the right to announce interim review dates.

### February 5, 2025 and February 12, 2025 –

<u>This is a mandatory workshop for ALL applicants</u>. A registration link to the Application Workshop will be available from January 23, 2025 through February 12, 2025 on Oxnard Housing Department Grants Management website: <u>https://www.oxnard.gov/housing/grants-management</u>

**February 5, 2025 -Application Workshop:** 10:00am - 12:00pm CDBG Application Workshop 1:30pm - 3:30pm HESG Application Workshop

**February 12, 2025 – Application Workshop:** 10:00am - 12:00pm CDBG Application Workshop 1:30pm - 3:30pm HESG Application Workshop

> Location: Oxnard Public Library, Room B 251 South 'A' Street Oxnard, CA 93030

The meetings will be designed for the purpose of providing and receiving information related to HUD entitlement grants: 1) applications process, 2) program overview and 3) application review and related topics.

March 3, 2025 – Deadline to submit CDBG and HESG applications via Google Form application.

**March 4, 2025 – March 21, 2025** Selection of proposed programs and projects to be considered for funding with CDBG and HESG

# April 8, 2025 (Tentative) –Community Services, Public Safety, and Housing and Development Committee

Draft of the 2025 Annual Action Plan Community Goal, Activities and Funding Recommendation and 2025-2029 Regional Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments.

# May 6, 2025 (Tentative)– 2nd Public Hearing required by Citizen Participation Plan at City Council approval

Receive Public Input Re: Draft of the 2025 Annual Action Plan Community Goals, Activities, and Funding Recommendations and 2025-2029 Regional Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments.

**May 15, 2025** – 2025 Annual Action Plan funding selections are submitted to HUD and are subject to HUD approval.

Grant funds are contingent upon submission of an approved Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

The following additional information of the HUD grant programs that the City of Oxnard administers that may be helpful to applicants for program planning.

**Community Development Block Grant** (CDBG) funds may be used for public facilities, public improvements, urban infrastructure, housing programs, economic development programs, and public services <u>Click here for more information from HUD regarding the CDBG program</u>.

**Hearth Emergency Solutions Grant** (HESG) – The Hearth Emergency Solutions Grant Program provides funding to: (1) engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; (2) improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; (3) help operate these shelters; (4) provide essential services to shelter residents, (5) rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families, and (6) prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless. <u>Click here to view more information from HUD HESG program.</u>

### HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)

The primary purpose of this program is to provide decent, affordable housing to lower income households, expand the capacity of nonprofit housing providers, strengthen the ability of state and local governments to provide housing, and leverage private-sector participation. See information below for Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) under the HOME Program. <u>Click here to view more information from HUD regarding the HOME program</u>.

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For application information: Denise Ledesma, Grants Coordinator <u>denise.ledesma@oxnard.org</u> (805) 385-7493

For information regarding the HUD grants' community development process: Andrea Palmer, Grants Manager <u>andrea.palmer@oxnard.org</u> (805) 385-7959