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Subject: [External] COMMUNITY INPUT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 GRANT AND PARTNERSHIPS (please include with

documents for agenda #16)

Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 2:06:20 PM

Good Afternoon, Supervisors,

The programs, unless one has AIDS and is poor, all serve only west County (page A-4.) Since your mission is to serve the entire County, I am taken aback by your apparent failure to expand the grant conditions. This means that most new housing development will be in west County, but what is worse is that the Emergency Services Grant, providing services like medical and rehousing for the homeless, is west County only, which means that east County will probably become a destination for the homeless.

Page A7 says an overwhelming amount of community input was concerned with affordability. This is a definite sign that you need way more housing units than the 5 or 10% low income housing usually offered by landlords.

Not sure how community participants can "prioritize funding for housing," but to me this strongly suggests abandoning traditional building methods for 3-D printed homes, tiny homes, shipping crate homes, adobe homes, and so on, as Mark and I keep suggesting. These are alot quicker to build and therefore tend to keep up with the need for housing so you won't end up with a bunch of empty units when they are built. Also shorten those 15-year waiting lists.

And it looks like SANDAG and MTS need to beef up their transportation efforts for the entire County, not just provide a few busses hours apart, like in Wynola (or even Eastlake.) Better roads would be nice, too.

Page 8 highlights the lack of mental health and drug services and other supportive housing programs, another reason to expand all the grant programs which are west County only.

On page 9, you say "Prioritization for FY 2026–2027 projects will	
depend on alignment with HUD eligible activities" The community	
input clearly demonstrates that you need to take the initiative to expan	d
these grants to the entire County.	

Regards,

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