

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 26

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
2025-29 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ANNUAL PLAN
STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, HOUSING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS AND EMERGENCY
SOLUTIONS GRANT (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

As a recipient of United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grant funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs, the County of San Diego (County) develops a five-year Consolidated Plan. The primary purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to:

1. Identify priority housing and community development needs in the County's jurisdiction through market analysis, community input, and stakeholder consultation, and;
2. Strategically establish five-year goals that address priority community needs and potential federal, state, local, or private funding sources that could be leveraged with HUD entitlement funding.

Today's hearing serves as an opportunity for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) to receive public comment on the draft 2025-29 Consolidated Plan Strategy, included as Attachment A. The 2025-29 Consolidated Plan Strategy proposes overarching 2025-29 Consolidated Plan goals, which sets priorities and numeric targets that guide the use of HUD entitlement funding, based on feedback gathered through in-person and virtual community input sessions, an online questionnaire, stakeholder consultations, and an analysis of community data indicators. Ultimately, the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan goals will help address needs related to housing, homelessness, and community development, and guide investments in the jurisdiction's low- and moderate-income communities.

Following today's hearing, the full 2025-29 Consolidated Plan will be drafted, including quantitative, measurable goals linked to the strategic goals established here today. The 2025-29 Consolidated Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in Spring 2025 and will also include the 2025-26 Annual Plan, which recommends projects for funding. For each subsequent year of the Consolidated Plan, HCDS realigns goals through the Annual Plan Strategy, which sets project priorities for the Annual Plan for the upcoming fiscal year based on community engagement, progress towards 5-year goals, and previous program performance. Progress towards five-year goals is measured and reported through the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

This item aligns to the County Framework for Ending Homelessness by ensuring the County continues to receive funding that creates permanent affordable and emergency housing options for San Diego County's most vulnerable residents. Finally, today's recommended Consolidated Plan goals support the Housing Blueprint by prioritizing programs across the housing solutions spectrum. Additionally, today's action supports the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically

those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically left behind, as well as the ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by ensuring low-income residents have access to suitable living environments and enhancing quality of life for residents by encouraging decent and affordable housing.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Hold this public hearing to receive public input on the housing and community development needs and approve draft goals and strategies for the development of the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan Strategy.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs were established to meet the community development, housing, and public service needs of low-income and moderate-income households and individuals with special needs. The County of San Diego (County) has seen an increased need for housing and community development investment needs throughout the region, particularly among the region's most vulnerable residents. According to the most recent and available 2020 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, 49.7% of low- to moderate-income households experience some form of severe housing problem, such as overcrowding, nonfunctional facilities, or severe housing cost burden, defined as spending more than 50% of income on housing costs. CHAS data demonstrates the extent of housing problems and housing needs, particularly for low-income households. The most common, severe housing problem is housing cost burden above 50% of income. However, for renters earning 50% to 100% HUD Area Median Family Income, overcrowding is the most common severe housing problem.

In Fiscal Year 2023-24, the CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG programs provided housing, support services, resource referral, or data collection for more than 50,000 individuals. These services particularly aid those in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County or participating cities that traditionally do not have access to as many funding sources as larger cities. These programs allow the County to provide tailored interventions, such as meal and nutrition delivery services, emergency, short-term, and permanent housing interventions, and home repairs for health and safety improvements. Additionally, of the population served, more than 90% qualified as extremely low-income, earning less than 30% of the Area Median Income.

As the administrator of HUD entitlement programs in the region, County Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS) works to expand and improve the community engagement efforts in eligible jurisdictions to ensure residents, including low-income and historically marginalized populations and groups can provide input. Additionally, HCDS deploys innovative strategies to ensure information is readily available and accessible to reduce barriers of participation for engagement. The input received from the community engagement efforts guides the County in determining the highest priority housing needs and how to best utilize the entitlement funds equitably. Engagement efforts include establishing a project page on the Engage San Diego County website, administering online surveys, hosting community input sessions in historically underrepresented communities, and utilizing County News Center and County social media platforms.

The proposed goals and strategies drafted for the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan Strategy serve to narrow the gap in housing and supportive services for residents in eligible jurisdictions. Strategies taken and goals proposed support fair access to housing, community services and economic opportunities to ensure all San Diego County residents thrive.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

Today's action supports the County of San Diego (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community, Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access, and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being of residents. Sustainability Goal #1 will be accomplished by providing diverse and meaningful engagement opportunities to shape the development of the Consolidated Plan, as well as priorities determined through annual community engagement. Sustainability Goal #2 will be achieved by ensuring programs prioritize and create opportunities for affordable housing, public recreation, shelter, and supportive services for the most vulnerable residents in San Diego County. Sustainability Goal #4 will be undertaken through building safe and affordable neighborhoods with access to community amenities, assisting non-profits who provide care and services to residents in need, and supporting access to diverse housing options as a social determinant of health. These efforts are designed to improve the overall health and well-being, and reduce barriers for underserved populations, which benefits individuals and communities at large.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be no change in net General Fund costs and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

NOT PRESENT: Anderson

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter



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