# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

### MINUTE ORDER NO. 8

SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:

FISCAL YEAR 2025-29 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ANNUAL PLAN; 2025-29 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN; A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-29 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS, HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS AND EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT; AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-27 STATE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZE TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT FUTURE HOUSING OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DISTRICTS: ALL)

### **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego (County) administers four United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funded entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. As a HUD recipient, the County is responsible for the development of a Consolidated Plan, a five-year strategic plan for the four entitlement programs, and an Annual Plan, which identifies specific projects to be funded during the upcoming fiscal year. The County also administers funding provided by the State of California through the State Emergency Solutions Grant (State ESG) program.

Today's hearing serves as an opportunity for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) to receive public comment on the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and draft FY 2025-26 Annual Plan. The strategic goals included in the 2025-29 Consolidated Plan were drafted based on community feedback and approved by the Board on October 22, 2024 (26). The recommendations for funding in the Annual Plan are aligned with these established strategic goals and represent a range of services and projects that will support the housing needs and community revitalization for low-income residents and communities in eligible service areas. The recommendations are based on anticipated funding allocations, anticipated program income, and reallocations of prior year program balances. The total anticipated funding for FY 2025-26 is \$25,294,932.

The requested action for today's hearing requires a public notice, public hearing, and a 30-day public comment period, which began on February 7, 2025, and concludes today, March 11, 2025, following this hearing. The Consolidated and Annual Plans will be adjusted to reflect any appropriate revisions due to public testimony and any adjustments made by HUD to the final funding amounts. The final 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and 2025-26 Annual Plan is due to HUD in May 2025.

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Approval of today's recommendations would approve the draft FY 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and draft FY 2025-26 Annual Plan, authorize the FY 2025-26 project funding, authorize the County Health and Human Service Agency (HHSA) to execute contracts related to projects identified in the Annual Plan, and issue Notices of Funding Availability as necessary. Additionally, it authorizes the HHSA Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to reallocate funding due to changes in funding amounts, program income, or project cost savings. Finally, today's action would authorize application for and administration of State ESG funding, as well as authorize application for additional funding opportunities to support future housing or community development, as opportunities become available. Today's action also memorializes the public and stakeholders' engagement in planning, reporting, and program administration.

These actions align to the County Framework for Ending Homelessness, the County Housing Blueprint, and the County vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, particularly for historically underrepresented communities and populations in San Diego County. They also support 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, thus enhancing their quality of life through decent and affordable housing.

## RECOMMENDATION(S) CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

- 1. Receive public testimony and approve the draft Fiscal Year 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and draft Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Plan for submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for four entitlement programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).
- 2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-29 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ANNUAL PLAN certifying compliance with the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to authorize the execution and transmittal of necessary documents and amendments for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Plan.
- 3. Adopt a Resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2024-2027 FUNDING YEARS OF THE STATE ESG PROGRAM.
- 4. Authorize the reallocation of up to \$9,400,000 in prior years' resources, including up to \$400,000 of CDBG funds and up to \$9,000,000 of HOME funds, to supplement the Fiscal Year 2025-26 HUD Entitlement Programs.

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- 5. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency or designee, to issue Notices of Funding Availability, publish notices, award contracts and execute agreements, amend existing contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, execute certification forms, prepare and execute all necessary documents for the submittal, regulatory processing and implementation, and take any other actions necessary as required by HUD for Recommendations 2 through 4, and the Fiscal Year 2025-26 recommended and/or alternative CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs following the completion of environmental processing and HUD's release of funds, as applicable.
- 6. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to adjust the funding amounts to projects identified as approved and/or alternative for CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA, and State ESG within the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Plan due to project balances from cancelled or completed projects, program income, and actual entitlement grant amounts determined and received by HUD.
- 7. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for Fiscal Years 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27 State of California ESG grant funds up to \$2,000,000.
- 8. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to accept, if awarded, Fiscal Years 2024-2027 State of California ESG grant funds, and issue Notices of Funding Availability, publish notices, award contracts, execute agreements, amend existing contracts as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, execute certification forms, prepare and execute all necessary documents for the submittal, regulatory processing and program implementation, and take any other actions necessary as required by the State of California for projects funded with State of California ESG program funds.
- 9. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee, to apply for additional funding opportunities to support future affordable housing or community development.

### **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 the most vulnerable populations and communities including low-income and moderate-income households and individuals with special needs.

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 programs allow the County of San Diego (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.

The County Housing and Community Development Services (HCDS) recognizes the historical barriers that have limited some communities' ability to fully participate in civic engagement, such as language, accessibility, and lack of representation. To address these barriers and improve the community engagement efforts in eligible jurisdictions, HCDS incorporated strategies to expand equitable

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participation opportunities and increase accessibility of information. This was accomplished through the facilitation of 12 public community input sessions in multiple locations countywide during Summer 2024, including 2 virtual sessions and 10 in-person. HCDS translated community input questionnaires and public notices in the County threshold languages, as well as consulting with over 40 trusted community-based organizations. Additionally, HCDS leveraged innovative tools and methods to make participation dynamic, interactive, and relevant for all residents, by deploying online community input questionnaires and utilizing the County social media to broaden outreach and capture diverse audiences and perspectives. HCDS community engagement efforts incorporated inclusive and equitable best practices to ensure meaningful input informed the development of the draft 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and the draft 2025-26 Annual Plan.

### SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The established Five-year goals within the draft 2025-29 Consolidated Plan and the projects and services identified in the draft 2025-26 Annual Plan will work to address the housing, community development, and public service needs for the most vulnerable populations and communities within eligible service areas. As a recipient of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement funding, the County of San Diego (County) is responsible for the annual solicitation of community input for the development for the Annual Plan Strategy, which serves to prioritize services and projects for the incoming fiscal year with the true needs of the community. This will advance the County Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways; Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services; and Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and well-being of residents. This will be accomplished by ensuring community engagement is centered on equity, innovation, and thoughtful engagement practices, ensuring projects and services create or support opportunities for affordable housing, public recreation, and supportive services for the most vulnerable residents in San Diego County. This will also be accomplished by promoting safe and affordable neighborhoods with access to community amenities, services, and supporting access to diverse housing options. These efforts are designed to improve the overall health and well-being of residents and reduce barriers for low-income and moderate-income households and individuals with special needs.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-27 CAO Recommended Operational Plan for the Health and Human Services Agency and Department of Public Works. If approved, this request will result in estimated cost and revenue in the amount of \$25.9 million for FY 2025-26 and estimated annual cost and revenue of \$0.6 million in FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28.

The funding sources for these requests are anticipated to be approximately \$13.9 million from FY 2025-26 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement grant awards which includes \$4.3 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$2.9 million in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), \$0.4 million in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and \$6.3 million in Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). An estimated \$2.0 million in total program income from repayment proceeds from loans funded with CDBG (\$1.0 million) and HOME funds (\$1.0 million). An estimated \$9.4 million in total reallocation from prior years' of CDBG (\$0.4 million) and HOME funds (\$9.0 million). Additionally, funding includes approximately \$1.8 million up to \$2.0 million of the State of California's Emergency Solutions Grant (State ESG) award over a three-year period, for an annual cost and revenue of approximately \$0.6 million from FY 2025-26 through FY 2027-28. Funds for subsequent years will be included in future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

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### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed recommendations will have a positive impact on the business community. Many of the recommended projects include construction that will be implemented by private firms selected through competitive bid processes.

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, adopting the following: Resolution No. 25-012 entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-29 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ANNUAL PLAN; and,

Resolution No. 25-013 entitled: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2024-27 FUNDING YEARS OF THE STATE ESG PROGRAM.

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

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

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

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Signed

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