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The High priorities included in this Consolidated Plan are listed below:

Affordable Housing Strategy:

Priority #1: Increase availability of affordable and decent rental housing for low- and moderate-income persons and families.

Objectives: Allocate about \$4.9 million in a combination of HOME and CDBG (\$4.3 in HOME and \$500,000 in CDBG) funds to benefit 120 low- and moderate-income households

Priority #2: Increase first-time home ownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.

Objectives: Allocate about \$750,000 in HOME and CDBG funds to benefit 20 low-income households.

Priority #3: Maintain and upgrade existing neighborhoods and housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income households.

Objectives: Allocate \$500,000 in CDBG funds to benefit 60 households.

Addressing Homelessness:

Priority #1: Provide needed emergency shelter facilities and related services.

Objectives: Provide \$1.3 million in CDBG funds, plus \$452,000 in ESG funds to benefit 4,000 unduplicated extremely low- and very-low income persons.

Priority #2: Prevent homelessness by enabling people to obtain or retain decent affordable housing and supportive services.

Objectives: Provide \$675,000 in HOME funds to benefit 450 low-income households.

Economic Development Strategy:

Priority #1: Provide business technical assistance to enable small businesses to create and/or retain jobs.

Objectives: Provide \$250,000 in CDBG funds to create 25 jobs.

Priority #2: Provide financial assistance to existing small businesses for expansion and to start-up businesses.

Objectives: Provide \$250,000 in CDBG funds to create 25 jobs.

Public Facilities Strategy:

Priority #1: Assist communities and neighborhoods that consist primarily of low- and moderate-income persons and cannot afford necessary public facilities and facilities that benefit income eligible persons.

Objectives: Provide \$5.3 million in CDBG funds to benefit 100,000 persons.

Public Services Strategy:

Priority #1: Assist low- and moderate-income persons that cannot afford necessary public services.

Objectives: Provide \$535,000 in CDBG funds to benefit 10,000 unduplicated persons.

Priority Needs and Strategies

The overall priority for the Consolidated Plan is to use these federal funds to increase self-sufficiency and economic opportunity for lower-income residents and individuals with special needs so that they can achieve a reasonable standard of living.

The County is committed to allocating funds that serve the needs of the lowest income and most disadvantaged residents. Households with incomes less than 50 percent of the area median income, particularly those with extremely low incomes (less than 30 percent of area median income), are priorities.

National objectives and performance outcomes established by HUD are the basis for assigning priorities to needs for which funding may be allocated. The following are the national objectives that guide the allocation of investments in the Urban County of San Luis Obispo:

- Enhance suitable living environments
- Create decent and affordable housing
- Promote economic opportunities, especially for low- and moderate-income households

Projects are required to meet specific performance outcomes that are related to at least one of the following:

- Availability/Accessibility
- Affordability
- Sustainability (Promoting Livable or Viable Communities)

In addition to national objectives and performance outcomes, the County must weigh and balance the input from different groups and assign funding priorities that best bridge the gaps in the County's service delivery system. While other goals the County

has set are also important, for the purposes of the Consolidated Plan, only those which are anticipated to be funded with CPD funding programs (CDBG, HOME, and ESG) during the five-year planning cycle are indicated to be high priorities. The County utilizes other funding sources to meet goals that are not considered high priority in the Consolidated Plan.

Additional criteria that will be used to evaluate the proposals prior to funding decisions by the cities and the County include the following:

1. Consistency with federal regulations and laws
2. Community support (for example, approval of project by a city council)
3. Seriousness of community development need proposed to be addressed by project
4. Degree to which project benefits low-income and very low-income families or persons
5. Feasibility of the project to be completed as budgeted within the program year award for public service activities, planning and capacity building and administration projects, or within 18 months of the beginning of the program year (June 30th) for projects involving acquisition, construction or rehabilitation.
6. Cost effectiveness of funds requested and leveraging of other funds
7. Organization's experience or knowledge regarding CDBG or HOME requirements

The following criteria, in addition to those listed above, will be used only to evaluate proposals for funding under the "Special Urban Projects Fund" allocation of CDBG funds, pursuant to the cooperative agreements between the County and each of the participating cities:

1. Degree of benefit to more than a single jurisdiction.
2. Need by the project for more funding than is available through the other allocations.
3. The project provides direct benefit to most needy groups such as very low-income and/or handicapped persons, at-risk youths (gang prevention), etc.

The Consolidated Plan anticipates using the CDBG, HOME, and ESG program funds to support activities that:

- Expand and preserve the supply of affordable housing to create housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households and homeless individuals and families
- Strengthen, preserve, and enhance the physical character and quality of life in the Urban County of San Luis Obispo's low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, including the housing stock and public infrastructure and facilities

- Continue to build the capacity of residents to empower themselves and help strengthen their community, through the funding of needed public services for seniors, the homeless, and those at risk of homelessness

The priorities and accomplishment goals outlined in this document are based on assumptions about future funding levels for the Consolidated Plan programs. In all cases, the County of San Luis Obispo has presumed consistent funding of each program at levels outlined below. Because these programs are subject to annual Congressional appropriations as well as potential changes in funding distribution formulas or the number of communities eligible to receive entitlement grants, the accomplishment projections and planned activities are subject to change with availability of funding.

These goals were developed out of priorities set in response to the issues identified through the community outreach and analysis process for the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan.

Priorities that are more detailed and accomplishment projections for Housing, Community Development, and Homeless and Special Needs populations are presented in the appropriate narrative sections within this document and in the HUD Required Tables included in Appendix A of the ConPlan. Appendix A also includes a summary table that reviews priorities for expenditure of CPD funds over the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan period. The summary table also includes the estimated resources available to meet housing and community development needs in the next five years and long-range measurable goals.

List of Priorities as per the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan (page 217)

Throughout the course of the public review and comment periods for the development of the Consolidated Plan, staff noted multiple CDBG eligible projects/priorities that could be funded during the next five years. The following list of projects/priorities are not in any particular order nor does the order signify priority over other listed eligible activities. The list is not mutually exclusive as the Urban County's needs could change over the course of the next five years. Funding for the listed eligible projects is not a guarantee as all funding requests must go through evaluations and feasibility review, meet a specific Urban County needs and have public support.

Public Services

Public Services (General)

- Homelessness

- Adult Foster Care youth

- Illiterate adults

- Food Bank/Food pantries

- Developmentally disabled persons

- Persons with health problems

- Services for special needs population

Senior Services

Youth Services

Substance Abuse Services

- Detox services

Battered and Abused Spouses

Health Services

Public Facilities/Public Improvements

Acquisition of Real Property

Public Facilities and Improvements (General)

- Homeless Facilities (not operating costs)

- Parks, Recreational Facilities

- Flood/Drainage Improvements

- Water/Sewer Improvements (sewer laterals in Los Osos)

- Street Improvements

- Sidewalks(Architectural barrier removal)

- Health Facilities (detox center and others)

- Infrastructure improvements in mobile home parks

- Code enforcement

- Façade improvements

- Removal of slums and blight

Economic Development

Technical assistance to micro-enterprises or persons who wish to start a business
Business workshops for micro-enterprises or persons who wish to start a business
Loan guarantees for micro-enterprises

Additional Priorities (non Community Development Needs)

Although this section deals with non-housing needs, the Urban County also establishes priority funding for the following eligible activities:

Housing

- Homeownership Assistance
- Rental Housing Subsidies
- Construction of Housing
- Direct Homeownership Assistance
- Rehabilitation
 - Rehab; single-unit residential
 - Rehab; Multi-unit residential
 - Public housing Modernization
 - Acquisition for Rehabilitation

Planning and Administration

- HOME Admin/Planning Costs for Participating Jurisdictions
- CDBG Non-profit Organization Capacity Building
- Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal
- Planning
- General Program Administration