

## **PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

The City of San Diego is proposing changes to the Five-Year Plan pertaining to the funding criteria for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications. Specifically, the City of proposes to establish a minimum funding amount for all of its CDBG-funded projects, unless funding at a lesser amount is necessary to complete a project.

This policy change constitutes a substantial amendment pursuant to one or more of the criteria set forth in the City of San Diego Citizen Participation Plan. As of Fiscal Year 2009 (Program Year 2008), the City of San Diego proposes to revise its City Council policy on the CDBG Program to include the following: “No allocation of CDBG funds will be made to a project of less than \$25,000, unless funding at a lesser amount is necessary to complete the project.” This language is reflected in the attached page from the Five-Year Plan.

Comments can be submitted in writing to Victoria Joes, San Diego Housing Commission, 1122 Broadway, Suite 300; San Diego, CA 92101 or via e-mail to [victoriaj@sdhc.org](mailto:victoriaj@sdhc.org).

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## 4.5 Community and Supportive Services

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### Consolidated Plan Goals

The community and supportive service programs included in this five-year strategy seek to implement the following Consolidated Plan goals:

- Provide community and supportive services for low and moderate income persons and those with special needs
- Support efforts to develop/complete the Continuum of Care System for the homeless through the provision of emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, and supportive housing services

### Statement of Need

The City of San Diego has made addressing community and supportive services a high priority. Results of the Housing and Community Development Needs survey indicated that most community and supportive services needs are considered high priority needs (with an average score above 2.0). Specifically, services for neglected and abused children, youth, and victims of domestic violence, as well as anti-crime programs are ranked highest by residents.

The lack of affordable and medically appropriate housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families is an ongoing concern for AIDS housing providers, policy makers, and advocates across the country. Stable housing and supportive services promote improved health status, sobriety or decreased use of nonprescription drugs, and a return for some persons with AIDS to productive work and social activities.

### Overall Community and Supportive Services Strategy

Three funding sources are used to provide community services for low income persons and persons with special needs in the City. These include: ESG funds, HOPWA funds, and public service dollars from CDBG funds (up to 15 percent of the annual allocation).

Each year, the CDBG application process begins in mid December with applications due to the City in early February. Applications are reviewed by Community Services staff for eligibility and forwarded to the City Council for funding considerations. The type and range of social issues addressed through programs are flexible in order to meet the needs of San Diego residents. However, all major need categories are addressed each year, including the needs of youth, seniors, people with disabilities, people with HIV/AIDS, homeless, and low to moderate income people in general.

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