

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/HOME PROGRAMS
PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13**

1. *Prevent homelessness and address critical emergency and special needs*

- Assist persons, particularly working families living in poverty, in need of food, shelter, clothing, health care or safety on an emergency basis. The safety provision is defined as an immediate threat to an individual's physical well being.
- Address the housing, health care and service needs of the elderly, frail elderly, persons with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities, and persons with AIDS.

2. *Expand educational and youth development opportunities*

- Support and develop social services and facilities and provide opportunities for youth development that will provide positive experiences needed by youth to achieve success as adult members of society.
- Prevent juvenile delinquency and divert at-risk youth from gang involvement, crime, substance abuse, family violence, school problems, and out-of-control behavior.
- Encourage programs to improve the academic performance and educational outcomes for youngsters aged preschool through post K-12.
- Support and encourage programs to provide literacy training and encourage life-long learning for adults.

3. *Provide affordable housing*

- Develop and support programs to increase the supply of affordable housing for low and moderate income households, particularly working families living in poverty, maintain and upgrade existing low and moderate income neighborhoods, preserve the affordable housing stock, and provide rental assistance to alleviate rental cost burden experienced by low-income families and individuals.

4. *Expand economic opportunities*

- Encourage and expand economic opportunities in the community by assisting commercial or industrial businesses in creating or retaining jobs and assisting agencies that provide job training programs.