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**CITY OF SANTA MARIA ISSUES NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)
FOR 2010-11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT & HOME PROGRAMS**

The City of Santa Maria is now requesting proposals for the use of 2010-11 Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds for public service activities, capital projects and affordable housing projects. Both of these federal grant programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For Fiscal Year 2010-11, the City anticipates receiving approximately **\$1,256,000** in CDBG entitlement funds and **\$30,000** in program income. Of this amount, **\$188,400** will be available for public services and approximately **\$816,400** will be available for capital development projects. In addition, approximately **\$364,000** in HOME monies will be available for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Any individual, group or organization wishing to apply for 2010-11 funds must complete and submit a CDBG or HOME application form. Application packets may be obtained during regular business hours from the Special Projects Division office, City Hall, 110 East Cook Street, Room 2, Santa Maria, CA, or by mail. Included in the packets are instructions for applying, a summary of the Federal Guidelines for Eligibility, and the City's criteria. There are three application forms:

- one for CDBG capital development projects;
- one for CDBG/public service activities; and
- one for HOME affordable housing projects.

In addition to hard copies, the applications are available on diskette, or can be electronically mailed or downloaded from the City's website at www.ci.santa-maria.ca.us/40406.shtml.

Also, agencies interested in applying for funding are **required** to attend a **mandatory** pre-application workshop which will be held on **Monday, January 18, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in Shepard Hall at the Santa Maria Public Library, 421 South McClelland Street, Santa Maria, CA**. At least one representative of each applicant must attend the workshop to be considered for funding. Hard copies and diskettes containing the application packet and forms will be available at the workshop.

The deadline for submittal of completed applications is Friday, February 5, 2010, by 5:00 p.m. All applications must be submitted to the Special Projects Division office at the above address. The Block Grants Advisory Committee will review all applications and conduct site visits of all the proposed projects and programs March 1st through March 19th, 2010. The Advisory Committee will then adopt a recommendation for funding allocations that will be distributed to all applicants sometime in late March 2010. This recommendation will be considered by the City Council at a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 110 East Cook Street, Santa Maria, CA.

If you have questions about the application process or need technical assistance in preparing an application, please contact Celeste Coelho-Hudson, Community Programs Manager, or Christie Alarcon, Grants Specialist, at (805) 925-0951, extension 118.

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