

# Notice of Funding Availability CDBG/HOME/ESG

## Questions and Answers

December 7, 2016

**Program Guidelines for FY 2017-2018 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and HOME Investment Partnership funding and for State of California ESG Funding.**

**A list of questions and answers will be updated regularly to add questions and responses from the Department of Housing as they are received. Please check back regularly.**

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1. Is the County CDBG Funding (for the Urban County) in mid-cycle? And does that mean that the County is not accepting any new applications for FY 2017-2018 funding?

*That is correct. San Mateo County is in year-two of a two year funding cycle. This applies only to CDBG and ESG funding for public services, shelter services, rapid re-housing, fair housing, micro-enterprise activities, and minor home repair programs. It does not apply to CDBG funding for housing development or public facilities, HOME funding for housing development or State ESG funding for shelter services or rapid re-housing.*

2. For core service agencies that received off-set funding from the Human Services Agency after applying for CDBG funding in FY 2016-2017, will there be a way to “re-apply” for the off-set funds?

*Core Service agencies that received off-set funding in FY 2016-2017 from the Human Services Agency will be eligible for funding in the second year of the two-year funding cycle comparable to the off-set funding received in FY 2016-2017 for the upcoming fiscal year (FY 2017-2018). There will be no application process for these funds, funds will be awarded based on the funding allocated in FY 2016-2017.*

3. Are there any new funds being made available in the FY 2017-2018 NOFAs published on December 6, 2016?

*There is new funding in the FY 2017-2018 NOFAs including:*

<i>Funding Category</i>	<i>Approximate Amount Available based on current FY 2016-2017 budget</i>	<i>Source</i>
<i>Housing Development/Acquisition Rehab (Loans)</i>	<i>~\$2,047,216</i>	<i>CDBG/HOME</i>
<i>Public Facility Development/Improvements (Loans)</i>	<i>~\$120,000</i>	<i>CDBG</i>
<i>Rapid Re-Housing</i>	<i>~\$258,852</i>	<i>State ESG (federal and state)</i>
<i>Shelter Operations/Shelter Development, Expansion or Upgrade</i>	<i>~388,278</i>	<i>State ESG (federal and state)</i>

4. Our agency received CDBG funding for Public Services in FY 2016-2017, year one of a two-year **contract**. **Do we need to reapply for FY 2017-2018 CDBG funding?**

*If your agency received FY 2016-2017 CDBG and ESG funding for the following eligible uses listed below, your award was for year one of a two-year contract.*

*Public Services*

*Shelter Services*

*Rapid Re-Housing*

*Fair Housing*

*Micro-Enterprise*

*Minor Home Repair Programs*

*In order to be eligible for year two funding for FY 2016-2017 CDBG and ESG please log on to City Data Services at [www.citydataservices.net](http://www.citydataservices.net) and working in FY2016-2017 click the Go To Reports tab and scroll down to Draft Reports: Renewal App FY2017 for 2017 and complete and submit the Renewal Application.*

5. I am looking for the RFP/application for the CDBG funding in San Mateo County; I see the guidelines document with the eligibility requirements and timeline but not the actual application. Can you advise where I can find this information?

*The guidelines for FY 2017-2018 CDBG, HOME and ESG Funding, and for State ESG Funding are available on the San Mateo County Department of Housing website at <http://housing.smcgov.org/>. Applications for funding can be found on City Data Services at [www.citydataservices.net](http://www.citydataservices.net).*

*If you do not have an existing log in for City Data Services you can login to create an account on the City Data Services site as follows. Log In for a new application is: Username: SMC2017 and Password: SMC2017.*

*Here is how to find the relevant application:*

- 1) *New agency: Use SMC2017 as ID & Password*

*Fill out the form that shows up (here you can choose ESG application or Housing/PF application) and you will be given a login for your unique user account.*

*Log in with that information and there will be a link in the application column on your main page, "Apply for FY 17/18"*

- 2) *Existing Grantee: On the main page in FY2016, in the Application Column, there will be a link "Start Renewal App". Once you start the application, the link will change to Draft App & Submitted App*

- 3) *Existing agencies with a SMC CDS login (either current or previous): There are large green buttons at the top of the main page. "Apply for State ESG" or "Apply for Housing/IPF"*

6. We received this NOFA notification today and I have a question in regards to it. It was my understanding that since Abode was granted administrator of RRH program and received ESG funds for FY 2016-2017 that we did not need to re-apply for continued ESG funding. Is my understanding correct that we do not need to apply for this NOFA for FY 17-18 to receive the ESG funds for the next year?

*In August 2016 San Mateo County Department of Housing awarded state ESG funds for rapid re-housing and shelter operations to seven agencies. These funds are federal Emergency Solutions Grant funds that were block granted to the State of California, and which subsequently the State of California allocated to San Mateo County to fund local awards for shelter operations and rapid re-housing. These funds are California federal ESG funds for FY 2015 and FY 2016 and have a period of performance beginning October 2016 and all funding must be expended by October 31, 2018. However because of delays on the part of the State in getting an award agreement to San Mateo County, in essence, the period of performance for these awards will be January 2017 – October 2018.*

*The NOFA that issued by the Department of Housing on December 6, 2016 includes federal FY 2017 ESG funding from the State and funding from the State of California general fund appropriated through SB 837. Both categories of State ESG are considered new funding, not continuation funding. To be considered for funding from the State of California FY 2017 HUD ESG and the California ESG funding, Abode Services and any other agency seeking an award of these new dollars, must submit a new proposal to be considered for an award of these funds.*

*The period of performance for the State federal ESG funds will be October 2017 – October 2019 and the period of performance for the California ESG funding will be through October 2019 or October 2020 (a two-year or three-year distribution of funds). We are waiting for the State of California to make a determination regarding whether or not funds will be awarded on a two-year or a three-year distribution. As an applicant for this funding, Abode Services and other agencies can propose either a two-year or a three-year program, however if funds are awarded San Mateo County reserves the right to re-negotiate the period of performance depending upon the program guidelines issued by the State of California.*

7. There are some inconsistencies in the dates in the NOFA. Can you please clarify? Specifically, on page 4, the RFP says the application is due Friday, 1/27, but on page 11, the RFP says Friday, 1/22, however 1/22 is a Saturday. What is the correct due date/day? Also, on page 5, the RFP says that the hearing is Tuesday, 3/16, but 3/16 is a Thursday. Then, on list of dates (a separate document), the hearing is listed on Tuesday, 3/23, but 3/23 is a Thursday. What is the correct date/day?

*The dates in both of the NOFA documents released on December 6, 2016 have been corrected, consistent with the NOFA Schedule for FY2017-2018 Funding. But to clarify specifically the dates as set out in the question above:*

*Proposals are due on Friday, January 27, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.*

*The HCDC Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Department of Housing, 264 Harbor Boulevard, Building A in Belmont, CA.*