

CITY OF OXNARD
NOTICE OF 1st PUBLIC HEARING
CONSOLIDATED PLAN, ANALYSIS OF
IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE,
2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN and 1st AMENDED 2019
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

March 17, 2020 at 6:00 or Thereafter

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Oxnard City Council (Council) will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chambers, 305 West Third Street, Oxnard, California.** The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the draft 2020-2024 Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan and the draft 2020 Ventura County Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice prior to seeking final approval by the City of Oxnard City Council. The beginning of the 30-day public review period and written comment period **begins on February 15, 2020, and concludes on March 17, 2020.**

The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities that receive annual HUD Entitlement Grants from the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) and the Health Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG), must submit a consolidated plan and annual action plan for approval from HUD before grants funds are released for the Plan year 2020, beginning on July 1, 2020. The five year Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan is a collaborative document that assesses housing and community development needs of Ventura County and participating jurisdictions, analyzed housing markets and develops goals, strategies and priorities to address identified needs of the low to moderate income residents. The 2020-24 Regional Consolidated Plan will be the basis for the objectives of the City of Oxnard's 2020 Annual Action Plan, which will support addressing unmet needs of low to moderate income residents by funding specific activities, and the action plan activities through Plan year 2024.

1. HUD approved that the City of Oxnard participate in the five year 2020-2024 Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan. The Plan results support development of six (6) goals for the City of Oxnard:
Goal 1: Create and preserve stable, safe, and resilient affordable housing opportunities for homeowners and renters including special needs groups such as farmworkers, persons with disabilities, and the elderly throughout Ventura County.
Goal 2: Enhance economic stability and prosperity by increasing economic opportunities for residents through job skills training and promotion of local entrepreneurship.
Goal 3: Increase access to health and wellness services, youth activities, senior activities, and social service activities for residents.
Goal 4: Work alongside the Ventura County Continuum of Care to end homelessness within Ventura County by providing housing, emergency shelter, and social services to homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness.
Goal 5: Enhance access to quality, resilient, and livable neighborhoods by improving publicly owned facilities and infrastructure such as parks, streets, sidewalks, and community buildings, including improving accessibility to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
Goal 6: Create and maintain effective housing and community development programs that address the priority needs listed within the Consolidated Plan, comply with all U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, and achieve the goals and objectives set out by each Ventura County jurisdiction.

2. To receive annual allocations for each of the five years within the consolidated plan, an annual action plan will be prepared and submitted to HUD in June 2020 after City Council approval. This will be the 2020 Annual Action Plan, which will implement specific activities that meet the goals developed in the consolidated plan. The City of Oxnard is in the process of receiving applications for the 2020 Annual Action Plan. On or about January 13, 2020, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was posted in the City of Oxnard Housing Department, Grants Management Division website, <https://www.oxnard.org/city-department/housing/grants-management/>. Also, the City is currently soliciting grant applications for HUD Entitlement grant activities that meet the goals identified in the draft 2020-2024 Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan; the link to the applications are found in the same webpage. Public comments are encouraged from City of Oxnard residents. Expected resources from HUD are similar to those received in the program year 2019, CDBG \$2,516,091, HOME \$726,527, HESG \$212,361.

3. The City of Oxnard is required to submit to HUD an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI). The City and the County of Ventura are collaborating on the production of the AI, which covers the entirety of Ventura County. The draft AI presents a demographic profile of the County of Ventura, assesses the extent of fair housing issues among specific groups, and evaluates the availability of a range of housing choices for all residents. This report also analyzes the conditions in the private market and public sector that may limit the range of housing choices or impede a person's access to housing.

4. 1st Amended 2019 Annual Action Plan public comments to be received for the purpose of adding \$125,000 of Fire Department Mobile Data Equipment as an activity of the 2019 Annual Action Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Copies of the draft 2020-2024 Ventura County Regional Consolidated Plan, the draft of the 2020 County of Ventura Analysis of Impediments and the draft of the 1st Amended 2019 Annual Action Plan will be available for public review at the following locations:

City of Oxnard Main Library
251 South "A" Street

City of Oxnard City Clerk's Office
305 West Third Street, First Floor

City of Oxnard Housing Department
435 South "D" Street

If you plan to attend the hearing, staff suggests that you contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 385-7803 the Thursday prior to the scheduled date to confirm that the hearing has not been rescheduled. Persons with disabilities needing special assistance to participate in the hearing, or persons requiring a translator, should also contact the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

For further information, contact Roel Briones, Grants Manager, at (805) 385-7959. Written comments may be addressed to the following:

City of Oxnard - Housing Department
Grants Management Division
435 South D Street
Oxnard, CA 93030

