

Notice of Public Hearing for Discussion of the
2024 State Community Development Block Grant Program,
Potential Applications for Funding and Program Income

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Firebaugh will conduct a public hearing on August 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the City Council Chambers at 1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA in order to discuss possible applications for funding under the 2024 (July 1 to June 30) State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to solicit citizen input on possible activities to be included in the application and general program review.

The Community Development and Economic Development Allocations of the State CDBG program will be published in a "Notice of Funding Availability" (NOFA) each program year. Although the NOFA has not been released yet, staff are estimating that approximately \$45 million will be made available statewide based on HCD guidance. Under the Community Development Allocation, eligible cities and counties will be allowed to apply for a maximum of \$3,600,000 for up to three activities. The NOFA will again include an "Over the Counter" (OTC) component for infrastructure, housing, and economic development, as well as a competitive component for planning and public service programs.

Eligible activities under the above allocations in the NOFA consist of the follow OTC categories: public improvements, public facilities, homeownership assistance, housing rehabilitation, business assistance and microenterprise activities. The other options allowed under the competitive component are planning studies and public service programs. Eligible activities paid for with state CDBG funds must meet one or more of the three national objectives listed in CDBG federal statutes as follows: benefit to low-income households or persons; elimination of slums and blight; or meeting urgent community development need (a need from a state or federally declared disaster).

The City does not anticipate utilizing any Program Income funds for this next NOFA.

The purpose of this public hearing is to give the community an opportunity to make their comments known regarding the types of eligible activities the City should consider for the upcoming NOFA and to provide a genal overview of the CDBG program to better understand its impact on the community.

If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Rita Lozano at 559-659-2043. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Rita Lozano, 1133 P Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622 or you may email them to rlozano@firebaugh.org. For further assistance, please call TTY: (877) 632-9095/ TTY Spanish (877) 419-8440. In addition, information is available for review at the above address between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday –Friday at 1133 P Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622.

The City of Firebaugh promotes fair housing and makes all its programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or handicap.