NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that The City of Ripon will hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. in the City of Ripon Main Conference Room, 259 N. Wilma Avenue, Ripon, on the following matter:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Each year, San Joaquin County receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist low and moderate income persons and households, provide decent housing, a suitable living environment and/or expand economic opportunities. These funds are allocated utilizing a formula which considers population, poverty, overcrowded units, and age of housing. The County, as an "entitlement county", then allocates these program funds, to the Urban County jurisdictions consisting of the unincorporated areas of the County and the cities of Escalon, Lathrop, Manteca, Ripon and Tracy. The City of Stockton and the City of Lodi are "entitlement cities" and each receives a separate allocation from HUD. Approximately half of the County's annual allocation is allocated to the aforementioned cities, which in turn, allocate these funds to different activities to meet priority needs and the specific objectives identified in their communities. It is estimated that the Urban County's 2024-2025 allocation will be as follows:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has provided an estimated \$2.8 million in CDBG and approximately \$1.2 million in HOME funds for San Joaquin County and the participating cities of Tracy, Manteca, Escalon, Lathrop and Ripon.

<u>CDBG Program</u> - Eligible projects must meet one of the three National Objectives mandated by Congress to the grantor agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- 1. Address the needs of low and moderate income persons;
- 2. Aid in the prevention or eliminate a slum or blight; or
- 3. Meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

At least 70 percent of the grantee's overall expenditures during a one-, two- or three-year period (specified by the grantee) must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

Many types of projects may be considered for funding. These include: public facilities, improvements and services; code enforcement; historic preservation; renewal and rehabilitation projects; housing rehabilitation and home ownership assistance; economic development; and social service activities.

<u>HOME Program</u> - Projects funded through the HOME program must provide decent affordable housing to lower-income households.

Approximately \$89,533 in CDBG funds and \$32,121 in HOME funds are expected to be available to the City of Ripon. Of the approximately \$89,533 in CDBG funds, \$13,430 will be available for Public Service Programs.

The estimates above are based on 2023-2024 final allocations. Amounts are subject to increase or decrease based on the congressionally approved budget, anticipated to be announced in the spring of 2024. In addition, the County expects to receive program income over the next fiscal year, which may result in additional funds being available. All figures above are only estimates, and are subject to change

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING SHALL BE TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AND INTERESTED AGENCIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR CITY STAFF DISCUSSIONS ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND OBTAIN CITIZEN INPUT ON LOCAL COMMUNITY NEEDS.

An application for the use of CDBG funds can be found on the City of Ripon website under Pubic Notices. http://www.cityofripon.org/connect/city_communication/public_notices
Application Deadline is Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

For additional information, Contact the City of Ripon Planning Department at 599-2108.

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