Notice of Public Hearing for Discussion of Possible State CDBG Application

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Live Oak will conduct a public hearing by the City Council on Wednesday, January 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 9955 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak, CA 95953, in order to discuss possible applications for funding under the next fiscal year's (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.

The Community Development and Economic Development Allocations of the State CDBG program will publish a combined "Notice of Funding Availability" (NOFA) each program year. Eligible cities and counties may submit applications for CDBG funds under the NOFA. It is estimated that up to $2,000,000 will be available in total. The Economic Development "Over-the-Counter" (OTC) Allocation requires a separate application with a maximum limit of $3,000,000 per year. The NOFA also includes the Native American and Colonia's Allocations. The Native American Allocation is only for areas with high concentrations of low-income Native American residents, who are not part of a federally recognized Native American Indian tribe or Rancheria. The Colonia's funding is only for designated communities within 150 miles of the Mexican-American border.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE ABOVE ALLOCATIONS IN THE NOFA CONSIST OF: HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS; PUBLIC FACILITY AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS (INCLUDING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF NEW HOUSING CONSTRUCTION); PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS, PLANNING STUDIES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND MICROENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES. 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.

The City of Live Oak anticipates submitting an application under the NOFA published during the next program year.

The purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities the City of Live Oak should apply for under the State CDBG program. A separate public hearing will be held to discuss and approve the application prior to submittal to the State.

If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Satwant Takhar, Finance Director at (530) 695-2112.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Live Oak Attn: Satwant Takhar, at 9955 Live Oak Blvd, Live Oak, CA 95953, or you may telephone at (530) 695-2112. In addition, information is available for review at the above address between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

The City of Live Oak 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.

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CITY OF LIVE OAK

DATE: December 13, 2011

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Satwant S. Takhar, Finance Director

SUBJECT: Public hearing to receive public input on future Community Development Block Grant Program applications.

FISCAL IMPACTS: None at this time.

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development publishes Notices of Funding Availability to announce the availability of grant funds to be used by local agencies to fund housing and related programs. Part of the application process is to hold public hearings to allow the public an opportunity to comment on our proposed activities.

This hearing is to allow the public to give their ideas and opinions as to what types of grants the City should be applying for, and what types of activities the City should be funding. Traditionally we have applied for monies to fund our First Time Home Buyer Loan program, our Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Loan program, and public works improvements in support of housing.

This public hearing is general in nature, and is preliminary to any grant specific public hearings to be held in conjunction with a grant application. Staff recommends you hold the public hearing and receive public comments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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