

City of Merced Housing Division

questions and answers

- 1. Question: What is the HUD Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program?**

Answer: It is a comprehensive planning document used to identify the overall needs for affordable housing and community development. I outlines a strategy to address those needs.

- 2. Question: How do we make plans with the funds?**

Answer: Prior to drafting a plan, the City of Merced seeds input for citizens regarding what the needs and priorities should be for the expenditure of the City Housing funds for the 2016/17 fiscal year.

- 3. Question: What is a draft plan?**

Answer: The draft plan outlines the proposed expenditure of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds.

- 4. Question: How can the Public discuss the Contents of HUD and HOME plans?**

Answer: There are a number of meetings with the public to discuss the contents of the HUD and HOME plans before the final drafts are written for the City Council. The City of Merced Housing Draft HUD 2017 Annual Action Plan for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, will be presented to the City Council at the April 18, 2016, council meeting.

A public hearing will be held at the City Council at 7 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2016 for final adoption of the HUD Annual Action Plan FY 2017.

- 5. Question: What happens with the plans?**

Answer: The City Housing accepts applications from organizations who partner with the City Housing to use funds supplied by federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Using set guidelines, the federal funds are matched with projects and services within the City of Merced.

6. Question: When are organization applications due?

Answer: The application deadline is Friday, February 5, 2016

7. Question: What dates and where are the public information meetings?

Answer: There will be three dates:

- 1. December 17, 2015, 5:00 pm
Merced Senior Center
755 West 15th Street**
- 2. January 14, 2016, 6:00 pm
Fire Station #55
3520 North Parsons**
- 3. February 02, 2016, 3:00 pm
Merced City Hall
Sam Pipes Room
678 West 18th Street**

The public will be allowed, and encouraged, to comment on the plan at both of the City Council meetings.

The agendas for the Council meetings will be posted online at the City website.

To receive a copy of the Draft Plan, contact the City Housing Program at (209) 385-6863 and ask that one be sent to you, or stop by the office on the third floor of the Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18th Street 95340.

Once the Draft Plan is available, the plan can be viewed at the City of Merced's website www.cityofmerced.org.