NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS

Community Development Block Grant
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Submission Deadline:
March 2, 2026 – Close of Business

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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Community Development Block Grant Program
HOME Investment Partnership Act
Emergency Solutions Grant

The City of Chula Vista Housing Division is providing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) grant funding to promote public service and production of affordable housing activities that benefit low-and moderate-income persons living in Chula Vista. There are currently three applications available for Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Programs. As an entitlement community, the City of Chula Vista receives a direct allocation of approximately $2.3 million in CDBG, $200,000 in ESG and $700,000 HOME funds from HUD.

CDBG funds are intended to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities. CDBG can be used for Public Services, Community and Economic Development, Capital Improvements Program Projects (CIP) of City Facilities/Infrastructure and Housing Rehabilitation.

HOME funds are dedicated to housing activities that meet local housing needs and typically preserve or create affordable housing. Uses include tenant-based rental assistance, rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance and new construction. HOME funds may also be used for site acquisition, site improvements, demolition and other necessary activities related to developing non-luxury affordable housing.

ESG supports outreach to and shelters for unhoused individuals and families. ESG also supports programs that assist the unhoused by preventing or rapidly re-housing participants in Chula Vista.

The City is seeking applications from entities that have experience and are qualified to administer federal block grant funds. While this NOFA is to solicit applications under the currently available CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding, the City will also consider the funding requests should other funding sources become available.

Funding Available

The City has not officially received the funding allocations for each of the respective grants for 2026-27; however, for purposes of this document, the City is assuming the same amounts as in prior years:

Grant Program	Anticipated Allocation	Automatic City Set-Aside (Administration, Loan Payments)	**Available for Projects/Programs**
CDBG	$2,346,364	$1,165,176	**$1,181,188**
ESG	$206,837	$15,513	**$191,324**
HOME	$795,805	$79,581	**$716,224**

Application Process

The City of Chula Vista will be utilizing a web-based application portal for the 2026/2027 funding cycle through Neighborly (https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/CHULAVISTACA/Participant). The system will automatically close after given deadline. Please review Application Timeline for all grant funding applicable date and deadlines.

Questions must be submitted in writing to Dania Gonzalez (dgonzalez@chulavistaca.gov*)*. An applicant listserv will be created based on all interested applicants. Questions and Answers will be updated daily and disseminated to the applicants.

The application review process has three phases. In the first phase, all applications are reviewed by the Chula Vista Housing and Homeless Services staff for their eligibility under federal program guidelines. Eligible programs and projects are then reviewed according to their contribution to the goals and objectives of the City's approved Consolidated Plan. Preference will be given if an application/program has the ability to help the City meet federal program objectives and local priorities. Organizational capacity, experience, and past performance are also considered.

Based on this review, Housing staff prepares and presents funding recommendations for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs to the City Council for consideration and final approval. The recommendations are incorporated in the Annual Action Plan, which represents the CDBG, HOME, and ESG program annual budget and formal application to HUD. The plan is released to the public for a 30-day review period. Once the review period has been completed the Plan is once again presented to the City Council for final approval.

Projects considered at the City Council public hearings are limited to those submitted according to the guidelines and timetables outlined in this package. Applicants are encouraged to attend and participate at these public meetings.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Federal regulations require that all facilities and/or services assisted with CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds be accessible to disabled persons, whenever feasible. Accessibility includes such things as: entrance ramps, parking with universal logo signage, grab bars around commodes and showers, top of toilet seats that meet required height from the floor, drain lines under lavatory sink either wrapped or insulated, space for wheelchair maneuverability, accessible water fountains, access between floors (elevators, ramps, lifts), and other improvements needed to assure full access to funded facilities/programs, including serving blind and deaf persons.

FY 2026-2027 Application Timeline

DATE	ACTION
February 2, 2026	Notice of Funding Availability Release
February 25, 2026 Closes at the end of business day	**Applicant Question and Answer Period** Submit to: dgonzalez@chulavistaca.gov
March 2, 2026 No later than 5:00 pm	**Application Deadline**
March 3 – March 6, 2026	**Application Review Period**
April 14, 2026 at 5:00 pm	**City Council Public Hearing** City of Chula Vista; 276 Fourth Avenue; Council Chambers
March 13 - April 14, 2026	**30-Day Public Review Period** Draft 2026/27 Annual Action Plan is made available to the public for public review and comments
May 12, 2026	**City Council** Final Action Plan is approved by Council City of Chula Vista Housing Office 276 Fourth Avenue, City Council Chambers
May 15, 2026	**Final Action Plan submission to HUD**
July 1, 2026	**Implementation of 2026/2027 Annual Action Plan**

Income Limits

The purpose of the CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs is to provide housing, community development, and economic development opportunities for low- and moderate-income individuals or households. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development establishes these income limits annually based upon the Area Median Income (AMI). The most recent income limits were released in April 2024 (below).

Income Category*	Number of Persons in Household							
↓	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Income (80% of AMI)	$92,700	$105,950	$119,200	$132,400	$143,000	$153,600	$164,200	$174,800
Very Low Income (50% of AMI)	$57,900	$66,150	$74,450	$82,700	$89,350	$95,950	$102,550	$109,200
Extremely Low Income (30% of AMI)	$34,750	$39,700	$44,650	$49,600	$53,600	$57,550	$61,550	$65,500

Source: County of San Diego (https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sdhcd/rental-assistance/income-limits-ami.html)

General Subrecipient Requirements

Once an award is made, the City of Chula Vista requires the following from each subrecipient:

1. **Operating Two-Party Subrecipient Agreement**: Nonprofit agencies and organizations approved for funding will be required to sign an agreement with the City in order to ensure compliance with the appropriate program regulations. Funds may not be obligated until an environmental review record has been prepared by City staff and the agreement is accepted and signed by all parties. Funding is disbursed on a reimbursement basis. City Departments receiving CDBG funds must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding describing the scope of work and budget detailing the project/program expenditures.

2. **Leverage/Match Funds**: Applicants must demonstrate that CDBG, ESG, and/or HOME funds will be leveraged or matched with resources from other federal, state, local, or private sources as required by each program. ESG projects require a 100% Match. Match or leverage may be cash or grant but must be available during the project period. For the HOME program, 25% (non-federal) matching funds must be available at the time of application and must be spent prior to reimbursement from HOME. CDBG program applicants that demonstrate a matching source will be considered by the review committee when scoring the proposals.

3. **Readiness**: Projects must display evidence of readiness to proceed. Other funding must be in place and all requirements met prior to submission of application. CDBG, ESG, and HOME funds must be spent within the specified amount of time as determined for each project. CDBG Public Services projects must be implemented by June 30, 2026.

4. **Indemnification**: Nonprofit agencies and organizations approved for funding must agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City, its officers, agents, and employees from and against all liability, claims, demand, losses, and expenses, including attorney's fees, original and on appeal, arising out of, or related in any way to the performance of the agreement.

5. **Insurance**: Nonprofit agencies and organizations approved for funding will be required to obtain insurance coverage if applicable, each of which shall contain a provision which forbids any cancellation, changes or material alterations without prior notice to the City at least 30 days in advance. The insurance coverage shall be evidenced by an original certificate of insurance provided to the City prior to the execution of the agreement.

6. **Program Monitoring**: Applicants approved for funding will be required to maintain and submit adequate information necessary to monitor program accountability and progress in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

7. **Notification**: All applicants will be notified early April 2026 of recommended funding recommendations and in May 2026 of final Council recommendations. Receipt of an award letter does guarantee funding. Please be aware that past funding does not guarantee future funding or funding at the same level.

8. **Compliance with Applicable Laws, Rules, and Regulations**: Applicants that are awarded CDBG, ESG, and/or HOME funding must act in accordance with all relative federal, State of California, and City of Chula Vista laws, rules, and regulations. These include but are not limited to the following:
   - **24 CFR Part 570, as amended** – The regulations governing the CDBG program.
   - **24 CFR Part 1 and 6, Public Law 90-284, Fair Housing Act** – The regulations issued following Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Section 109 of the 1975 Housing and Community Development Act that prohibits discrimination in HUD programs based on sex, race, color, national origin, and religion and requires all programs and activities to be administered in a manner to affirmatively further the policies of the Fair Housing Act.
   - **24 CFR Part 107 and 108** – The regulations issued following Executive Order 11063 and Executive Order 12892 which prohibit discrimination and promote equal opportunity in housing.
   - **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 24 CFR Part 40 and 41** – The regulations that set forth policies and procedures for the enforcement of standards and requirements for disabled accessibility. The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and the Americans with Disabilities Act provide additional laws on accessibility and civil rights to individual with disabilities.
   - **Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101)** – The regulations that prohibit discrimination on the basis of age.
   - **29 CFR Parts 3 and 5** – The regulations on labor standard provisions that include the payment of prevailing wages on federally assisted projects as mandated by the Davis-Bacon Act and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. 24 CFR Part 70 provides information on the use of volunteers.
   - **Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874 and 40 U.S.C. 276c)** – The regulations on contracts for construction or repair awarded by subrecipients shall include a provision for compliance.
   - **24 CFR Part 58** – The regulations prescribing the Environmental Review procedure under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
   - **National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 24 CFR Part 55 under Executive Order 11988** – The regulations for proposed projects and properties located in a floodplain.
   - **36 CFR Part 800** – The regulations outlining the procedures for the protection of historic and cultural properties.
   - **Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970** – the policies for displacement, relocation assistance, and real property acquisition as defined by 42 U.S.C. 4601 (URA) and implementing regulations issued by the Department of Transportation at 49 CFR part 24 and section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)).
   - **24 CFR Part 7 and 41 CFR Part 60** – The regulations outlining equal employment opportunity without regard to race, sex, color, religion, age, national origin, and disability in federally assisted construction contracts.
   - **24 CFR 135** – Regulations outlining requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 providing for economic opportunities for low and very low local residents. All projects must, to the greatest extent feasible, provide opportunities for training and employment for low- and moderate-income persons residing within the City of Chula Vista, and contracts or work in connection with the project be awarded to eligible business concerns which are located in or owned in substantial part by persons residing in the City of Chula Vista.

- **Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992** – The regulations implemented by 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart B imposes certain requirements on disclosure of lead based paint hazards.
- **24 CFR Part 24** – The regulations that prohibit use of debarred or suspended contractors on federally assisted projects and Drug Free Workplace requirements, issued according to Executive Order 12459.
- **24 CFR Part 84 and OMB Circular A-110** – Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Nonprofit Organizations. These regulations include Conflict of Interest provisions under 24 CFR 84.42 and 570 as it applies to procurement.
- **OMB Circular A-122** – The regulations that identify cost principals for nonprofits.
- **OMB Circular A-133** – The regulations concerning annual audits.
- **24 CFR Part 49** – The regulations on eligibility restrictions for certain resident aliens.
- **24 CFR Part 87 and Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)** – The regulations for restrictions on lobbying and required certifications.
- **Executive Order 13170** – The regulations on increasing opportunities and access for Disadvantaged Businesses.
- **HUD Requirements** – All other applicable required reports, circulars, and procedures.
- **Administrative Procedures** – The rules issued by the City of Chula Vista in relation to contracts, process, and procedures.
- **Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.)** – The regulations that require compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued following the rule.

The following resources are available on HUD's website for your use:

- CDBG: Playing by the Rules: A Handbook for CDBG Subrecipients
- Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Grant Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant
- Home Investment Partnerships Act Grant Program
- The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

Evaluation Criteria for Public Service Program and Emergency Solutions Grant Applications

Consolidated Plan & Priority Needs

Proposal must meet at least one of these Consolidated Plan priorities:

- **ESG**: Provides homeless prevention, essential services, operations cost to operate an Emergency Shelter Activities.
- **CDBG**: Greater consideration is provided to applicants who serve 100% low-income persons and who fall into the Tier I and Tier II categories. Please refer to CDBG Section on Page 2 for a description of the priority by Tier System.
- **HOME**: Production of Affordable Housing opportunities for income-eligible households.

Budget and Resource Layering

- The project demonstrates reasonable and efficient costs for operations and project implementation.
- The project has secured leverage of funds.
- The proposal identifies matching funding sources.
- The agency has obtained matching funds.
- The agency has previously successfully managed a CDBG/ESG funded public service program.
- Agency has experienced a loss of funding
- Agency is using CDBG/ESG for direct program delivery costs
- Agency is able to secure 100% financing for a HOME funded project

Performance Objectives and Outcomes

- The project's performance objectives and outcomes for the targeted population are realistic, time bound, and measurable. There is a reasonable expectation that the project will be completed during the grant period.
- The proposal has a comprehensive system to develop and align the organization's outcomes with the project's outcomes that are consistent with project design and provide a mechanism for the project's success.
- The project demonstrates realistic and measurable outcomes.
- The outcomes are consistent with the goals of the program.
- The program's mission is consistent with the goals and outcomes of the program.
- Funds will be used to fulfill an unmet need.
- Without City funding the program cannot continue or would require substantial reduction in services.
- City funds represent less than 50% of the total project budget.
- If previously funded with CDBG, this program can demonstrate a quantifiable increase in the level of an existing service.

Organizational Capacity and Experience

- The application demonstrates qualified principal staff related to the project and/or service to be implemented.
- The organization has demonstrated the knowledge and experience in managing the type of specific project proposed.
- The organization has demonstrated a comprehensive fundraising plan committed to leveraging for this project.

- The organization demonstrates that it is ready to begin the project and has gone through the necessary steps to ensure timely completion of the project.
- The agency has the appropriate staff and resources to implement the outreach and marketing program to reach the target population.

Threshold Criteria

Each proposed project is rated on the merits of the application using criteria for need, feasibility, fiscal, and project management capacity. A minimum score of 70 (seventy) out of 100 (one hundred) points is required for a project to be recommended for funding by any review panel. All proposals will be reviewed for completeness and threshold criteria. All proposals must meet the threshold criteria to be forwarded for further review by a panel.

The threshold criteria for NOFA proposals is:

Threshold Criteria

☑ Serves Low-Moderate Income Chula Vista Residents
☑ Serves Homeless Population (ESG only and certain CDBG projects)
☑ Chula Vista Benefit
☑ All submittal requirements have been met
☑ Capital Improvement Projects are located in low- and moderate-income census tracts (i.e. CDBG Areas) which are primarily residential and are not along a commercial corridor. Additionally, project must be consistent with the City's Pedestrian Master Plan for new sidewalk construction.

Once proposals have been screened for threshold criteria and have been forwarded for competitive review, a NOFA Review Panel will be convened. The next page contains scoring criteria that will be used for the NOFA process. Funding recommendations will then be made to the Chula Vista City Council for consideration.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Introduction

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, has as its primary objective the development of viable urban communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Grant recipients must certify that their use of funds will address one of three broad objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income families, aid in the elimination of blight, or meet urgent needs which pose a serious threat to the health or welfare of a community.

City of Chula Vista's CDBG Program

The CDBG Program generally provides for a wide range of activities. Within that framework, the City of Chula Vista has prepared a set of guidelines to assist in meeting Federal and local objectives. These include:

1. Funding programs and projects that are difficult to fund through other sources.
2. Working only with incorporated public, nonprofit, and for-profit entities.

Priority Considerations

1. Projects that directly contribute to the goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan and help the City meet federal program requirements. These are listed in Schedule A.
2. Projects that directly contribute to ongoing community and housing improvement efforts.
3. Projects and services which are not currently offered through the City of Chula Vista or any other subcontractor. An example of this would be a program such as the First-Time Homebuyer program or Rehabilitation Assistance which is currently offered through the City or a Fair Housing Program which is offered through a subcontractor.

   Public Services Category: The City receives several requests for public services each fiscal year that exceed the amount available to fund projects. Based on the 15 % expenditure cap of the annual grant, the City may allocate up to an estimated $351,955 for public service programs contingent upon funding levels from HUD. Staff established additional rating criteria (in response to the current economic state), with priority given to Tier I and Tier II projects. The three-tier approach classifies each of the activities into one of the following three categories:

   - Tier I: Basic/Essential Needs (Food, Housing, Emergency Services)
   - Tier II: Special Needs (At-Risk Youth, Family Violence, Special Needs/Disabled)
   - Tier III: Other (Transportation Services, Case Management, Preventative Health Care Services, Recreation (non-disabled, non-emergency services)

   Limited Clientele: CDBG Public Services projects require beneficiary data to ensure that 51% of the clients served are low- and moderate-income (earn less than 80% of the Area Median Income). These income limits must be included in your written policies and procedures noting that HUD updates these figures each year.

Eligible Applicants

1. Applicants must be incorporated for-profit, nonprofit, or public organizations or businesses able to undertake the approved activity(ies) within the boundaries of the City of Chula Vista.

2. Applicants must demonstrate financial management and programmatic expertise to successfully develop, design, implement, and monitor the proposed activity(ies). This expertise can be demonstrated through previous experience in successfully developing projects similar to the one proposed, either by partners or key staff within the business or organization.

3. Applicants must be able to meet all federal, State of California, and City of Chula Vista requirements relative to the CDBG program, specifically those concerning equal opportunity and fair housing, affirmative marketing, environmental review, displacement, relocation, acquisition, labor, lead-based paint, conflict of interest, debarment and suspension, and flood insurance. Pertinent requirements are noted in *General Subrecipient Requirements*. All applicants should be aware that if funded, additional requirements will apply.

Eligible Activities (See Priority Considerations Section above)

Under current regulations, projects assisted with CDBG funds may include only the following activities:

1. **Acquisition** of real property for a public purpose.

2. **Disposition** of real property acquired with CDBG funds.

3. Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of **public facilities and improvements** including senior citizen centers, parks, playgrounds, centers for the disabled, neighborhood facilities, solid waste disposal facilities, fire protection facilities and equipment, parking facilities, public utilities, street improvements, water and sewer facilities, foundations and platforms, pedestrian walks and walkways, and flood and drainage facilities. Buildings for the general conduct of business are excluded.

4. **Clearance, demolition, and removal** of buildings and improvements.

5. **Public services** directed toward improving the community's public facilities and services concerned with employment, crime prevention, childcare, health, drug abuse, education, welfare, or recreation. *No more than 15% of the City's total grant allocation may be used for public service activities.*

6. **Interim assistance** to alleviate harmful conditions in deteriorating areas where permanent improvements will be carried out at a later date.

7. **Relocation payments** and assistance for persons displaced by community development program activities.

8. **Removal architectural barriers** to enhance the mobility and accessibility for elderly and disabled persons to publicly or privately owned buildings.

9. **Equipment** needed, under limited circumstances, either to administer a CDBG-funded activity or to deliver a CDBG-funded service (for example, a van used by a public service agency). Requests for funding of equipment will require additional documentation to confirm CDBG program eligibility.

10. Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of distribution facilities of **privately owned utilities** where necessary and appropriate to implement revitalization or housing.

11. **Rehabilitation and preservation** of privately owned buildings, including low-income housing, publicly owned residential and non-residential buildings (except buildings for the general conduct of business), code enforcement, and historic preservation.

12. **Special economic development activities** if necessary and appropriate to implement strategies for neighborhood revitalization, community economic development, or energy conservation carried out by neighborhood based nonprofit organizations, local development corporations, or small business investment companies.

Note: Planning/Administration activities applications will not be accepted under this NOFA.

Ineligible CDBG Activities

1. Funds spent on buildings used for the general conduct of government, except to remove architectural barriers.
2. General government expenses.
3. Political activities.
4. Purchase of equipment (e.g. vehicles, machines, furniture) is generally ineligible. Equipment necessary to carry out CDBG-assisted activities/services may be eligible under limited circumstances.
5. Furnishings and personal property are generally ineligible.
6. Impact fees associated with construction activities.
7. Maintenance and operating expenses without providing a service are ineligible.
8. Income payments, such as housing allowances, down payments, and mortgage subsidies.

Schedule A
CDBG Program Funds

Federal Guidelines

Each activity must be eligible and must address one or more of the three Broad National Objectives:

a. Benefit persons of low/moderate income. For an area benefit activity, the project must have a direct impact on census tracts with not less than 51% concentrations of low- and moderate-income residents.

b. Aid in the prevention or elimination of blight.

c. Meet other community development needs of particular urgency (usually the result of a natural disaster).

More detailed information on eligible activities and national objectives can be found in the *Guide to National Objectives and Eligible Activities for Entitlement Communities* handbook.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM

Introduction

The ESG Program was created under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. The general purposes of ESG are to assist homeless persons or those who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Funding applications through the City of Chula Vista's ESG program will be assessed for goals identified in the City's approved Consolidated Plan and Housing Strategy and Implementation Plan. In 2012, HUD released the final version of the new Emergency Solutions Grant regulations. We will be accepting applications for Emergency Shelter/Outreach Services and Rapid Rehousing and HMIS Services. Approximately $200,000 is available for programs addressing homeless needs. A maximum of sixty percent (60%) of the grant can be used for street outreach and emergency shelter activities.

City of Chula Vista's ESG Program

The ESG program generally provides for a wide range of activities. Within that framework, the City of Chula Vista established a set of guidelines to assist it in meeting Federal and local objectives. These include:

1. Working only with nonprofit entities.

2. Requiring applicants to assist in satisfying the City's 100 percent match obligation. Matching contributions must be a permanent contribution to affordable housing and from non-Federal sources. Qualifying project match includes, but is not limited to, cash, value of donated land and real property, and value of donated materials and labor. Proposed match sources must be approved and consistent with program regulations.

Priority Considerations

Projects that directly contribute to the ongoing community and housing improvement efforts that serve Chula Vista homeless and are a member of the San Diego County Regional Continuum of Care, and address the Plan to End Chronic Homelessness will receive greater consideration.

Eligible Applicants

1. Applicants must be nonprofit, or public organizations or business(es) that are able to undertake the approved activity(ies) within the boundaries of the City of Chula Vista.

2. Applicants must demonstrate financial management and programmatic expertise to successfully develop, design, implement, and monitor the proposed activity(ies). This expertise can be demonstrated through previous experience in successfully developing projects similar to the one proposed, either by partners or key staff within the business or organization.

3. Applicants must be able to meet all federal, State of California, and City of Chula Vista requirements relative to the ESG program, specifically those concerning equal opportunity and fair housing, affirmative marketing, environmental review, displacement, relocation, acquisition, labor, lead-based paint, conflict of interest, debarment and suspension, and flood insurance. Pertinent federal requirements are noted in

General Subrecipient Requirements. All applicants should be aware that if funded, additional requirements will apply.

4. Applicants must serve eligible homeless person who meet HUD's definition of homelessness.

Eligible Activities

There are four activities that are allowed under the ESG program.

1. Street Outreach
2. Emergency Shelter
3. Homeless Prevention
4. Rapid Re-Housing Assistance

City of Chula Vista will be accepting applications for Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach and Rapid Re-Housing activities during this application process. Since ESG requires a dollar-for-dollar match, Subrecipients are expected to cover these activities through their match requirement.

Eligible Costs

As of December 5, 2011, the Department of Housing and Urban Development issued an interim in regard to Emergency Solutions Grant funding. Please refer to Federal Register Notice Vol. 76, No. 233.

- HEARTH ESG Interim Rule
- ESG Program Delivery and Recordkeeping

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) Program

The HOME Program was designed to assist cities, counties, and developers to create and retain affordable housing. The City's HOME funds and a portion of Community Development Block Grant funds are available to produce Affordable Housing. Examples of activities that can be funded are the following:

1. Acquisition
2. Acquisition and Rehabilitation
3. Rehabilitation of single-family homes and mobilehomes
4. Rental assistance programs
5. Construction of new affordable units.

At least 15 percent of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds must be set aside for specific activities to be undertaken by a special type of nonprofit called a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). A CHDO is a private nonprofit, community-based organization that has staff with the capacity to develop affordable housing for the community it serves. In order to qualify for designation as a CHDO, the organization must meet certain requirements pertaining to their legal status, organizational structure, and capacity and experience.

CHDOs may use HOME funds for all eligible HOME activities. However, in order to count towards the 15 percent set-aside, a CHDO must act as the owner, developer, or sponsor of a project that is an eligible set-aside activity. These eligible set-aside activities include: the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of rental housing; new construction of rental housing; acquisition and/or rehabilitation of homebuyer properties; new construction of homebuyer properties; and direct financial assistance to purchasers of HOME-assisted housing that has been developed with HOME funds by the CHDO.

For more information on Community Housing Development Organizations, see **24 CFR 92 Subpart G**:

- **24 CFR 92.208** - Eligible CHDO operating expenses and capacity building costs
- **24 CFR 92.300** - Set-aside for community housing development organizations
- **24 CFR 92.301** - Project-specific assistance to community housing development organizations

Please verify areas of high concentration of affordable housing prior to proposing a new project and ensure that the project meets HUD's §92.202 "Site and Neighborhood standards. To pursue funding for this category please contact Dania Gonzalez at dgonzalez@chulavistaca.gov or via phone at (619) 407-3575.

Proposals for affordable housing projects will be accepted through a separate Notice of Funding Availability or Request for Proposals, which will be released by the Housing and Homeless Services Department. To discuss a potential affordable housing project/program utilizing Home Investment Partnerships Act, please contact Dania Gonzalez at dgonzalez@chulavistaca.gov or via phone at (619) 407-3575.