**NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)**

CITY OF MERCED HOUSING DIVISION

**FISCAL YEAR 2025-26**

**HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) and**

**HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will soon announce the allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that the City of Merced will receive for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (PY2025). The City expects an allocation of approximately $1 million ($1,000,000). Of this allocation, a maximum of 15% (approximately $150,000) can be distributed to non-profit public service programs that will benefit low- to moderate-income (LMI) City residents, with emphasis on programs that assist in preventing homelessness. Priority funding may also be set aside for housing and public improvement project(s), depending on community need and funding availability. Awarded contracts above $38,000 will require additional City Council approval.

The City of Merced Housing Division invites applications/project proposals by qualified, established non-profit organizations that have the current capacity to provide eligible, essential programs that will benefit LMI residents who live within the City limits, especially the following populations: 1) very/extremely LMI households; 2) homeless persons; 3) seniors and frail elderly; 4) at-risk youth; and 5) persons with disabilities. Project types that have been determined as essential to the community include those that: 1) encourage economic success of citizens/community; 2) fill missing gaps in or increase public services, particularly vital services to homeless/at-risk persons; 3) provide permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless; and, 4) preserve and/or create fair and affordable housing. The Housing Division also invites applications from Fair Housing Service and Continuum of Care providers as partner extensions of our administrative responsibilities to HUD. Program proposals must adhere to all CDBG/HOME regulations and requirements (24 CFR Parts 92 and 570), including meeting a CDBG National Objective, and all applicable requirements under 2 CFR Part 200. All organizations must obtain a Unique Entity ID (UEI) number from www.SAM.gov to be considered.

Organizations interested in applying are required to attend at least one of the following two mandatory information workshops: 1) Wednesday, January 29, 10:00 am or 2) Thursday, January 30, 2:00pm. Location: Sam Pipes Room, First Floor, Merced Civic Center/City Hall, 678 W 18th Street, Merced. This location is handicapped accessible. If unable to attend a workshop, organizations may schedule an appointment with Housing Division staff to discuss proposals/requirements during the first week of February 3rd only. Please call/email for an appointment (see below). Special accommodations or translation services (Spanish or Hmong) can be made available upon request.

The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2025. Applications must be submitted in person or by mail to the below address. No electronic submittals will be accepted.

Award of funding will be announced at a future Merced City Council meeting. Updated requirements, Council meeting dates, applications, and more information will be posted found online at www.cityofmerced.org/housing or from the City of Merced Housing Division at 2nd Floor City Hall, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, 95340. For additional information/appointments, please call 209-385-6863 or email: housing@cityofmerced.org.

*Please contact Housing Division for translation of this notice in Spanish or Hmong.*

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