

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
COUNTY OF ORANGE
DRAFT PERMENENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PROGRAM
YEARS 3 AND 4 APPLICATION INCLUDING REUSE PLAN, AMENDMENT
TO THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN, AND YEAR 1 BUDGET REVISION FORM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Orange County Board of Supervisors will hold a public meeting to consider the Draft Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program Years 3 and 4 Allocation Application including the Reuse Plan, Amendment to the Five-Year Plan, and Year 1 Budget Revision Form.

DATE OF HEARING: Tuesday, April 9, 2024
TIME OF HEARING: 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible
LOCATION OF HEARING: County Administration North
Board Hearing Room, First Floor
400 W. Civic Center Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92701

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

The draft Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program Years 3 and 4 Allocation Application including the Reuse Plan, Amendment to the Five-Year Plan, and Year 1 Budget Revision Form, are comprehensive documents that provide a strategy for the use of state funds granted to the Urban County of Orange (County) by California Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD) under the PLHA Program that provides grants to local governments in California for housing-related projects and programs that assist in addressing the unmet housing needs of their local communities.

The County received the Year 1 PLHA Allocation that has a State HCD internal disbursement deadline of April 30, 2024. The City of Laguna Woods is unable to utilize the Year 1 Allocation of \$32,942 for its accessibility modification program. The funds are recommended to be reallocated to the County Emergency Shelter Programs, as reflected in the Year 1 Budget Revision Form.

The County will receive a Years 3 and 4 Formula Allocation as an entitlement jurisdiction and will provide a proportional share of the allocation received for the unincorporated areas of Orange County and the Urban County cities of Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, La Palma, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Los Alamitos, Stanton, Villa Park and Seal Beach, provided that the Urban County cities meet the PLHA threshold requirements and continue to meet the PLHA requirements during the Five-Year Plan. The information contained in the Draft PLHA Years 3 and 4 Allocation Application including a Reuse Plan and Amendment to the Five-Year PLHA Plan represents eligible PLHA Activities chosen by the Urban County cities and the County for the unincorporated areas.

The Five-Year Plan Amendment includes removing the City of San Juan Capistrano's funding and activities since the City applied to PLHA on its own and rounding all the activity percentages to whole numbers in Years 3 through 5, per State HCD guidance.

The activities to be allocated funding on behalf of the urban county cities and unincorporated areas focus on two eligible activities. They include: 1) assisting persons who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including, but not limited to, providing rapid rehousing, rental assistance, supportive/case management services that allow people to obtain and retain housing, operating and capital costs for navigation centers and emergency shelters, and the new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional housing; and 2) accessibility modifications for seniors in their owner-occupied housing units. Both activities target households with income at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income (AMI).

In addition, the County will use no more than five percent of the PLHA funding for costs related to the administration of activities for which the allocation was made.

Comments

The purpose of this notice is to provide the public a minimum 15-day review period to express their concerns and comments. The public comment period **begins March 24, 2024 and ends April 8, 2024**. All persons either favoring or opposing the PLHA Application including the Reuse Plan, Amendment to the Five-Year Plan, and Year 1 Budget Revision Form are invited to present their views in writing or before the Board of Supervisors.

During the review and comment periods, electronic links to the draft PLHA Years 3 and 4 Allocation Application including Reuse Plan, the Amendment to the Five-Year Plan, and Year 1 Budget Revision Form are available on HCD's website at <https://www.ochcd.org/community-development>. In addition, the Public Notice is posted under the Public Notice link: <https://www.ochcd.org/resources/public-notices>. Documents are available in a form accessible to persons with disabilities, and language assistance is available if requested. Upon request, copies are available at the Housing and Community Development's office located at 1501 E. St. Andrew Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705, during normal business hours: Monday thru Friday (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM). Please call in advance to the number below.

Written comments must be postmarked by April 8, 2024, and addressed to the Housing and Community Development, 1501 E. St. Andrew Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705, Attention: Sherluna Vien, or e-mail sherluna.vien@occr.ocgov.com. All written comments received will be considered by Orange County prior to the scheduled public hearing. For further information, email or call Sherluna Vien at (714) 480-2936.

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