

PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS: PROJECT DESIGN PHASE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR POSSIBLE CDBG APPLICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Arvin will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., at Arvin City Council Chambers, 200 Campus Drive, Arvin CA. 93203, in order to discuss possible applications for funding under the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to solicit citizen input on possible competitive and supplemental activities to be included in these applications.

The Community Development and Economic Development Components of the State CDBG program publish a combined "Notice of Funding Availability" (NOFA's) each program year. Eligible Cities and counties may submit applications for CDBG funds under these NOFA's. Approximately \$3,000,000 is available under the General Allocation NOFA each year. Up to \$500,000 is available under the Economic Development Enterprise Allocation each year. Also, the Economic Development Over-the-Counter Allocation can award up to \$3,000,000 per year. Each year Planning and Technical Assistance Grants up to \$100,000 under the Community Development Component and \$100,000 from the Economic Development Component are awarded on a first come first serve basis. The state issues two small NOFA's each year under the Native American and Colonia's allocations. The Native American allocation only for areas where concentrations of low-income Native Americans live, who are part of a federally recognized 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 and NOFA's consist of: Homeownership assistance and housing rehabilitation programs; public facilities 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. Economic development programs and projects are also eligible along with planning 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 (also called Target Income Group (TIG); elimination of slums and blight; or meeting urgent community development need.

The City of Arvin anticipates submitting an application under the State CDBG NOFA's published during the 2018/2019 program year. *The City of Arvin does not have program nor anticipates receiving CDBG program Income that must be expended prior to expending awarded grant funds.* A separate public hearing will be held to discuss and approve the application prior to submittal to the State.

The purpose of this public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities the City of Arvin should be applying for under the State CDBG program. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Arvin, Pawan Gill, Director of Administrative Services, 200 Campus Drive, P.O. Box 548, Arvin, CA. 93203, or you may telephone (661) 854-3134. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

The City of Arvin promotes fair housing and makes all 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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Cecilia Vela, City Clerk