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City of San Diego Asks Residents for Input on Ways to Invest \$135 Million in Federal Funds into Communities

NEW FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN WILL GUIDE CITY'S FOCUS ON HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MORE

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego is asking for input on how to use \$135 million in federal funding to serve and invest in communities. San Diegans are invited to participate in a series of workshops and to take an online survey to help identify priorities as part of the City's Consolidated Plan, which is prepared every five years.

Goals identified in the five-year plan help guide the investment of funds from three federal funding streams: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships program (HOME) and the Emergency Solutions Grants program (ESG). The planning process is the framework for a community-wide discussion to identify housing, community development and economic development needs and priorities.

"We want the community's creative input as we move forward with making data-driven, place-based investment decisions, particularly for San Diego's communities of concern," said Christina Bibler, Director of the City's Economic Development Department (EDD). "This federal funding will allow the City to continue to deliver critical services in alignment with our communities' needs."

The City receives funding from the federal government each year to invest in low-and moderate-income communities. Funding can be used to increase access and availability of affordable housing, to improve sidewalks, parks and libraries, to provide services and shelters for those experiencing homelessness, for public services to support youth, seniors, veterans or other underserved groups, and for employment training and workforce development.

The new plan will cover FY 2025-2029, and community meetings will be held to determine how to spend federal funds to invest in San Diego communities.

To help with the planning, community members are invited to attend meetings and take an [online survey](#). Information gathered from the survey will help City staff identify the challenges affecting San Diego residents and their households now and potential solutions on how the City should address those issues.

Residents can learn more about the planning process at the in-person community meetings and participate in interactive activities. Requests for disability-related accommodations and interpretation at the meetings can be emailed to cdbg@sandiego.gov at least five business days before the event.

The locations, dates and times include

- City Heights/Weingart Library Oct. 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Skyline Hills Library: Oct. 3, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- Bayside Community Center: Oct. 4, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Valencia Park/Malcom X Library: Oct. 5, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
- Central Library: Oct. 9, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Logan Heights Library: Oct. 10, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- San Ysidro Community Activity Center: Oct. 12, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

For more information about the Consolidated plan, please visit sandiego.gov/cdbg/general/consolidatedplanmaterials.

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