

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP  
FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

The City of Colfax City Council shall conduct a public hearing at 6:00pm or shortly thereafter, on June 5, 2024 at the City Council Chambers at 33 South Main Street, Colfax Ca 95713. The hearing is being called by the City Council for the purpose of soliciting citizen's views to set priorities for the potential submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the State Department of Housing and Community (HCD) in 2024. Citizen participation is encouraged throughout the grant process, the requirements for which are explained in Section 7080 of the State CDBG program regulations.

The Community Development and Economic Development Allocations of the State CDBG program is published in a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) each program year. Although the NOFA has not been released yet, staff is estimating that approximately \$44 million will be made available statewide based on HCD guidance. Under the Community Development Allocation, eligible cities and counties will be allowed to apply for a maximum of \$3,250,000 for up to two activities. The NOFA will again include an "Over the Counter" (OTC) component for infrastructure, housing, and economic development, as well as a competitive component for planning and public services. The NOFA will also include Native American and Colonias Allocations. The Native American Allocation is only for areas of high concentrations of low-income Native American residents, who are not part of a federally recognized Native American Indian tribe or Rancheria. The Colonias funding is only for designated communities within 150 miles of the Mexican-American border. The City also anticipates approximately \$0 of CDBG Program Income to be received in the next year and will consider allocation of these funds and receive public comments for this funding during this meeting.

Eligible activities under the above allocations in the NOFA consist of the follow OTC categories: public improvements, public facilities, homeownership assistance, housing rehabilitation, business assistance and microenterprise activities. The other options allowed are planning studies and public service programs. 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; elimination of slums and blight; or meeting urgent community development need (a need from a state or federally declared disaster).

The purpose of this public hearing is to give interested citizens, civic organizations and groups an opportunity to express their opinions and ideas for the upcoming CDBG NOFA. Any proposed application to HCD will hold a separate meeting before its submission to afford citizens an opportunity to examine its contents and submit comments on it.

The City promotes fair housing and makes all its programs available to low and moderate income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or handicap. If you need special accommodations to participate in the public hearing please contact the City Clerk at 530-346-2313/ TTY: 1-800-867-4323.

A public information file, including the annual reports and the State regulations, will be available at the City Administrative Office during normal working hours. Written comments by residents are invited in addition to comments at the public hearing. Please mail to: CDBG, City of Colfax City Clerk [city.clerk@colfax-ca.gov](mailto:city.clerk@colfax-ca.gov)

