

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, OC COMMUNITY SERVICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Orange County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public hearing to consider an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

**DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Tuesday, November 18, 2008

**TIME OF HEARING:** 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible

**LOCATION OF HEARING:** Orange County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
Hall of Administration  
10 Civic Center Plaza (Northwest corner of Broadway  
and Santa Ana Boulevard), Santa Ana, CA 92701

The Annual Action Plan (AAP) is a comprehensive document that considers funding received by OC Community Services for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds, Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Funds, Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Funds, American Dream Downpayment Assistance Initiative (ADDI) Funds, local Housing Support Services (HSS) Funds and Neighborhood Development and Preservation Project (NDAPP) Funds.

On July 30, 2008, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA), was signed into law. On September 29, 2008, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) guidelines. The NSP appropriated \$3.92 billion in emergency Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support state and local efforts to stabilize neighborhoods with abandoned and foreclosed properties. The proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 AAP is to adopt the NSP guidelines and utilize the \$3,285,925 which the Urban County was allocated. The \$3.2 million is only for the Urban County and its participating cities and unincorporated areas.

The NSP makes certain modifications to the current CDBG program, which requires that funds may only be utilized for financing and purchasing of foreclosed or abandoned property and must be targeted to the areas of greatest need. Twenty-five (25) percent of the funds must be used to serve individuals at or below 50% Area Median Income (AMI) and the balance of funds may be used to serve individuals with incomes up to 120% AMI. Up to ten (10) percent of the funds may be used for administration of the program. Additionally, all funds must be obligated within 18 months of HUD's approval of the proposed Amendment to the Fiscal year 2008-2009 AAP.

OC Community Services is proposing an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 AAP approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors on May 13, 2008 to add \$3,285,925 in additional CDBG funding for the NSP. Staff is recommending using a portion of the funding for the Mortgage Assistance Program which assists homebuyers with incomes up to 80% AMI in purchasing a home with loans up to \$40,000.

OC Community Services is also recommending that funds be made available to participating cities and non-profit organizations to purchase foreclosed properties in Urban County jurisdictions for households up to 120% AMI with a minimum of 25% of all funds targeting to households earning 50% AMI or below as required by HUD. OC Community Services anticipates developing a Request For Proposal to distribute these funds at a later date.

By conducting a Public Hearing and approving the proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan the Urban County program will benefit by receiving additional Community Development Block Grant funds to utilize for stabilization of neighborhoods with abandoned and foreclosed-upon homes. These appropriations will benefit low, moderate, and middle-income households.

INVITATION TO BE HEARD: The proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 AAP is available for a 15-day public review and comment period beginning October 27, 2008 and ending November 12, 2008. All interested agencies, groups, or individuals are invited to review the proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 AAP and submit written comments for consideration. All persons either favoring or opposing the proposed Amendment to the Annual Action Plan are invited to present their views before the Board of Supervisors.

A copy of the proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 AAP is available at <http://www.ochousing.org>. Upon appointment, printed copies will be made available at OC Community Services Office located at 1770 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92706, during normal work hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Written comments postmarked on or before midnight November 12, 2008 will be received at the OC Community Services office located at 1770 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92706. OC Community Services prior to the scheduled public hearing will consider the written comments received. For further information, contact Mr. Kevin Fincher at (714) 480-2994 or e-mail [Kevin.Fincher@hcs.ocgov.com](mailto:Kevin.Fincher@hcs.ocgov.com).