

# HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN



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### **Summary**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations, to be allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for HOME Investment Partnerships Program allocations in Fiscal Year 2021. Kern County (located in Central California covering over 8,100 square miles with a population of 909,235 as of 2020 census) is the third largest County in California. Kern County, a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) as of the Federal Award Date, received an allocation of \$6,910,840 HOME-ARP Grant Funds. On September 13, 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published a notice, titled: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (the Notice) for developing the HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan.

The HOME-ARP eligible activities are limited to:

- Rental housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive services
- Acquisition and/or development of non-congregate shelter
- Non-profit operating assistance or capacity building
- Administration and planning costs for HOME-ARP

County of Kern Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on August 23, 2022 to provide the opportunity for public comment regarding the proposed substantial amendment to the County of Kern's Planning and Natural Resources Department, Community Development Division ("Kern County") Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that describes the needs and gaps in shelter, housing and services, and the method of distribution for the use of the HOME-ARP funds. Kern County encouraged residents, subrecipients, public agencies, and other interested parties to review the plan and submit comments.

#### Introduction

# **HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations (QPs)**

- 1) Homeless (McKinney Act definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
- 2) At-risk of homelessness (McKinney Act definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
- 3) Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
  - Definitions from Violence Against Women Act at 24 CFR 5.2003, except
  - Human Trafficking definition from Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
- 4) Other Populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability and includes:
  - 1) Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness is defined as households (i.e. individuals and families) who have previously been qualified as homeless, are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance, including financial assistance, services, temporary rental assistance or some type of other assistance to allow the household to be housed, and who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.
  - 2) At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability is defined as household who meets either (i) or (ii) below:
    - (i) Annual income ≤ 30% of area median income as determined by HUD and is experiencing severe cost burden (i.e. paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs); or
    - (ii) Annual income ≤ 50% of area median income as determined by HUD and meets one of the conditions in paragraph (iii) of "At risk of homelessness" definition at 24 CFR 91.5.

Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria for one of the qualifying populations are eligible.

# **HOME-ARP Eligible Activities**

# Rental Housing Eligible Activities and Costs

- HOME-ARP Eligible Activities:
  - Acquisition of standard rental housing
  - Construction of rental housing
  - · Rehabilitation of rental housing
  - Includes conversion of nonresidential buildings to housing
- HOME-ARP Eligible Costs:
  - Development hard and soft costs
  - Relocation
  - Operating cost assistance/reserves

## **Rental Housing Program Characteristics**

- Maximum Rent Levels
- Initial/Ongoing Occupancy Requirements
- Cost allocation and unit designation
- · Underwriting, subsidy layering, developer capacity assessment
- Written agreement
- Deed restrictions/land covenants
- Lease requirements/tenant protections
- Tenant rent contribution limits
- Qualifying Populations versus Income Qualification
- Operating Assistance/Reserves
- Multiple methods for tenant admission
- Master Leases
- Compliance period

# Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

HOME-ARP can assist qualifying populations to pay the rent, security deposits, utility payments, and utility deposits. Funds may provide up to 100% of rent and utility costs.

Assistance is attached to qualifying household rather than the unit. Household can take assistance to another unit that is rent reasonable and meets applicable property standards.

## TBRA eligible costs include:

- Rental assistance
- Security deposit payments
- Utility payments, as part of rental assistance
- Utility deposit payments, as part of rental assistance or security deposit assistance
- HOME-ARP TBRA sponsors
- Higher subsidy amounts
- Participating Jurisdiction chooses term of contract
- If used in HOME or HOME-ARP rental unit, inspections deferred
- Cannot be used in connection with homebuyer programs

#### Supportive Services

HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals or families:

- As a standalone program, or
- In combination with other HOME-ARP activities

Individuals and families who meet a Qualifying Population definition and are not already receiving these services through another program are eligible for HOME-ARP supportive services.

Three categories of eligible supportive services under HOME-ARP:

- McKinney-Vento Supportive Services -- adapted from the services listed in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- HOME-ARP Homelessness Prevention Services -- adapted from eligible homelessness prevention services under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) regulations and are revised, supplemented, and streamlined.
- Housing Counseling -- as defined in 24 CFR 5.100 Definitions, including requirement that counseling only be provided by HUD-certified housing counselors.

Eligible Costs: McKinney-Vento Supportive Services and Homelessness Prevention Services

- Childcare
- Education services
- Employment assistance and job training
- Food
- Housing search and counseling services
- Legal services
- Life skills training
- Mental health services
- Outpatient health services
- Outreach services
- Substance abuse treatment services
- Transportation
- Case management
- Mediation
- Credit repair
- Landlord/Tenant liaison
- Services for special populations
- Financial assistance costs

Eligible Costs: Housing Counseling for Rental Housing, Homeless Services, and Pre-Purchase Homebuying

- Staff salaries and overhead costs of HUD certified housing counseling agencies direct housing counseling services
- Development of a housing counseling workplan
- Marketing and outreach
- Intake
- · Financial and housing affordability analysis
- Action plans
- Follow-up communication with program participants

Housing Counseling for the following topics are **NOT** eligible under HOME-ARP:

- Resolving or preventing mortgage delinquency, including, but not limited to default and foreclosure, loss mitigation, budgeting, and credit.
- Home maintenance and financial management for homeowners, including, but not limited to: Escrow funds, budgeting, refinancing, home equity, home improvement, utility costs, energy efficiency, rights and responsibilities of homeowners, and reverse mortgages.

### Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS)

For purposes of HOME-ARP, NCS is defined as one or more buildings that:

- Provide private units or rooms for temporary shelter
- Serve individuals and families that meet one or more of the qualifying populations
- Do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement

### NCS Eligible Activities and Costs

#### **Eligible Activities:**

- Acquisition of structures
- New construction, with or without land acquisition
- Rehabilitation of existing structures (such as motels, nursing homes)

#### Eligible Costs:

- Acquisition Costs
- Development Hard and Soft Costs
- Replacement Reserve (for costs identified in capital needs assessment)

Ongoing Operating Costs of NCS cannot be paid for HOME-ARP

#### NCS - Restricted and Minimum Use Periods

Restricted Use Period: Must comply with HOME-ARP requirements

New Construction: 15 years
Rehabilitation: 10 years
Acquisition Only: 10 years

#### Minimum Use Period (before conversion permitted):

- Acquisition Only: 3 years
- Moderate Rehabilitation: 5 years (Total Investment < 75% Appraised Value)</li>
- Substantial Rehabilitation: 10 years (Total Investment > 75% Appraised Value)
- New Construction 10 years

# Nonprofit Operating Assistance and Capacity Building

### Assistance to Nonprofits

- Up to 5% of allocation to pay operating expenses of nonprofit organizations undertaking HOME-ARP activities
- Up to an additional 5% of allocation to pay eligible costs related to developing capacity of nonprofit organizations undertaking HOME-ARP activities
- Can be provided if Participating Jurisdiction expects to provide HOME-ARP funds to the organization for HOME-ARP activities within 24 months
- Eligible costs are "general operating costs" of the nonprofit

### Limitations on Assistance to Nonprofits

- In any fiscal year, operating assistance may not exceed > 50% of the general operating expenses of organization for that fiscal year, or \$50,000
- In any fiscal year, capacity building assistance may not exceed > 50% of general operating expenses of organization for that fiscal year, or \$50,000
- If an organization receives both types of assistance in a fiscal year, the aggregate total amount it may receive is greater of 50% of their operating expenses for that year or \$75,000

#### Consultation and Public Participation

#### Consultation

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan involved consultation with various organizations including

- Continuum of Care serving the jurisdiction's geographic area
- Homeless service providers
- Domestic violence service providers
- Veterans' groups
- Public Housing Agency (PHA) serving the jurisdiction's geographic area
- Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations
- Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

For organizations that address fair housing and civil rights, the County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department Community Development Division ("Kern County") manages Fair Housing for the County of Kern addressing civil rights and fair housing. Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, who offers free legal services in civil matters to eligible low-income persons, was contacted and provided a copy of the draft plan.

Regarding the public or private organizations that address the needs of persons with disabilities, Kern County through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, funds the Home Access Grant that addresses the needs of persons with disabilities and provides grants for home modifications for walk-in shower, ramp, widen doorways, and other improvements to increase accessibility. Kern County coordinates funding activities with public and private agencies such as the County of Kern Aging and Adult Services, Kern Around the Clock Foundation, Independent Living Center, and Kern Regional Center for the Developmentally Disabled. Each organization was contacted and provided a copy of the draft plan.

Many developers and interested parties contacted our department because of the news by the media and through Congress of available HOME-ARP funds.

Kern County consulted several local agencies including the Public Housing Agency (Housing Authority of the County of Kern) and Continuum of Care (Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative) reviewing qualifying populations, best use of HOME-ARP funds, type of funding that meets the greatest need of the qualifying populations and community, unmet needs, gaps in housing and service delivery systems. See below Table with list of organizations consulted and the summarized feedback received from the entities.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Housing Authority of the County of Kern	Public Housing Authority	Group Meetings and Phone Calls	Greatest need is in development of one bedroom affordable apartments.
Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative	Continium of Care	Group Meetings and Phone Calls	Permanent Supportive Housing for homeless.
Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services	Kern County Mental Health Department	Group Meetings and Phone Calls	Permanent Supportive Housing for homeless with mental illness.
City of Bakersfield	Community Development	Group Meetings and Phone Calls	Construct duplex on vacant infill lots for homeless housing.
County Administive Office	County Government	Group Meetings and Phone Calls	Tiny Homes for homeless Veterans and homeless with mental illness.
California Veterans Assistance Foundation	Non-Profit	Group Meetings and Phone Calls	Tiny Homes for homeless Veterans.
Bakersfield Homeless Center/Alliance Against Family Violence	Non-Profit	Group Meetings and Phone Calls	Request for funds for scattered site housing and transitional housing.
Golden Empire Affordable Housing	Non-Profit	Group Meetings and Phone Calls	Construct fourplex on vacant scattered sites.

## HOME-ARP Allocation Plan May 9, 2022 consultation meeting agenda and participants

- 1. Homeless Inventory Anna Laven, Continuum of Care (CoC)
- 2. Non-Homeless Inventory Heather Kimmel, Housing Authority/Public Housing Agency
- 3. Unmet Housing and Service Needs
  - a. Mental Health Stacy Kuwahara, Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
  - b. Domestic Violence Lauren Skidmore, Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault/Bakersfield Homeless Center and Carol Beecroft, Women's Center High Desert
  - c. Rural Hotel Jim Wheeler, Flood Ministries
  - d. Youth Non-Congregate Shelter Deb Johnson, California Veterans Assistance Foundation
  - e. Large Family Beds Lauren Skidmore, Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault/Bakersfield Homeless Center
  - f. Outlying Area Navigation Centers Jim Wheeler, Flood Ministries
- 4. Currently Housed Populations at Risk of Homelessness Joseph Aguilar, Community Action Partnership of Kern from Coordinated Entry System (CES) data
- 5. Other families requiring services Heather Kimmel, Housing Authority
- 6. Those at greatest risk of housing instability Joseph Aguilar, Community Action Partnership of Kern from CES prioritization list
- 7. Current Resources Anna Laven, Continuum of Care
- 8. Priority Needs Anna Laven, Continuum of Care

# **Public Participation**

### **Public Hearing**

One public hearing during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and before submitting the plan to HUD: County of Kern Board of Supervisors public hearing August 23, 2022.

#### **Public Comment**

Public comment period held for at least 30 calendar days:

Comment Period Start Date July 12, 2022 (first Public Notice date)

Comment Period End Date August 23, 2022 (Board of Supervisors public hearing)

Summary of comments received through the public participation process:

There were no comments received through the public participation process.

Efforts to broaden public participation include the following:

- 1. Community Meetings
- 2. Involvement with Local Agencies and Committees
- 3. Public Notices

#### **Public Participation**

Public Notices published in newspapers in Bakersfield, California Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and cities that have a cooperation agreement with Kern County. **Exhibit "A"** includes copy of public notices. Newspapers with publications dates are as follows:

The Bakersfield Californian	July 12, 2022
Bakersfield News Observer	July 13, 2022
The Mojave Desert News	July 14, 2022
Shafter Press	July 14, 2022
The Daily Independent	July 15, 2022
El Popular Newspaper	July 15, 2022
Tehachapi News	July 20, 2022

Public Notices included the HOME-ARP activities, use of funding, and housing production goals.

Access to HOME-ARP Allocation Plan posted on Kern County website with link at https://kernplanning.com/community-development-2-2/

Public Notice about the public hearing and comment period included information about available accommodations. For public participation accessibility and reasonable accommodations, the County of Kern includes in all Public Notices for Board of Supervisors hearings the following:

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### Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Kern County Continuum of Care, Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative (BKRHC) has as its primary mission the goal of realizing a Kern County where everyone has a permanent place to call home. Our community uses a Housing First approach to remove barriers to access and provide a direct route to housing for those experiencing homelessness. Kern County has been successful in using the Housing First model as evidenced by our two-year recidivism rate (returns to homelessness) which generally range from 5-10%, depending on the type of housing and demographic factors.

Our goal is to create a system where homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring. There are 7 metrics that speak to the realization of that goal as indicated using State of California provided data from HDIS:

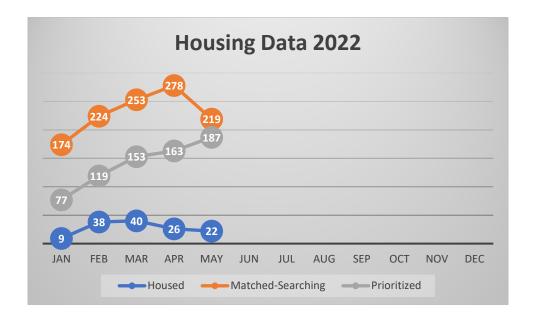
- The number of people experiencing homelessness (increase of 18% between 2018 to 2020)
- The number of people experiencing homelessness on a daily basis (171% increase between 2018-2020)
- The number of people who become homeless for the first time (8% increase between 2018 to 2020)
- The number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing (11% increase between 2018 to 2020)
- The length of time people experience homelessness (2% increase between 2018 to 2020)
- The number of people who return to homelessness after permanent housing (1% increase between 2018 to 2020)
- Placements from street outreach (199% increase from 2018 to 2020)

Current Inventory	Family		Adults Only		Veterans
(based on 2022 Housing Inventory Count)	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds
Emergency Shelter	187	39	808	-	4
Transitional Housing	141	86	284	-	58
Permanent Support Housing	1141	527	2972	-	265

Homeless Population (based on the 2022 Point In Time Count)	Family	Adult Only (w/o child)	Veterans	Victims of Domestic Violence
Sheltered Homeless	234	641	55	69
Unsheltered Homeless	8	720	39	3

In the last two years our community has undertaken efforts to improve our crisis response by doubling emergency shelter beds. Unsheltered homeless are engaged using best practices by multidisciplinary street outreach who include representation from traditional street outreach organizations, behavioral health, and healthcare providers. These efforts have resulted in an improvement in the number of those who are sheltered.

However, our community remains challenged in finding permanent placements for those who are engaged and assessed for housing need. As evidenced by the below graph provided by Coordinated Entry System (CES), in May 2022 there were 219 individuals or families matched to a housing voucher and searching for an available unit while only 22 were successful in gaining housing placement. Rental market conditions continue to worsen. Bakersfield, the largest city in Kern County, has experienced vacancy rates below 2% for the last three quarters (1.76% 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021, 1.57% 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022, 1.38% 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter). Rent growth continues and while it has recently slowed was mostly reported at 3.04% for the second quarter of 2022. The lack of units and increase in rental prices make the work of finding permanent housing solutions for our most vulnerable populations extremely challenging.



Though our community has doubled emergency shelter bed options in recent years, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Point In Time (PIT) count, and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data suggests the gap is widening between those experiencing homelessness and those realizing permanent housing solutions. While the Continuum of Care priority areas include stemming the tide of newly homeless, improving systems throughput and access to services, the most acute need continues to be increasing outflow into permanent housing.

# Unmet Housing and Service Needs of Qualifying Populations

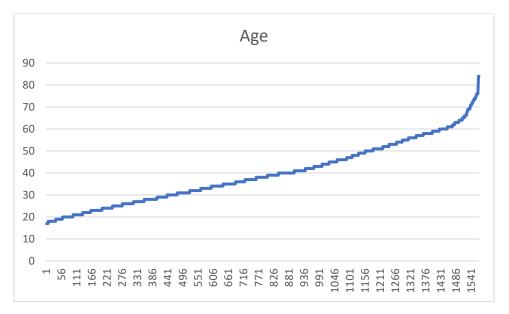
# Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations unmet housing and service needs:

- Mental Health Services
- Increase Domestic Violence beds
- Rural Hotel Program
- Additional Youth Non-Congregate shelter beds
- Increase in large family beds
- Outlying Area Navigation Centers ongoing support

# Coordinated Entry System (CES) data of homeless populations.

Race	Count of Race
American Indian, Alaska Native, or	
Indigenous	36
Asian or Asian American	13
Black, African American, or African	382
Client Doesn't know / Refused	6
Multiple races	48
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	11
White	1074

Gender	Count of Gender
Other (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	
gender)	4
Female	1025
Female Transgender	8
Male	530
Male Transgender	2
Transgender	1



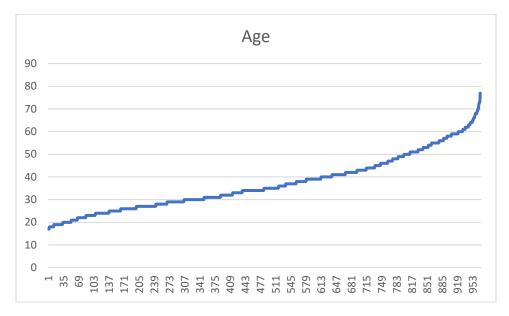
# Currently housed populations at risk of homelessness unmet housing and service needs:

- Affordable Housing
- Employment assistance and job training
- Legal Services
- Life Skills Training
- Landlord/Tenant liaison
- Financial Assistance

# Coordinated Entry System (CES) data of at risk of homelessness populations.

Race	Count of Race
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	s 10
Asian or Asian American	2
Black, African American, or African	248
Client Doesn't know / Refused	5
Data not collected	5
Multiple races	36
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2
White	662

Gender	Count of Gender
Other (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific	
gender)	2
Client doesn't know	1
Female	748
Female Male	1
Female Transgender	1
Male	217



# Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

### Bethany Services doing business as Bakersfield Homeless Center (BHC), Bakersfield CA

BHC is a nonprofit organization that for nearly five decades has specialized in the emergency and supportive services for homeless families in Kern County. In the fiscal year 2020-21, the most recent year for which complete data are available, BHC served 2,426 people; 555 (i.e. 293 households) were sheltered clients and 1,178 were children. BHC is a family emergency shelter serving all areas of Kern County. Besides shelter, the center offers licensed childcare for children 0 to 5 years of age and an afterschool program that provides homework help and tutoring for children in grades K-8. BHC was the first homeless center to offer licensed childcare in California. These services also benefit mothers, allowing them time to consult with their case managers or to participate in housing and employment search and placement services.

BHC operates 122 family shelter beds. During the federal fiscal year from October 2020 to September of 2021, BHC received 427 requests for family beds. Given limited capacity and lack of availability, the agency turned away 368 shelter bed requests (86% of requests) from families during this time. In the first quarter of the current federal fiscal year, BHC received 390 requests for family shelter beds and turned away 358, or 92% of those requests. These numbers underscore the severe shortage of family beds and the need to alleviate that gap. While families are referred to other local shelters when beds are not available, they are at particular risk because they face the possibility of family separation given the scarcity of family beds. When faced with this threat, they may choose to return to the streets or to other unsafe living situations instead. Only a few other agencies have family beds, but their inventory is severely limited, and they do not specialize in services for women and children. Some like California Veterans Assistance Foundation specialize in services for veterans, and others like The Mission provide services to single men.

#### Women's Center - High Desert Inc., Ridgecrest CA

Emergency Shelter house with 8 bedrooms and 52 beds for Domestic/Family Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking victims. Includes 36 beds for singles, veterans, and/or families fleeing from violence. Provides a cot for everyone to be in one room or let a family have 2 rooms with Jack and Jill bathroom, common for accommodating large families. Current occupancy is 19 beds. Transitional Housing at the shelter includes 16 beds for singles, veterans and/or families fleeing from violence. Current occupancy is 7 beds. At time of reporting, there were no gaps in availability.

# Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, Bakersfield CA

Due to the high demand for shelter beds, some domestic violence shelters have been unable to serve all who seek safety from violence and abuse. Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault ("Alliance") established in 1979 serves victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and child abuse and neglect in Kern County. Alliance operates a small 16 bed Emergency Shelter and 16 bed Transitional Housing facility that was built in the 1970's. During October 2020 through September 2021 the Alliance Emergency Shelter received 129 requests from victims and their families for safety that it could not accommodate and had to turn away due to the lack of bed availability. During the current year, first quarter (October 2021 thru January 2022), Alliance Emergency Shelter turn away 63 people (49% of last year's total requests). With limited bed space, placement must be based on client's level of danger at time of request. Those who are not in immediate danger are placed at the local homeless shelter which is open to the community during business hours. This poses a risk for victims when their perpetrator becomes aware of where they are living. Additional safe, secure, confidentially located domestic violence shelter beds are desperately needed to ensure all victims have a safe place to go for help. With rising numbers of victims fleeing from domestic abuse in Bakersfield and its surrounding rural communities (Lamont, Arvin, Frazier Park, Taft, Lake Isabella, Shafter, Wasco), there is an immediate need to increase crisis services and shelter bed capacity for victims fleeing abusive or life-threating situations.

# Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness

According to data from the Rent and Utility Assistance Program, 7,992 households have been determined as instability housed, while another 10,000 applications are being processed. During the application process the family must certify that they meet at least one of the following conditions - past due utility bill, past due rent, eviction notice, living in a motel/hotel, temporarily staying with friends/family, or currently homeless.

Of the 7,992 households, those whose Area Median Income (AMI) is at or below 30% are determined to be at the greatest risk. 4,533 households fit into this category.

# Characteristics of other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, unstable housing situations, and increased risk of homelessness:

- Moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance.
- Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship.
- Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance.
- Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals.
- Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 people per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution).

### <u>Current Resources Available to Assist Qualifying Populations</u>

# **Congregate and Non-Congregate Shelter Units**

Kern County has 187 family and 808 adult emergency shelter beds. There are 141 family and 284 adult transitional housing beds.

#### **Supportive Services**

Kern County supportive service agencies include Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Department of Human Services, Great Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Community Action Partnership of Kern, Gleaners, Employer's Training Resource, Salvation Army, and United Way.

#### **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance**

There are several agencies that receive federal and state funding for rental assistance. Some of these include the following:

California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) provide rental assistance, housing relocation, and stabilization services

United States Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA)

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)

HUD Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) provide rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funds efforts to end and prevent homelessness in the communities

Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) assists homeless, disabled individuals apply for disability benefit programs, while also providing housing supports

Housing Authority of the County of Kern manages Section 8

Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV)

**HUD Continuum of Care** 

HomeKey to house persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) provide rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention as a short-term program that offers case management and temporary financial assistance such as security deposits, rental assistance, utilities assistance, etc. to homeless veterans in the community.

HUD - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program is a collaborative program which pairs HUD's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with VA case management and supportive services for homeless veterans.

# **Affordable and Permanent Supportive Rental Housing**

The greatest need is affordable rental housing with the longest wait list for one-bedroom apartments. Records are kept and maintain by the Housing Authority of the County of Kern. As of December 2021, Housing Authority of the County of Kern reported a wait list of 22,513 awaiting low income public housing. The breakdown of housing needs is as follows:

One Bedroom	10,691
Two Bedroom	7,969
Three Bedroom	3,039
Four Bedroom	814

# Assessment of Gaps in Current Shelter and Housing Inventory and Service Delivery System

The level of need and gaps in shelter, housing inventory, and service delivery systems was determined from conglomeration of data, feedback from several community meetings, various committees, and individual conversations regarding existing gaps in funding and activities needed given the current housing shortage.

These assessments include:

### **Permanent Housing Solutions**

- Rental overage/shortfall Fair Market Rent 120% already; provide shallow subsidy (need to determine how long)
- Retention bonus when someone has a voucher and vacates
- Give funds to project support the differential between the rent and what the homeless can provide – capitalized operating subsidy – over 15 years, \$1 million – Market rate affordable housing – rates have gone up from \$500 to \$900
- Case Management for Permanent Supportive Housing specialized for intensive services group, Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Fund Accessory Dwelling Units with seed money
- Develop a group of lending investors for private affordable housing development
- Host Homes provide a stipend for those taking in elderly and youth, provide case management, treat as transitional housing while a permanent location is sought
- Convert Supportive and Assisted Living Housing to shared housing model
- Bridge Housing put in 45 trailers at Taft Highway
- By Name List, Landlord Engagement, and Permanent Housing Specialist

#### **Street Outreach**

- Language Line
- Specific team for Coordinated Entry System response
- Place based focus one year challenge with focus on specific geographic location, such as a section of the riverbed

#### Infrastructure

- Coordinated Entry System and specific outreach team
- Homeless Management Information System licenses and analyst support particularly to assist with healthcare, discharge planning and overall growth

# Priority Needs for Qualifying Populations

### 1) Homeless

Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent Housing, Supportive Services, Emergency Health Services, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Treatment, Transportation, Legal Services, Life Skills Training, Employment Assistance and Job Training, Education Services, Child Care

#### 2) At-risk of homelessness

Short term or medium term rental assistance, rental arrears, utility payments

3) Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

Housing Search and Placement, Legal Services, Moving Costs, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Supportive Services, and Rent/Security Deposit/Utility Deposit Assistance for Permanent Housing

4) Other Populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of NAHA (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those at greatest risk of housing instability. Those populations as individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the populations above. Units will be used to house persons whose annual income  $\leq 30\%$  of Area Median Income (AMI) and is experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., is paying more than 50% of monthly household income toward housing costs); or 2) Annual income  $\leq 50\%$  of AMI and meets one of the conditions in paragraph (iii) of "At risk of homelessness" definition at §91.5.

Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Housing Search and Placement, Counseling Services, Legal Services, Life Skills Training

### Covey Cottages - tiny homes for housing homeless veterans

The plan explains how the use of a preference or method of prioritization to one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project will address the unmet need or gaps in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or category of qualifying population consistent with the needs assessment and gaps analysis.

The California Veterans Assistance Foundation (CVAF) and members of the Kern County Stand Down resource fair, and the Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative worked together to develop the Covey Cottages project, affordable housing for homeless veterans. CVAF acquired a vacant lot at Covey Avenue in Bakersfield, CA to provide residential housing for veterans. There is a housing concern for homeless in the community, especially veterans. The project's target is to provide homes for low-income veterans not eligible for housing subsidies elsewhere. This project will consist of 12 tiny "400 square foot" homes, a community center, and shared space. The studio-style homes are expected to rent to qualified veterans for \$300 to \$500 per month available to house a veteran's family, up to three people.

CVAF identified a sub-population of veterans residing in Kern County that do not qualify for other housing subsidies such as HUD VASH (VA Supportive Housing) or Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). They do not qualify for these subsidies based on discharge status (Other Than Honorable) or military service (National Guard or Reserves). In addition, poor rental histories and/or evictions create a housing challenge for this population that is typically 55 years and older.

This population receives an income from VA Pension or Social Security. Veterans have highly intensive needs (medical, mental health, substance use) that requires additional supportive services after discharge from shelter or transitional housing programs. Covey Cottages will address this unmet community need and gap by providing veterans with high service needs, affordable housing where they can age in place.

# HOME-ARP Activities, Uses of Funding, and Housing Production Goals

Public announcements of available HOME-ARP funds were made at community meetings and Kern County Board of Supervisors hearings. Many developers contacted Kern County after hearing about the available funding in the media. Applications were reviewed to determine eligibility based on experience, financial capacity, costs effectiveness, leverage of other funding sources, implementation plan, quality of service, and project sustainability. Kern County prioritized activities that address the highest unmet need and took into consideration other available funding. Characteristics of the shelter, housing inventory, and service delivery system with the needs identified in the gap analysis provided the rationale for funds to be allocated to affordable rental housing construction.

Funds will be used for all qualifying populations including veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria for one of the qualifying populations.

Three projects awarded for construction of multifamily, permanent, affordable rental housing. Each developer/owner will be responsible for the construction and management of the projects. County will monitor construction compliance and audit projects annually during the affordability period. No administration funds will be provided to a subrecipient. Kern County is responsible for the administration of the entire HOME-ARP program to monitor project completion and compliance.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$0		
Acquisition and Development of Non- Congregate Shelters	\$0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 5874214		
Non-Profit Operating	\$0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 1036626	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 6910840		

There will be new construction of 63 HOME assisted units with a total of 112 new affordable rental housing units which meets Kern County project goal to partially finance the development of 100 new units. All HOME-ARP rental projects will continue to operate in accordance with the HOME-ARP requirements and serve qualifying households for the 15-year compliance period and the partially funded HOME rental project will continue to operate in accordance with the HOME requirements and serve qualifying households for the required 20-year affordability period. Each project will include in the loan documents an enforceable recorded Deed Restriction Agreement, covenant running with the land, legally binding agreement restricting the use of the property and recorded on the property. Each project will have annual onsite monitoring that includes property inspections for housing quality standards and audit of tenant files.

# Kern County HOME-ARP projects

**Project Name:** Covey Cottages

Project Address: 604 Covey Avenue Bakersfield, CA

**Developer:** California Veterans Assistance Foundation (CVAF)

**HOME-ARP Fixed Units:** 11

Total Units: 12 tiny homes for homeless veterans with project specific written waitlist in the

chronological order of the application.

#### **Total Funding Sources**

HOME-ARP Loan	\$	692,000
Patel Foundation	\$	300,000
Fundraising	\$	100,412
CVAF	\$	45,000
Heroes Welcome Home	\$	42,508
Rotary Club	\$	26,080
Total	\$1	,206,000

**Project Name:** Oregon Street Apartments

**Project Address:** 3927 Oregon Street Bakersfield, CA **Developer:** Golden Empire Affordable Housing, Inc.

**HOME-ARP Fixed Units:** 5 to house all HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations

HOME Fixed Units: 6 (2 units for households at 50% Area Median Income (AMI) and below, 4

units for households at 60% AMI and below)

Total Units: 16 one-bedroom apartments with project specific written waitlist in the chronological

order of the application.

#### **Total Funding Sources**

HOME-ARP Loan	\$	682,214
HOME Loan	\$	899,507
Bank Loan	\$	600,000
Total	\$2	,181,721

**Project Name:** Pioneer Drive Apartments

**Project Address:** 3299 Pioneer Drive Bakersfield, CA **Developer:** Housing Authority of the County of Kern

**HOME-ARP Fixed Units:** 41 to house all HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations

**Total Units:** 84 one-bedroom apartments with project specific written waitlist in the chronological order of the application. Supportive services will be provided through the Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services No Place Like Home funding by State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

#### **Total Funding Sources**

Federal Tax Credit Equity
No Place Like Home Loan **HOME-ARP Loan**Bank Loan

Deferred Developer Fee
Total

\$10,575,556
\$5,950,000
\$4,500,000
\$3,400,000
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Location: Board of Supervisors Chamber

County Administrative Center 1115 Truxtun Avenue, First Floor Bakersfield, California 93301

Date:

August 23, 2022

Time:

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I, the undersigned, am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party interested in the above matter. I am the Chief Clerk (or Publisher) of EL POPULAR NEWSPAPER, a newspaper of General Circulation. No. 189,676, Gov. Code 6-23, adjudicated to print all legal and public notices, published weekly in the city of Bakersfield, County of Kern. and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of General Circulation by the County of Kern; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper (and not any supplement thereof) on the following dates:

JULY 15, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AMMENDMENT TO AAP FY21-22 FOR HOME ARP

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#### AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PARA LA ENMIENDA SUSTANCIAL PROPUESTA AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL DEL CONDADO DE KERN PARA EL AÑO FISCAL 2021-2022 PARA PROGRAMAS DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO

El 23 de agosto de 2022, la Mesa Directiva del Condado de Kern llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para brindar la oportunidad de comentarios públicos con respecto a una enmienda sustancial propuesta al Departamento de Planificación y Recursos Naturales del Condado de Kern, División de Desarrollo Comunitario ("Condado") Año Fiscal (FY) 2021-2022 Plan de Acción Anual para las Asociaciones de Inversión HOME - Plan de Rescate Americano (HOME-ARP) que describe las necesidades y brechas en el refugio, vivienda y servicios, y el método de distribución para el uso de los fondos. El Condado alienta a los residentes, subreceptores, agencias públicas y otras partes interesadas a revisar el plan y enviar comentarios.

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Inmediatamente después de la audiencia pública, la Junta considerará las siguientes acciones: a. Aprobar la Enmienda al Plan de Acción Anual del Condado para el Año Fiscal 2021-2022 para los Programas de Desarrollo Comunitario para las Asociaciones de Inversión HOME - Plan de Rescate Americano (HOME-ARP) y el programa HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) según lo dispuesto en este documento;

b. Autorizar al director del Departamento de Planificación y Recursos Naturales del Condado de Kern a presentar el Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP y todos los documentos necesarios al

La audiencia pública está programada para:

Lugar: Cámara de la Mesa Directiva Centro Administrativo del Condado 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Primer Piso 93301, Bakersfield, California Fecha: 23 de agosto de 2022 Hora: 2:00 P. M. o después

Los comentarios y / o preguntas antes de la audiencia pública con respecto a la enmienda propuesta pueden dirigirse a Catherine Vásquez, Gerente de Programas de Vivienda en:

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# Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department AAP FY 21-22 for HOME-ARP

Case Number\_\_\_\_\_

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State of California, County of Kern, ss:

Declarant says:

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July 15 2022

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED ON \_July 15, 2022\_\_\_\_, at Ridgecrest California.

Declarant Moris Lusck

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PROPOSED
SUBSTANTIAL
AMENDMENT
TO THE COUNTY
OF KERN'S FY
2021-2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FOR COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
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Pioneer Drive
Apartments, 3299
Pioneer Drive Bakersfield
Project Number
35.21.3 HOME-ARP
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Developer: Housing Authority of the
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Total units 84
Construct one-bed-

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Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers County Administrative Center 1115 Truxtun Avenue, First Floor Bakersfield, California 93301

Date: August 23, 2022

Time: 2:00 P. M. or thereafter

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# Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department AAP FY 21-22 for HOME-ARP

Case Number\_\_\_\_

# DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION (2015.5 C.C.P.)

State of California, County of Kern, ss:

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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER:
John S. Wall of Wall, Wall & Peake 1920 20 Street

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special

Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of

John S. Wall of Wall, Wall & Pe 1920 20th Street Bakersfield, CA 93301 661-327-8461 Published 7/20, 7/27, 8/3/2022 Ad#89664

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Kern County Planning Commission will meet and will hear the following request on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA

Space and Conservation Element of

Amend the Land Use, Open

the Keene Specific Plan land use designations for the following: (a) From Map Code 3.1 (Public or Private Recreation Facilities) to 8.5 (Resource Management Minimum 20 Acre Parcel Size) on 1.03 acres; (b) From Map Code 3.3/2.4 (Other Facilities Steep Slope) to 8.5/2.4 (Resource Management Minimum 20-Acre Management Minimum 20-Acre Parcel Size Steep Slope) on 66.57 acres; (c) From Map Code 3.3/2.85 (Other Facilities Noise Mobile (Other Facilities Noise Mobile Source) to 8.5/2.85 (Resource Management Minimum 20-Acre Parcel Size Noise Mobile Source) on 20.46 acres; (d) From Map Code 5.5 (Maximum 1 Unit/Net Acre) to 8.5 Resource Management Minimum 20-Acre Parcel Size) on 1.89 acres; (e) From Map Code 5.6 (Minimum 2.5 Gross Acres/Unit) to 8.5 (Resource Management Minimum 20-Acre Parcel Size) on 3.58 acres; (f) From Map Code 5.6/2.85 (Minimum Gross Acres/Unit Noise Mobile Source) to 8.5/2.85 (Resource Management Minimum 20-Acre Parcel Size Noise Mobile Source) on a 4,791 square feet; (g) From Map Code 5.7 (Minimum 5 Gross Acres/Unit) to 8.5 (Resource to 8.5 Management Minimum 20-Acre Parcel Size) on 103.57 acres; (h) From Map Code 5.7/2.3 (Minimum 5 Gross Acres/Unit Shallow Ground Water) to 8.5/2.3 (Resource Management Minimum 20-Acre Parcel Size Shallow Ground Water) on a 16,552 square feet; (i) From Map Code 5.7/2.4 (Minimum 5 Gross Acres/Unit Steep Slope) to 8.5 (Resource Management Minimum 20-Acre Parcel Size Steep Slope) on 700 acres; (j) From Map Code 5.7/2.55 (Minimum 5 Gross Acres/Unit Riparian Area Protection 8.5/2.55 (Resource Management Minimum 20-Acre Parcel Size Riparian Area Protection Zone) on 8.53 acres; (k) From Map Code 5.7/2.85 (Minimum 5 Gross Acres/Unit Noise Mobile Source) to 8.5/2.85 (Resource Management Minimum 20-Acre Parcel Size Noise Mobile Source) on 25.67 acres; A change in zone (2)

(2) A change in zone classification for the following: (a) From E (5) RS FPS (Estate 5 acres Residential Suburban Combining District to A FPS (Exclusive Agriculture Floodplain Secondary Combining District) on 8 acres; (b) From E (5) RS (Estate 5 acres Residential Suburban Combining)

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Housing Programs (https://kernplanning.com/communitydevelopment-2-2/housing-programs/)

Public Facilities, Public Improvements (https://kernplanning.com/community-development-2-2/public-facilities-public-improvements/)

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

(https://kernplanning.com/communitydevelopment-2-2/neighborhoodstabilization-program-nsp/) Lorelei H. Oviatt AICP, Director

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Our Mission MIW

The Planning and Natural Resources Department provides consolidated land use planning and Pommunity development programs for the County's residents. We are proud to fulfill a mission that fosters with lower incomes, by improving their economic, environmental, and social quality of life. We achieve this through projects and programs that revitalize neighborhoods by providing safer living environments, decent and affordable housing, public facilities and improvements, and expanded employment opportunities.

In 2010, Community Development was made a Division of the Planning Department, which was then renamed the Planning and Community Development Department (PCDD), then again to the Planning and Natural Resources Department (PLNR). The Community Development Division (CD) consists of three components: Planning, Fiscal/Agreements & Compliance, and Housing. CD administers the federal HUD grants for the County, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP) Funds.

For Economic Development Programs See: Kern County Economic Development (https://www.kerncounty.com/econdev/) and Kern Economic Development Corporation (http://www.kedc.com/)

#### New Items/Public Notice/Applications



- County of Kern HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/Kern\_HOME-ARP\_Allocation\_Plan.pdf)

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- Kern County Notice of Funding Availability for 2022 State Emergency Solutions Grants (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/NOFA\_2022\_State\_ESG.pdf)
- FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/AAP\_FY2022-23\_Final.pdf) (FINAL 6/28/22)
- Public Hearing for Amendment to Consolidated Plan to add Waivers to Emergency Solutions Grants (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/amendment\_notice\_consolidated\_plan\_waiver\_ESG.pdf)
- Tiny Home Village for Homeless Veterans Project Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/Tiny\_Home\_Village\_FONSI.pdf)
- Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Amendment to the County of Kern's FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Programs
  - Hearing Notice (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/PubNotice\_FY2019-20\_ESG\_Reallocation\_Unused\_Funds.pdf)
  - Aviso al Publico (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/PubNotice\_FY2019-20 ESG Reallocation Unused Funds Spanish.pdf)
- Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) 2020-2021
  - Draft CAPER (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/CAPER\_\_Draft9-9-21.pdf) (Revised 09/09/21)
  - Draft CAPER (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/CAPER\_\_Draft8-20-21.pdf)

#### Other Items

- FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan
  - Application Non-Profits/Special Districts/General Public (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/PublicAgencySpecDist2022-23.pdf) (Due December 10, 2021)
  - Application Co-operative Cities/County Departments (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/CoDeptsCoopCities2022-23.pdf) (Due December 22, 2021)
  - FY 2022-2023 Anticipated Annual Action Plan Schedule (https://psbweb.co.kern.ca.us/planning/pdfs/comdev/APscheduleDates10\_7\_2021.pdf)

#### Federal Assistance SF-424 Submissions

The State Clearinghouse (SCH) serves as the state's Single Point of Contact for the submission of Federal assistance notices pursuant to Presidential Executive Order No. 12372 and State Administrative Manual (SAM) Section 0911. With the signing of Assembly Bill 1348 the State Clearinghouse is responsible for reporting on all federal grants applied for and received in California regardless if they fall under Executive Order 12372. We have developed the new on-line database to assist with that reporting.

Please provide your notice here before or at the same time as you apply for the federal grant. These notices must be provided to the SCH, which in turn publishes this information for review by State and local elected officials. The submittal of the SF-424 form on this website begins a 30-day review period. If no comments are received, the SCH will NOT notify the applicant in writing,

The SCH does not administer grant programs or offer any grant funding. Please visit <u>Grants.gov</u> for funding opportunities or sign up for the <u>OPR Federal Grants Update</u>.

#### Submissions

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Applicant ↑↓	SF-424 Form ↑↓	Federal Agency ↑↓	CFDA Number ↑↓	City/Town ↑↓	<b>County</b> ↑↓	Assembly District ↑↓	Senate District ↑↓	Project Start Date ↑↓	Project End Date ↑↓	Date Received ↑
Carlotta Volunteer Fire Department	424 First Page.pdf 🥬	USDA Rural Development	10.766	Carlotta	Humboldt	2	2	9/30/2022	2/28/2023	8/25/2022
CAP Solano JPA	2022 CAPSolanoJPA CE SF-424.pdf 👂	Department of Housing and Urban Development	14.267	Fairfield	Solano	11	3	6/1/2022	5/31/2023	8/25/2022
County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department - Community Development Division	SF-424.pdf 👺	United States Department of Housing and Urban Development	14.239	Bakersfield	Kern	34	16	7/1/2021	9/30/2030	8/24/2022

#### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - COUNTY OF KERN**

1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, California

Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 23, 2022

#### 2:00 P.M.

**Note**: Members of the Board of Supervisors may have an interest in certain contracts that the Board considers where the member holds a position on a non-profit corporation that supports the functions of the County. Supervisors are assigned to these positions as part of annual committee assignments by the Chairman of the Board. These interests include, with the Supervisor holding the position, the following: California State Association of Counties (Supervisors Perez and Scrivner); Community Action Partnership of Kern (Supervisor Maggard); Kern County Network for Children (Supervisor Peters); Kern Economic Development Corporation (Supervisors Scrivner, Maggard, and Couch); Southern California Water Committee (Supervisors Couch and Maggard); Tobacco Funding Corporation, Kern County (Supervisors Perez and Peters); Kern County Foundation, Inc. (Supervisor Peters); and Kern Medical Center Foundation (Supervisors Maggard and Scrivner).

#### **BOARD RECONVENED**

Supervisors: Peters, Scrivner, Maggard, Couch, Perez

**ROLL CALL: All Present** 

NOTE: The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, Scrivner-Perez denotes Supervisor Scrivner made the motion and Supervisor Perez seconded the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH A "CA" OR "C" WERE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND APPROVED BY ONE MOTION.

**BOARD ACTION SHOWN IN CAPS** 

#### REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

concerning **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE** APPOINTMENT/RECRUITMENT: Title: Director Public Works of Section 54957) CHAIRMAN **SCRIVNER** (Government Code ANNOUNCED THAT BY A 4-0 VOTE, WITH SUPERVISOR PETERS ABSENT, THE BOARD APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF SAMUEL LUX AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2022; SAMUEL LUX HEARD

Item 51 concerning a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) and (g)) Name of case: County of Kern, et al. vs. Purdue Pharma et al., Kern County Superior Court Case Number BCV-19-100861-TSC, and related coordinated multi-district cases - HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION

Item 52 concerning a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(e)(1)) Number of cases: One (1) Significant exposure to litigation in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors on the advice of legal counsel, based on: Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the County but which the County believes are not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, which facts and circumstances need not be disclosed - HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION

Item 53 concerning a CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)(e)(3)) Number of cases: One (1) Significant exposure to litigation in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors on the advice of legal counsel, based on: The receipt of a claim pursuant to the Government Claims Act or some other written communication from a potential plaintiff threatening litigation, which non-exempt claim or communication is available for public inspection - HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION

#### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. Also, the Board may take action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME BEFORE MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU!

RALPH ROBLES HEARD CONCERNING ELECTION DROP BOXES AND DOMINION VOTING MACHINES

#### **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

2) On their own initiative, Board members may make an announcement or a report on their own activities. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Gov. Code Sec. 54954.2[a][2])

NO ONE HEARD

#### **HEARINGS**

NOTE: Item No. 19 was heard prior to Item No. 3

#### PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

NOTE: Chairman Scrivner announced the availability of Spanish/English translation of Item No. 3 proceedings and introduced interpreter Fernando Lopez

Request from Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department; Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA); California Independent Producers Association (CIPA); (PP13280) Proposed amendments to Mitigation Measures included in the Final Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (2020/2021) for Title 19 of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance - Chapter 19.98 Oil and Gas Activities and related actions:

Specific Request:

(1) Revise Mitigation Measure 4.2-1 (Agricultural Resources) to require the removal of legacy equipment on defined agricultural land for applicable permits and related conditions; (2) Execution of amended Oil and Gas Emission Reduction Agreement (Original - SJVUAPCD - 2060168, Kern County Agreement 890-2016) for clarification on PM 2.5 and implementation of Mitigation Measure 4.2-8 (Air Quality); (3) Deletion of Mitigation Measure 4.17-5 (Utilities and Service Systems) Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water Grant Fund; (4) Adoption by resolution of the Voluntary Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water Grant Fund for oil and gas permits

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(Environmental Review: Addendum Environmental Impact Report to a Final Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report; Bakersfield Californian, Bakersfield News Observer, Daily Independent, El Popular, Kern Valley Sun, Midway Driller, Mojave Desert News, Mountain Enterprise, Rosamond Weekly News, Shafter Press, Tehachapi News, Wasco Tribune) - OPENED HEARING; SUZANNE NOBLE, WESTERN STATES **PETROLEUM** ASSOCIATION; TRENT ROSENLIEB, **CALIFORNIA** INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION; RUSSELL JOHNSON, CONTRACTORS; **CLINT** ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND OLIVIER, CENTRAL VALLEY BUSINESS FEDERATION; SANDRA PLASCENCIA, LEADERSHIP COUNSEL FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY; RACHEL GLAUSER, KERN CITIZENS FOR ENERGY; SHERI HORN-BUNK; ROMEO AGBALOG, KERN COUNTY FARM BUREAU; DAVE NOERR; MARIA ELVIDA WILLIAMS, LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS; ETAN GOLUBTCHIK; NICK ORTIZ, GREATER BAKERSFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; AMANDA FRANK, KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS; RICHARD CHAPMAN, KERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; MICHAEL TURNIPSEED, KERN COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION; AND RHIDDI PATEL, HEARD; CLOSED HEARING; PER PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION, ADOPTED AMENDED SECTION 15091 REVISED AND RESTATED FINDINGS OF FACT AND **SECTION** 15093 **RESTATED STATEMENT** OF **OVERRIDING** CONSIDERATIONS; ADOPTED **AMENDED REVISED MITIGATION** MEASURE 4.2-1 (AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES) AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF AND READ INTO THE RECORD; DELETED MITIGATION MEASURE 4.17-5 (UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS); ADOPTED AMENDED REVISED MITIGATION MEASURE AND MONITORING PROGRAM; APPROVED AMENDED EMISSIONS REDUCTION AGREEMENT WITH SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 481-2022; APPROVED VOLUNTARY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY DRINKING WATER GRANT FUND PILOT PROGRAM; ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS 2022-183 AND 2022-184, AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS

**Couch-Peters: All Ayes** 

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS**

#### PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

CA-4) Request of Harold Eisenberg and Leslie Cortez by Bruce Keith for an Exception to the requirement for connection to Public Sewer located on an approximate 15,246-square-foot parcel located on the west side of Golden Star Boulevard approximately 178 feet north of Golden Hills Boulevard in unincorporated Tehachapi; Environmental Review: Categorically Exempt, Section 15303(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Fiscal Impact: None) (S.D.#2) - APPROVED EXCEPTION TO THE GREATER TEHACHAPI SPECIFIC PLAN SEWER SERVICE POLICIES

Couch-Maggard: All Ayes

CA-5) Request for Determination of Public Convenience by Loves Country Stores of California (Map No. 191-32; Census Tract No. 56) for the issuance of an Off-Sale Beer and Wine - Package Store (Type 20) License in a M-1 PD (Light Industrial - Precise Development) District located at 27201 Boron Frontage Road N, Boron; Environmental Review: Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Fiscal Impact: None) (S.D. #2) - ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2022-185 AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS, APPROVING THE LIQUOR LICENSE AS REQUESTED

Couch-Maggard: All Ayes

CA-6) Request for Determination of Public Convenience by Senor Frog Sports Bar (Map No. 103-27; Census Tract No. 9.05) for the issuance of an On-Sale Beer and Wine Public Premises (Bar, Tavern) (Type 42) License in a C-2 PD (General Commercial - Precise Development Combining) District located at 2814 and 2816 Niles Street, Bakersfield; Environmental Review: Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Fiscal Impact: None) (S.D. #3) - ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2022-186 AND RECOMMENDED FINDINGS, APPROVING THE LIQUOR LICENSE AS REQUESTED

Couch-Maggard: All Ayes

CA-7) Public hearing for proposed substantial amendment to the County of Kern's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Home Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program (Fiscal Impact: \$6,910,840; Federal Grant; Budgeted; Discretionary) (All S.D.s) - APPROVED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY'S FY 2021-2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE HOME PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZED DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO HUD

Couch-Maggard: All Ayes

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

CA-8) Proposed retroactive Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 143-2021 with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. to revise rate schedule and increase compensation in an amount not to exceed \$21,065 (Fiscal Impact: \$21,065; Solid Waste Enterprise Fund; Budgeted; Discretionary) (All S.D.s) - APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 482-2022

Couch-Maggard: All Ayes

Proposed Contract No. 23004, identify apparent low, responsive, and CA-9) responsible bid and approve contract with Granite Construction Company for road resurfacing on Wheeler Ridge Road from Laval Road to Santa Elena Drive, Arvin in an amount not to exceed \$986,044 (Fiscal Impact: \$986,044; Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account; Budgeted; Discretionary) (S.D. #2) - IDENTIFIED APPARENT LOW, RESPONSIVE, AND RESPONSIBLE BID; APPROVED CONTRACT; AUTHORIZED WORKS OR DESIGNEE DIRECTOR OF **PUBLIC** TO SIGN: AUTHORIZED PUBLIC WORKS TO RELEASE ALL OTHER BID **GUARANTEES** 

Couch-Maggard: All Ayes

CA-10) Contract No. 23006, Plans, Specifications, and Notice to Bidders for improvements on Diamond Street from Orange Street to Rosamond Boulevard, Rosamond (Fiscal Impact: \$353,309; Road Fund; Budgeted; Discretionary) (S.D. #2) **MADE FINDING PROJECT** CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM FURTHER CEQA REVIEW, PER SECTION 15301(c) OF STATE CEQA GUIDELINES; APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN; AUTHORIZED PUBLIC WORKS TO PUBLISH NOTICE TO BIDDERS IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 20392 CONTRACT CODE; BID OPENING TO BE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022, AT 11:00 A.M.

Couch-Maggard: All Ayes

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424						
* 1. Type of Submiss  Preapplication  Application  Changed/Corre		⊠ Ne	ew [	* If Revision	on, select appropriate letter(s):	
* 3. Date Received:  4. Applicant Identifier:  M21-UP060517						
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:  5b. Federal Award Identifier:  M21-UP060517						
State Use Only:						
6. Date Received by	State:		7. State Application	Identifier:		
8. APPLICANT INFO	ORMATION:					
* a. Legal Name:	ounty of Kern					
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):  956000925  * c. UEI:  LYM1ZJ6B7BM3						
d. Address:						- 11
* Street1: Street2:	c/o 2700 M Street Suite 250					
* City: County/Parish:						
* State: Province:						
* Country:						
* Zip / Postal Code: 93301-2323						
e. Organizational U	Jnit:					
Department Name:		Division Name:				
Planning and Natural Resources Community Development						
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:						
Prefix:	110 (2000),100 (2000)		* First Name	: Lo	relei	_
Middle Name: H  * Last Name: Oviatt						
Suffix: AICP						
Title: Director						
Organizational Affiliation:						
County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department						
* Telephone Number: 661 862 8866 Fax Number: 661 862 5052						
* Email: Loreleio@kerncounty.com						

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:
B: County Government
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:
* Other (specify):
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:
14.239
CFDA Title:
HOME Investment Partnerships Program
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:  14 . 239
* Title:
HOME Investment Partnerships Program
13. Competition Identification Number:
Title:
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):
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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:
Home Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan within the County of Kern
participating jurisdiction
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.
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16. Congressional Districts Of:					
* a. Applicant CA-023 * b. Program/Project CA-023					
Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.					
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17. Proposed Project:					
* a. Start Date: 07/01/2021 * b. End Date: 09/30/2030					
18. Estimated Funding (\$):					
* a. Federal 6,910,840.00					
* b. Applicant					
* c. State					
* d. Local					
* e. Other					
* f. Program Income					
*g. TOTAL 6,910,840.00					
* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?					
a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on 08/24/2022.					
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.					
c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.					
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)					
Yes No					
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach					
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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)					
**   AGREE					
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency					
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#### ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant:, I certify that the applicant:

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General
  of the United States and, if appropriate, the State,
  the right to examine all records, books, papers, or
  documents related to the assistance; and will establish
  a proper accounting system in accordance with
  generally accepted accounting standards or agency
  directives.
- 3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
- Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department	8-23-22

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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department	8.23.22

#### **HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS**

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --**The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements contained in the HOME-ARP Notice, including the revised one-for-one replacement requirements. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42, which incorporates the requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice. It will follow its residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME-ARP program.

#### Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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- 3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction --**The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and program requirements.

**Section 3** --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

**HOME-ARP Certification --**It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Lorelei H. Oviatt, Director County of Kern Planning and Natural Resources Department