



**Sonoma County Community Development Commission**  
 1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403-4107

**Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for  
 Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024  
 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment  
 Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG),  
 Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF) and  
 FY 2020-2021 CDBG-Cares Act**

**Issue Date:** December 7, 2022

**Application Due Date:** January 11, 2023, 2:00 pm

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Commission) is pleased to request applications from eligible organizations for eligible affordable housing projects, capital projects, tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, homelessness services, rapid rehousing, fair housing services, non-congregate shelter, and economic development (microenterprise assistance) activities to receive funding from the following sources:

<b>FUND SOURCE</b>	<b>FY 2023-2024 ACTION PLAN (estimated amounts)</b>	<b>FY 2020-2021 ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT</b>	<b>ELIGIBLE USES</b>
CDBG	\$1,115,164		Affordable housing projects, non-housing capital projects, microenterprise assistance
CDBG - Public Services set aside for Fair Housing	\$257,345		Fair housing activities
HOME	\$676,739		Development and preservation of affordable rental housing, tenant based rental assistance
HOME - Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) set aside	\$135,347		CHDO rental housing development and preservation
ESG	\$144,084		Homelessness supportive services, shelter operations support, rapid rehousing



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CDBG -Cares Act, also known as CDBG-CV		\$1,195,855	Coronavirus tieback: Acquisition of real property, housing related activities, microenterprise assistance, public facility improvements, public services, homelessness supportive services
LMIHAF	\$250,000 (actual)		Homelessness support services or rapid rehousing services only

The Commission administers United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG, HOME, ESG and CDBG-CV funds and local LMIHAF funds on behalf of the County of Sonoma, the Town of Windsor, and the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, and Sonoma (collectively, the “Urban County”). This NOFA and associated guiding documents and policies govern the distribution of funds.

All applications must be submitted through the online application portal which will be provided during the technical assistance workshops or meetings. Application materials include the FY 2023-2024 Federal Funding Policies and CDBG-CV addendum timeline, and NOFA. Please review these materials carefully for important information on project/program eligibility and application procedures.

### ESG and LMIHAF Funds

Please note that the process for the award of ESG and LMIHAF funds recently changed and is awarded through this application and NOFA process (formerly the Continuum of Care). Community based organizations that provide homelessness related supportive services including shelter and rapid rehousing are strongly encouraged to apply for these funds.

### CDBG-CV Funds

Community based organizations that provide homelessness related supportive services including non-congregate shelter and rapid rehousing are strongly encouraged to apply for these funds. These funds must be used by activities that prevent, prepare for, or respond to the spread of COVID-19. Most homelessness related supportive services can meet this requirements, as homeless populations are generally presumed to be at high risk for the spread of COVID-19.

### Key Dates

Wednesday, December 7, 2022,	Notice of FY 2023-2024 CDBG, HOME, ESG, LMIHAF and FY 2020-2021 CDBG-Cares Act funding availability (NOFA) issued inviting submission of funding applications.
Thursday, December 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m.	Technical Assistance (TA) Workshop #1 for applicants interested in submitting a funding application. <b>Attendance at a TA session or a TA meeting with Commission staff is a mandatory requirement for application submittal.</b>
Monday, December 19, 2022, 1:00 p.m.	Technical Assistance (TA) Workshop #2 for applicants interested in submitting a funding application. <b>Attendance at a TA session or a TA meeting with Commission staff is a mandatory requirement for application submittal.</b>

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 2:00 p.m.	<b>Funding applications are due at the Commission Office no later than 2:00 p.m.</b>
Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 1:00 p.m.	Continuum of Care Board review of ESG and LMIHAF applications and funding recommendations.
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 10:00 a.m.	Community Development Committee (CD Committee) and Cities and Towns Advisory Committee (CTAC) to receive preview of eligible FY 2023-2024 and FY 2020-2021 funding applications received.
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.	CD Committee and CTAC to make funding recommendations for the FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan and FY 2020-2021 Action Plan Substantial Amendment. The committees will provide comments and may ask clarifying questions of applicants. <b>All applicants must be present to be considered for funding.</b>
Friday, March 17, 2023	Draft FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan and draft FY 2020-2021 Action Plan Substantial Amendment published for a 30-day public comment period.
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:00 a.m.	CD Committee and CTAC concurrent public hearings to make final funding recommendations for the draft FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan and draft FY 2020-2021 Action Plan Substantial Amendment. <b>All applicants must be present to be considered for funding.</b>
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 (Date subject to change)	Board of Supervisors to discuss and adopt the FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan and FY 2020-2021 Action Plan Substantial Amendment.

**Attendance at a technical assistance workshop is mandatory for all applicants.** There are two scheduled technical assistance workshops. If you cannot attend a technical assistance workshop, applicants must contact the Commission staff to arrange a one-on-one technical assistance meeting that will satisfy the mandatory attendance requirements. Detailed information about CDBG, HOME, ESG, CDBG-CV and LMIHAF eligibility and project requirements will be reviewed, and Commission staff will be available to answer applicant questions. The workshops will be held:

**Technical Assistance Workshop #1:**

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting to be held virtually:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/99112912240?pwd=ZFoxRW9rejFVUIRrd1hTTC80R1Zwdz09>

Passcode: 075798

Webinar ID: 99112912240

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**Technical Assistance Workshop #2:**

Monday, December 19, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting to be held virtually:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/95397775022?pwd=bGRNcVlrSm9sdHh5R3J2R1loT3lCdz09>

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Please contact the Commission staff at (707) 565-7514 or notify us by email at [valerie.johnson@sonoma-county.org](mailto:valerie.johnson@sonoma-county.org) to RSVP for a workshop or request a technical assistance meeting with Commission staff. Please email staff if you have if you need assistance logging into one of the workshops.

### **Application Due Date**

All proposals must be submitted to the Commission by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

### **FY 2023-2024 Funding Priorities**

The Federal Funding Policies further the five-year goals set out in the five year Consolidated Plan that can be viewed on this web page: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/development-services/community-development-commission/plans-policies-and-reports>

The Commission will recommend awarding funds to the most competitive proposals that adhere to the basic threshold criteria and rank well under the selection criteria outlined in the Federal Funding Policies.

### **Selection Process**

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by Commission staff, who will then prepare an analysis for consideration by the CD Committee and the CTAC at a concurrent public meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. At the meeting, the committees will review staff analysis of funding applications submitted under the competitive funding categories, accept comment from applicants and the public, provide feedback and make funding recommendations to staff that will be integrated into the draft FY 2023-2023 Action Plan and FY 2020-2021 Action Plan Substantial Amendment. **All applicants must be present at the public workshop to be considered for funding.**

The CD Committee and CTAC will hold concurrent public hearings on April 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to make final funding recommendations for the draft FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan and draft FY 2020-2021 Action Plan Substantial Amendment that will then go to the Board of Supervisors for their approval in May 2023. **All applicants must be present to be considered for funding.**

### **Commission Contact Information**

Please contact Valerie Johnson at (707) 565-7514 or [Valerie.johnson@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Valerie.johnson@sonoma-county.org) if you have any questions about the application process and requirements.