



2014-15 ANNOUNCEMENT

**MARIN COUNTY IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM
COUNTYWIDE PRIORITY SETTING COMMITTEE
AND ITS LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES**

There are three openings on the Priority Setting Committee for community members representing the interests of racial and ethnic minorities and/or people with disabilities. This year, there are openings for community members from the Lower Ross Valley Planning Area, from the Richardson Bay Planning Area, and from anywhere in Marin County. Upon election, community members will sit for a two year term from September 2014 through September 2016.

The County of Marin invites community residents to apply to be members of the Countywide Priority Setting Committee and its Local Area Committees. These committees oversee the distribution of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funds in Marin County. The local governments in Marin have expanded the CDBG and HOME committees with the goal of increasing the diversity of these committees, and therefore this recruitment is specifically for individuals who represent the interests of racial and ethnic minorities and/or people with disabilities. The purpose of the expansion of the committees is to bring greater diversity to the group that (1) advises the Board of Supervisors on the CDBG and HOME funding allocation process and (2) provides input on the County's implementation of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

The Countywide Priority Setting Committee and its six Local Area Committees review applications from local non-profit and public agencies for federal CDBG and HOME funds. CDBG and HOME funds are used to support a variety of community-based programs, including affordable housing, community facilities, and public services. All projects must serve low-income people.

The six Local Area Committees listed below review and make recommendations regarding funding requests from non-profit organizations and public agencies within their respective Planning Area boundaries. The Local Area Committees currently include elected officials (city/town council members and a member of the Board of Supervisors) who represent the Planning Area, as well as community members for each Local Area Committee. Please note that the San Rafael City Council has assumed the functions of the San Rafael Local Area Committee, except for the allocation of funds for public services. The Novato City Council currently functions as the Novato Local Area Committee.

Local Area Committees with openings in September 2014 are:

- Richardson Bay (Sausalito, Tiburon, Belvedere, Mill Valley, and adjacent unincorporated communities, including Marin City and Tam Valley)
- Lower Ross Valley (Larkspur, Corte Madera, and adjacent unincorporated communities, including Kentfield and Greenbrae)
- Countywide – (any part of Marin County)

The remaining Local Area Committees are:

- Upper Ross Valley (San Anselmo, Fairfax, Ross and adjacent unincorporated communities)
- San Rafael (San Rafael, including the Canal neighborhood, and adjacent unincorporated communities)
- Novato (Novato and adjacent unincorporated communities)
- West Marin (consisting entirely of unincorporated communities)

The Countywide Priority Setting Committee currently includes elected officials from the Planning Areas, a member from the Board of Supervisors, and seven community members. The Countywide Priority Setting Committee reviews all of the funding recommendations from the six Local Area Committees and then makes a final recommendation on the funding requests to the Marin County Board of Supervisors.

If you are interested in participating as a committee member, you must complete and file an application form no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 4, 2014. Application forms may be obtained at the Marin County Community Development Agency – Federal Grants web site at www.marincounty.org/cdbq or at the Marin County Community Development Agency, Federal Grants Division, Marin County Civic Center, Room 308, San Rafael 94903. The completed application forms may be filed electronically by sending the form to asbrown@marincounty.org or by submitting or mailing the form to the Marin County Community Development Agency at the above address. Additional information about CDBG and HOME is available at www.marincounty.org/cdbq or by calling (415) 473-6279.

If you have any questions about the application process or need the application form in an accessible format, please call (415) 473-6279. We can also be reached through the California Relay Service at 711.