



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
**HOUSING AND FEDERAL GRANTS DIVISION**

**2022-23 Announcement**

**Marin County Seeks Applications for the  
Countywide Priority Setting Committee**

The County of Marin invites residents to apply to be members of the Countywide Priority Setting Committee. Applications will be accepted through 4:00 PM on Friday, October 7, 2022.

The Countywide Priority Setting Committee oversees the distribution of federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Programs (HOME), and state funds through the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA). The Committee establishes funding priorities and reviews applications from local nonprofit and public agencies.

PLHA funds support the development and preservation of affordable housing. CDBG and HOME funds are used to support a variety of community-based programs, including affordable housing, community facilities, and public services, such as childcare scholarships and services for individuals with disabilities. All funded projects must serve low-income households. Priority is given to projects that affirmatively further fair housing<sup>1</sup> and serve members of the protected classes.<sup>2</sup>

**There are four (4) openings on the Priority Setting Committee** for community members representing the interests of racial and ethnic minorities and/or people with disabilities. This year's openings are for community members living in the following regions, including neighboring unincorporated areas:

- Larkspur, Corte Madera, Kentfield, and Greenbrae
- Novato
- San Rafael, including the Canal neighborhood
- West Marin, including the coastal corridor from Muir Beach to Dillon Beach, Point Reyes, and inland communities such as Nicasio and the San Geronimo Valley

**Committee Duties and Commitment**

Upon selection, Committee Member terms will go through Fall 2024. The Committee makes recommendations on funding requests to the Marin County Board of Supervisors. These recommendations include funding approved by the Novato and San Rafael City Councils for projects in their respective jurisdictions. The Committee typically meets four times per year in the evenings for approximately 2 hours per

<sup>1</sup> Affirmatively furthering fair housing is a legal requirement that federal agencies and federal grantees further the purposes of the Fair Housing Act and take meaningful actions to overcome historic patterns of segregation, promote fair housing choice, and foster inclusive communities that are free from discrimination.

<sup>2</sup> Under federal laws, protected classes include race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and familial status.

meeting. The estimated time to prepare for each meeting is about 2-4 hours. The meeting schedule usually includes two meetings in the fall to review and adopt funding priorities. The Committee convenes again in February for a funding application review workshop, followed by a public hearing to adopt funding recommendations in April.

### **Committee Makeup**

In 2012, the existing Countywide Priority Setting Committee was expanded in order to bring greater diversity to this important group that makes critical decisions for County funding priorities. Therefore, this recruitment is specifically for individuals who are members of a racial or ethnic minority, people with disabilities, and/or people who represent these interests.

The Countywide Priority Setting Committee currently includes a member of the Board of Supervisors, city/town council members, as well as seven community members representing six regions spanning Marin and an at-large member representing the County.

### **Applying**

If you are interested in participating as a Committee Member, please submit an application form no later than **4:00 PM on Friday, October 7, 2022**.

### **[Apply Now to Be a PSC Member](#)**

**The application link is also available on the Marin County Federal Grants website at [www.marincounty.org/federalgrants](http://www.marincounty.org/federalgrants).** PDF or printable versions are available upon request. If you have any questions about the application process or need the application form in an accessible format, please contact us at [federalgrants@marincounty.org](mailto:federalgrants@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-6279. We can also be reached through the California Relay Service at 711.