



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HOUSING AND FEDERAL GRANTS DIVISION

2019-20 ANNOUNCEMENT

**MARIN COUNTY SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROGRAM
COUNTYWIDE PRIORITY SETTING COMMITTEE**

The County of Marin invites Marin County community residents to apply to be members of the Countywide Priority Setting Committee. This committee oversees the distribution of federal funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Programs (HOME). The Countywide Priority Setting Committee establishes funding priorities and reviews applications from local nonprofit and public agencies. CDBG and HOME funds are used to support a variety of community-based programs, including affordable housing, community facilities, and public services, such as child care scholarships and services for individuals with disabilities. All projects must serve low-income people and projects which affirmatively further fair housing¹ and serve members of the protected classes² are prioritized.

There are three (3) openings on the Countywide Priority Setting Committee for community members representing the interests of racial and ethnic minorities and/or people with disabilities. This year, the openings are for community members from the following regions: Corte Madera and Larkspur, Novato, and San Rafael. Upon selection, community members will sit for a two-year term from September 2018 through September 2020.

The Countywide Priority Setting Committee was expanded in 2012 with the goal of bringing 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. Therefore, this recruitment is specifically for individuals who are members of a racial and ethnic minority and/or people with disabilities, or 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 (7) community members representing six (6) regions spanning Marin and an at-large member representing the County. The regions include the following:

- Countywide (All Marin County)
- Larkspur, Corte Madera, and adjacent unincorporated communities, including Kentfield and Greenbrae
- Novato and adjacent unincorporated communities
- Sausalito, Tiburon, Belvedere, Mill Valley, and adjacent unincorporated communities, including Marin City and Tam Valley
- San Rafael including the Canal neighborhood, and adjacent unincorporated communities
- San Anselmo, Fairfax, Ross, and adjacent unincorporated communities
- West Marin consisting entirely of unincorporated communities

¹ 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.

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

The Committee makes recommendations on funding requests to the Marin County Board of Supervisors in conjunction with the Novato City Council who makes recommendations for the Novato specific projects and the San Rafael City Council who has assumed this function for the San Rafael specific projects. The Committee typically meets four times per year in the evenings for approximately 2 hours each meeting. Time to prepare for meetings is estimated at about 2-4 hours per meeting. The meeting schedule usually includes a funding priority workshop in August/September, followed by a meeting to adopt the funding priorities in September/October. The committee convenes again in February for an application review workshop, followed by a public hearing to adopt funding recommendations in April.

If you are interested in participating as a committee member, please complete and file an application form no later than 4:30 p.m. on August 15, 2018.

Application forms may be obtained at the Marin County Community Development Agency – Federal Grants web site at www.marincounty.org/federalgrants or at the Marin County Community Development Agency, Housing and Federal Grants Division, Marin County Civic Center, Room 308, San Rafael, CA 94903.

The completed application forms may be filed electronically by sending the form to the Federal Grants office at federalgrants@marincounty.org or by submitting/ 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/federalgrants 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 contact us at federalgrants@marincounty.org (415) 473-6279. We can also be reached through the California Relay Service at 711.