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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: November 20, 2024  
To: Community Development Committee & Cities and Towns Advisory Committee  
From: Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, Community Development Program Coordinator  
Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Federal Funding Policies

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The Federal Funding Policies (Policies) provide the local framework for the allocation and administration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) federal funding programs. The Sonoma County Community Development Commission administers these programs on behalf of the Urban County, as an entitlement jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Policies include the Low-Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund, a local fund source, in addition to the federal funds and are updated annually as needed. The Policies support the priority needs identified in the five-year Consolidated Plan (“ConPlan”).

The proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Funding Policies support the goals and priorities of the current 2020-2024 ConPlan and are anticipated to support the goals and priorities of the upcoming 2025-2029 ConPlan. If at the end of the 2025-2029 ConPlan development process, the goals and or priorities should change, the 2025-2026 Funding Policies will be amended accordingly, so as to have consistency between the policies and the plan.

At this time, staff proposes the following non-substantial revisions to the funding policies for the FY 2025-2026 program year:

- Section 2.3 – Insertion of text regarding the FY 2025-2026 Funding Policies and consistency with the upcoming 2025-2029 ConPlan.
- Section 3 – Insertion of text regarding the transition of the disaster resiliency framework undertaken by the Board of Supervisors after the disaster wildfires into the office of Grants and Special Projects.



- Section 8.3 – Clarification regarding the non-use of awarded funds for environmental review expenses.
- Section 8.16 – Removal of text pertaining to phasing of “Build America, Buy America Act” requirements as the phase process has been completed by HUD.
- Appendix A – Insertion of footnote 3 to “Permanent Affordable Housing Projects”, establishing affordable housing projects on sites that are on a designated floodway or floodplain as ineligible for federal funding.
- Addendum – Deletion of the HOME-ARP addendum as all funds under this program have been allocated and re-introduction of the CDBG-CV Addendum to allocate the remaining unused funds.
- Throughout – replace references of “Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing” with “assessment of fair housing” or “AFFH”, terminology currently used by HUD. Additionally, replace “citizen participation” with “community participation” to promote more community engagement.
- Clerical and format corrections, minor clarifications and other corrections were made throughout the document.

**Recommended Action:**

Staff requests that the Committees review the updated policies and recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors and Board of Commissioners.