Notice is hereby given that the City of Mission Viejo is seeking public input pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2019-20. The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low- and moderate-income (those earning 80 percent or less of Orange County’s median income). This funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The scope of eligible activities established by HUD ranges from public works improvements to housing rehabilitation and social service programs.

The Annual Plan is a component of the City’s Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan is a 5-year strategic plan that identifies priority community needs, projects/programs that may be implemented to meet these needs. The Annual Action Plan that outlines the City’s proposed use of CDBG funds for a twelve-month period. HUD has not notified the City of its actual grant amount for PY 2019-20; however, for planning purpose, the City anticipates receiving $413,000 in CDBG funds from HUD for PY 2019-20. Prior year funds and program income may also be available. Based on the estimated funds to be available, the following activities will be undertaken:

- Up to 15% (approximately $61,950) for eligible public services.
- Up to 20% (approximately $82,600) for program administration.
- 65% (approximately $268,450) for homeowner housing rehabilitation.
- Prior year funds and program income generated by the repayment of loans funded by CDBG in prior years will also be utilized for eligible activities.

The funding levels listed above are subject to modification once HUD publishes actual grant amounts. Funding levels will be increased or decreased by a uniform percentage based on the final grant amount.

As part of the City’s citizen participation process, a draft of the PY 2019-20 Annual Action Plan, detailing the City’s proposed CDBG program for the year, will be available for public review at City Hall and on the City’s website (http://www.cityofmissionviejo.org) from February 28, 2019 to March 29, 2019. Additional public input will be received at a public hearing; the details of the hearing are indicated below. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing to discuss the programs/services proposed. If you are unable to attend the meeting, written comments will be accepted prior to noon, March 29, 2019, at the address below.

Planning and Transportation Commission Public Hearing
Date: Monday, March 11, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m. or soon after
Purpose: 1) To review social service grant recommendations from the Community Services Commission; 2) To review the entire draft Action Plan for PY 2019-20; and, 3) To forward the draft annual Action Plan with specific programs and funding recommendations to City Council for its review and final approval.

Meeting location is in the City Council Chamber, 200 Civic Center, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

For further information, please contact Mike Linares at mlinares@cityofmissionviejo.org. Written comments should be directed to the attention of Mike Linares at 200 Civic Center, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

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