Supervisor Walker Appoints
Robert Armenta as Field Representative

The University of California, Riverside, in conjunction with the City of Riverside and police department, is holding a series of meetings throughout the city to discuss and submit resolutions for gang prevention, intervention and rehabilitation under the auspices of the Riverside Community Wide Program (RCWP).

The RCWP is made possible by a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

The result of community meetings will determine ways and means of developing long range goals and objectives to reduce the incidents of gang-related crime and gang membership.

The final objective is the development of a program model which will provide public agencies and its leadership and community-based organization to participate in gang problem planning, strategy development, implementation and refinement process.

James Banks has recently been appointed coordinator for the RCWP. Banks, a bilingual administrator, works within the UCR's Office of Educational and Community Initiatives.

The community meetings are at: Arlanza Community Center, (909) 351-6135, 7950 Philton Avenue on October 10th, Ruth Lewis Community Center, (909) 782-5654, 701 N. Orange Street on October 11th, La Sierra Community Center, 5215 La Sierra Avenue, (909) 351-6131, on October 16th and Joyce Jackson Community Center, (909) 351-6130, 5506 Dewey Avenue on October 17th.

Persons wishing further information on the program may call at (909) 787-3693.

UCR holding series of community meetings on gang intervention

Latino Voting Rights Activist Receives Presidential Medal of Freedom Award

(Paris) – The nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, was awarded to Supervisor Willa Velezquez on Friday, September 29, 1995. In an intimate White House ceremony, President Bill Clinton presented the award to Willie's widow, Jane Velezquez.

Willa Velezquez was a key individual in the struggle for Latino voting rights in this country, and the single most influential organizer on the long road to building the power, representation and political presence of Latinos on the American democratic landscape. The Presidential Medal of Freedom was bestowed on Velezquez in recognition of his tireless work, dedication and tremendous contributions to Latino voter registration and political empowerment.

Willa's life was out short, unexpectedly in 1988, at the age of 44, but his contributions to the American democratic process were historic and monumental. The results of the work begun by Velezquez is reflected today in the thousands of Latino elected officials across the country - at all levels of government - from school boards and city councils, to the highest echelons of national government, including President Clinton's administration.

Since starting SVREP in San Antonio, Texas, back in 1974, the organization has conducted more than 1800 voter registration campaigns in 14 states.

REWARD

$5,000

Reward offered by the City of Redlands for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Mr. Daniel Mayorga Luna on or about September 17, 1995, in the 1000 block of Lawton Street, Redlands.

Any and all information will be kept confidential and persons providing information will remain anonymous. Anyone with information please call (909) 798-7659 or (909) 798-7681.
Jesse Vizcaino Joins Southwest Voter Registration Education Project

Dr. Tom Rivera, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project’s local chairperson, announced the appointment of Jesse Vizcaino as area coordinator. “Mr. Vizcaino has a good background in community work and as a local resident, has an excellent knowledge of the area,” Rivera said.


Vizcaino received Sigma Chi Fraternity International Top Honor and National Winner for best public relations program and National Champion, American College Theatre Competition.

Rivera stated that the SVRP local strategies involve voter registration in key areas in the Inland Empire. The project’s time frame commences in October and ends in January, 1996.

“We are targeting to register the citizens for the March primary elections and continuing registration for the general elections in November,” stated Rivera.

Vizcaino will recruit and train volunteers in various phases of the project. Persons and especially high school and college students are encouraged to volunteer and participate in the registration drive.

The SVRP headquarters is at 555 No. “D”, ste. 130 F Street, San Bernardino, telephone no. (909) 384-1425.

Time to Register or Reregister to Vote

The Riverside and San Bernardino Counties Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, respectively, are encouraging citizens to register or reregister to vote if they have moved, changed their name, want to change their party affiliation; or have never voted.

Both county offices are opened daily from 8:00 to 5:00. The last day to register for the November elections is October 10.

The Riverside office will be open until 12:00 midnight of the deadline date. The San Bernardino office will have registration application available at the front of its office and will have a receptacle available all night to receive applications on the deadline date.

The locations of the offices are as follows: 1260 Palmyrita Avenue, Riverside and 777 E. Rialto Avenue, San Bernardino.

Drive-By Murderers Goes to Ballot

MURDERS by drive-by shooting could result in the death penalty under a bill by State Senator Ruben S. Ayala (D-Chino) that will go before California voters in March.

Governor Wilson signed Ayala’s Senate Bill 9, on Wednesday, in Los Angeles, placing it on the statewide ballot. It passed the Assembly and Senate earlier in September, making it one of the 1995 legislative session’s major actions.

Ayala’s bill provides for the death, or life in prison without parole, for intentional, first-degree murder committed by shooting a gun from a vehicle.

“Drive-by murder has reached epidemic proportions in California. This will ensure that these senseless murderers get what they deserve,” Ayala said.

This was Ayala’s third effort to provide for capital punishment for drive-by murderers.

Rape Crisis Center

Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center is offering free support groups in English and Spanish for adult survivors of sexual assault. The Center is currently developing a group of men whose wives, girlfriends or children have been sexually assaulted. For more information call (909) 686-7273.

Register To Vote
Esther Mata elected president of Sinfonia Mexicana Society

The Sinfonia Mexicana Society recently elected Esther Mata as president of the cultural group. "I am very pleased to be elected as president to our Society. We recently completed a successful season in producing, along with the Symphony Association, the symphony and mariachi concert and look forward to another successful year," she said.

On Saturday, September 23, was the conclusion of the 1995 concert season, when the Mariachi Sol de Mexico with Jose Hernandez performed to full audiences in the California Theatre in San Bernardino.

Mata is one of the original members of the 10-year old Sinfonia Mexicana Society and has held numerous positions, including president in 1988.

Mata worked for the Social Security Administration for 30 years. She held various positions in the agency including operations analyst, operations supervisor, assistant manager and held the position of social insurance program specialist at the time of retirement in 1986.

Graduating from San Bernardino High School, Mata received an AA and Public Administration Certificate from San Bernardino Valley College.

Actively involved in the community, Mata has been affiliated with the Inland Empire Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce, Sister Cities, Mexicali and Villa Hermosa, Mount Vernon Corridor Redevelopment District, Mount Vernon Associates, YEMP, IVDA Advisory Board and Latino Impact.

Mata received the League of Women Voters Achievement Award in 1985.

Lisa Vanegas Named Outstanding JTPA Alumni

The City of San Bernardino Employment and Training Agency selected Lisa Vanegas as this year's outstanding JTPA alumni. Vanegas was successful in overcoming an economic downside when she lost her job at Norton Air Force Base and was trained as a respiratory therapist. She is currently employed at the Loma Linda University Medical Center, earning three times the salary previously earned.

Golden Spirit Award

Speaker Pro Tempore Joe Baca, 62nd Assembly District, is presenting the "Golden Spirit Award" to Barbara 'Midge' Zupanic-Skagg, City of Rialto Councilwomen and Mayor Pro Tempore, at a recent Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino meeting. The annual award is presented by Baca to a local woman who has demonstrated vision and fortitude in breaking barriers and shown outstanding leadership qualities in the pursuit of education, politics, business or humanitarian acts.

Jerry Eaves Appointment of Gracie Fernandez Harmon

Jerry Eaves, County of San Bernadino Fifth District Supervisor announced the appointment of Gracie Fernandez Harmon to the Affirmative Action Commission.

"It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Gracie Harmon to represent the Fifth District. With her outstanding credentials and professional standing in the field of personnel relations, Ms. Harmon brings a wealth of experience to the position. Her contributions to the Affirmative Action Commission will demonstrate fairness, creativity and vision," said Eaves.

Fernandez Harmon is currently the City of Colton's Personnel Director, and responsible for organizing and administering the personnel system, including recruitment and selection, labor relations, contract negotiations, affirmative action and workers compensation.

Her previous tenure was personnel director for the City of Rialto which will overlook all personnel administration responsibilities, budget development, recruitment and selection, labor relations, contract negotiations, affirmative action and workers compensation.

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Other position was personnel assistant for the City of Rialto, responsible for CETA II and CETA VI programs, policies and regulation interpretation, budget development, payroll functions and administrative hearings.

Fernandez Harmon is a graduate of the University of Redlands with a BA in Management and Certificate of Specialization in Workers Compensation from the University of California, Riverside.

Her affiliations include the Inland Area Personnel Management Association, Latin American Women's League and Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino.

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   - *Una tradicion autentica, orgullosoamente mexicana. Un simbolo de la cultura de un pueble, que ha trascendido el tiempo imponiendo su color y alegria... ¡Que viva la charreria!* 

   - *Budweiser... Autentica como tu.*

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In response to the vulnerability of over one million Latinos that will be affected by California's Medi-Cal managed care expansion, Latino Issues Forum, a nonprofit public policy and advocacy institute, has published a major policy report titled "The California's Latino Initiative Governing Board." The report, "LEFT BEHIND?" Is California Prepared for the Change or will Millions be Left Behind?" illustrates the challenges and vital issues that continue to remain unresolved during Medi-Cal's mammotm transformation.

Thirteen of California's largest counties will in the next few months launch a massive effort to transition over 3 million Medi-Cal beneficiaries into the managed care delivery systems. However, little is being done about consumer safeguards, and other critical policy issues which will negatively affect these Medi-Cal populations. The managed care expansion is moving so swiftly that the danger of compromising benefi­ciary education seems imminent. "The state cannot afford to underestimate the importance of proper beneficiary education and consumer protection in the implementation of managed care," stated Guillermo Rodriguez, Jr., Execu­tive Director of Latino Issues Forum. "Officials must be aware of the needs of Latinos and other vulnerable benefi­ciary populations, and beneficiaries deserve to know their rights and options as consumers," Rodriguez added.

Without a well designed consumer education process and proper safe­guards, the success of the managed care will be compromised and the state may be forced once again towards the prob­lems, confusion and failure of past managed care experiments," Jane Garcia, Executive Director, La Clinica de la Raza in Oakland, CA said, "Medi-Cal's past efforts in managed care have illustrated abundant shortcomings and present efforts are highly susceptible to floundering."

BACKGROUND: The rationale for the California's managed care expansion is to create competition in an effort to reduce costs and improve the quality of care. How­ever, successful competition is based on the assumption that patients who elect managed care plans are edu­ciated about the differences between competing providers, Language, cul­ture, educational background, and other factors are also critical considerations in the development and implementation of any managed care plan. This is par­ticularly true given the California plans to institute mandatory enrollment in HMO's for its most vulnerable and di­verse populations.

MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE CONSUMER SHORT-COMINGS: The current status of Medi-Cal Man­aged Care makes attention to benefi­ciary education all the more urgent.

• Unscrupulous tactics of door to door marketers employed by com­mercial HMO's have led to wide­spread abuse and mistrust within the Latino community.

• Managed care delivery systems are highly complex for beneficiaries and even providers to comprehend.

• Latinos unaccustomed to receiv­ing preventative care may not fully benefit from managed care delivery systems unless attention is focused on a well directed outreach effort. These suggestions address the areas of adequate preparation, comprehen­sive education, accessible information, and patient rights. "Left Behind" is the first in a series of reports to be periodically published by LIF to ensure that the needs of Latino Medi-Cal benefici­ciaries are not overlooked during the Medi-Cal Managed Care expansion.

CONCLUSION: "California's latest managed care ini­tiative is the largest effort undertaken, and is a new approach that needs high scrutiny and evaluation," said Julie Matsumoto, Consumer Advocate, Los Angeles Medi-Cal Managed Care Local­cal Initiating Governing Board. "If ini­tiative is not taken early on to rectify the potential hazards of Medi-Cal Man­aged Care policy makers will find themselves in some precarious posi­tions," she added.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: The preceding is an excerpt of "LEFT BEHIND? Is California Prepared for the Change or will Millions be Left Behind? A Medi-Cal Managed Care Policy Brief" published by Latino Is­sues Forum. If you wish to receive a copy of this report, or any additional information regarding Medi-Cal Man­aged Care please contact Alfredo Gonzalez of Latino Issues Forum at (415) 284-7226.

DeVry Offers Scholarships to College Graduates

POMONA, Calif. - DeVry Institute of Technology will award half-tuition scholarships to those who graduated from an accredited community/junior college in 1993 or thereafter. The schol­arships, valued at up to $14,510, may be used for application fees and half the tuition toward a bachelor's degree pro­gram in accounting, business opera­tions, computer information systems, electronics engineering technology, telecommunications management or technical management.

Applicants must have earned an as­sociate degree from the community/junior college and students may apply for only one scholarship. Application deadlines are December 1, 1995, May 1, 1996 and August 1, 1996. Scholarship finalists are determined based on their community college grade point average, academic records and two letters of recommendation from the community college faculty/staff. Win­ners are chosen based on an essay writ­ten by each finalist.

"DeVry has always been committed to excellence in academics," said Dr. Rose Marie Dishman, president of DeVry/Pomona. "Awarding scholar­ships to successful students is one way of fulfilling that commitment."

Scholarship applications are avail­able at the institute's admissions office, which is located at 901 Corporate Center Drive. Further information is available from community colleges' transfer centers, counseling offices or financial aid departments, or call DeVry's admissions office at 909/622-9800.
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Plans, Specs & Project Requirements are available in our plan room for viewing or may be obtained from County of San Bernardino Public Works Group, Architecture, Building & Engineering Department, Sully-Miller is willing to set aside any portion of work, no matter how small, to encourage MBE/WBE participation. Should you require information regarding assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance and credit please call our office. 100% Payment & Performance Bonds May Be Required.

The County of San Bernardino County
Department of Economic and Community Development
1995-96 Consolidated Plan - Substantial Amendments
NOTICE OF HEARING

Due to time constraints and the number of persons wishing to give oral testimony, time restrictions may be placed on oral comments at this hearing. Those individuals wishing to express their views on these substantial amendments may be present and be heard at the hearing, submit written comments to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92402. For a period of thirty (30) days beginning on October 4, 1995 and ending on November 2, 1995, the public is invited to submit comments on the proposed amendments. Comments received after 5:00 p.m. November 2, 1995 cannot be considered in the preparation of the Consolidated Plan.

The following proposed amendments will substantially change the County’s 1995-96 Consolidated Plan.

Add the Anco Manufacturing Loan Project in Devore at $500,000 to the Business Expansion Revolving Loan Fund (BusEx) program.
Reprogram $15,000 to the Desert Discovery Science Center in Joshua Tree from CDBG funded activity.
Reprogram $188,000 to a new project for Highland Street Improvements to Central Avenue from Highland Unprogrammed Funds.
Reprogram $40,000 to the Redlands Community Center Rehabilitation project and $30,000 to a new project for Computer Literacy Education - Boys and Girls Club of Redlands, and cancel the Youth Activities Facility Acquisition - Boys and Girls Club of Redlands project as a CDBG funded activity.
Reprogram $8,000 to the Twentynine Palms Luckie Park Restroom project, add the construction of a storage shed to its scope, and cancel the Knott Sky Park Recreation Storage Shed project as a CDBG funded activity.
Reprogram $188,000 to a new project for Highland Street Improvements to Central Avenue from Highland Unprogrammed Funds.
Re programming $50,000 to a new project for Handicapped Access Improvements - County Government Center from Countywide Unprogrammed Funds.
Re program $8,000 to the Nutrition, Food Safety, 4-H Club and Gardening Education - Cooperative Extension program for the Fifth Supervisorial District; and, $20,000 to Unprogrammed Funds for the Fifth Supervisorial District funded activity.
Reprogram $40,000 to the Redlands Community Center Rehabilitation project and $30,000 to a new project for Computer Literacy Education - Boys and Girls Club of Redlands, and cancel the Youth Activities Facility Acquisition - Boys and Girls Club of Redlands project as a CDBG funded activity.
Reprogram $60,000 to the following projects from the San Bernardino YWCA-Plummer project and cancel it as a CDBG activity: $15,000 to a new project for rehabilitation of the Highland Library; $15,000 to Unprogrammed Funds for the Third Supervisorial District; $15,000 to the Nutrition, Food Safety and Gardening Education - Cooperative Extension program for the Fifth Supervisorial District; and, $15,000 to Unprogrammed Funds for the Fifth Supervisorial District.
Reprogram $18,611 to a new project for Park Maintenance Program from the Seventh Street Park Program Fund.
Reprogram $5,000 to a new project for Highland Unprogrammed Funds from the H-D Ranch Park Amphitheater Rehabilitation project.
Reprogram $3,000 to the San Bernardino YWCA-Plummer project and cancel it as a CDBG activity: $15,000 to a new project for rehabilitation of the Highland Library; $15,000 to Unprogrammed Funds for the Third Supervisorial District; $15,000 to the Nutrition, Food Safety and Gardening Education - Cooperative Extension program for the Fifth Supervisorial District; and, $15,000 to Unprogrammed Funds for the Fifth Supervisorial District.
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Reprogram $8,000 to the Nutrition, Food Safety, 4-H Club and Gardening Education - Cooperative Extension program for the Fifth Supervisorial District; and, $20,000 to Unprogrammed Funds for the Fifth Supervisorial District funded activity.
Reprogram $8,000 to the Yucca Valley Paradise Park Play Equipment Replacement project and $7,999 to the Yucca Valley 16-30 Park Play Equipment Replacement project both from the Murchins Park Play Equipment Replacement Project.
Change the scope of the Colona Child Care Modular Unit project to a larger modular unit as set at the 1-17 school Board meeting.
Reprogram $7,500 to Unprogrammed Funds for the Fifth Supervisorial District and cancel the Salvation Army Homeless Services Program Management Project as a CDBG funded activity.
Reprogram $17,500 to a new project for Handicapped Access Improvements - Morongo Basin Mental Health Treatment Facility and cancel the Parrotten Ranch from the Morongo Basin Mental Health - Substance Abuse Counseling program as a CDBG funded activity.
Reprogram $30,000 to a new project for Handicapped Access Improvements - County Government Center from Countywide Unprogrammed Funds.
Add the Mountain and Truck. Off. Loan Project to Bids at $50,000 to the Business Expansion Revolving Loan Fund (BusEx) program.
Add the Assi Manufacturing Loan Project to Bids at $50,000 to the Business Expansion Revolving Loan Fund (BusEx) program.
Add the Sully-Miller Contracting Company to Bids at $50,000 to the Business Expansion Revolving Loan Fund (BusEx) program.
Add the new project for Handicapped Access Improvements - County Government Center from Countywide Unprogrammed Funds.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CONSOLIDATED HUD COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (CPD) GRANTS PROGRAM
1996-97 Program Year

Each year, the County of San Bernardino applies for and receives federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an entitlement community for meeting housing, economic and community development needs. This notice has the purpose of: 1) providing information to the public about the grant programs that the County intends to apply for and the expected amount of assistance to be received; 2) identifying the planning efforts to be undertaken by the County to meet federal requirements for consolidating the application submission of the federal grant programs into a single document for the 1996-97 program year beginning July 1, 1996; and 3) to solicit project proposals for the County’s 1996-97 Community Development Block Grant Program. The federal grant programs to be applied for under the single application are the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), the HOME Investement Partnerships Act (HOME) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The County of San Bernardino has been designated by HUD to administer the ESG, HOME and CDBG programs for the County unincorporated communities and the following 17 cities: Adelanto, Town of Apple Valley, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Needles, Redlands, Rialto, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa, Victorville, and Town of Yucaipa. The County’s Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) is responsible for administering these grant programs including preparing the required consolidated plan for the single grant submission.

As part of the planning efforts for the consolidated plan, ECD invites input from citizens regarding housing and non-housing needs, issues and problems affecting the above referenced communities. To assist citizens formulate their comments, forms are available from County ECD upon written or telephone request at the address and telephone number listed at the end of this notice.

To encourage participation by very low and low-income persons in this planning effort and, in conjunction with the 17 cooperating cities, ECD conducted needs assessment forums during the months of November and December, 1994. The results of these forums were compiled and presented to the County Board of Supervisors on January 24, 1995. This information covers needs, housing and non-housing issues affecting the above referenced communities.

The Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act provides federal funds to assist in alleviating homelessness. A portion of these funds are granted to local government for the ESG program. For 1996-97, San Bernardino County anticipates receiving approximately $300,000 of ESG funds from HUD to continue providing emergency cold weather shelter and essential services to homeless persons. Shelter and service programs are provided to homeless persons and families on behalf of the County by shelter agencies through homeless services contracts. It is the intent of this program to benefit persons and families from the County unincorporated communities and the 17 cities listed above.

The County’s ESG program is implemented in conjunction with the San Bernardino County Homeless Coalition. Agencies providing service under the Emergency Shelter Grant program will be solicited for proposals through the County’s representative department, including advertised solicitation. Proposals will be evaluated for merit and consistency with the County Consolidated Plan. Funded projects become a part of the County’s overall plan to assist the homeless. For information about the requirements of the ESG program, please contact the Community Development Division at (909) 387-4586.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) PROGRAM

The HOME program was enacted under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) approved November 28, 1990. This program provides federal funds to local governments to expand and preserve the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing. For the 1996-97 program year, San Bernardino County expects to receive approximately $3,300,000 of HOME funds. It is the intent of this program to benefit the County unincorporated communities and the 17 cities listed above. The cities of Redlands and Rialto participate in this program as part of the County Housing Consortium.

The County’s HOME program provides loans to non-profit Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), housing developers, rental housing owners and individual families for a variety of new construction, rehabilitation, substantial rehabilitation and acquisition programs. Additionally, HOME funds are used for providing rent subsidies and security deposit assistance to very low-income families; and for making payment loan assistance to low-income families.

For information about the requirements of the HOME program, please contact the ECD Housing Development and Finance Division at (909) 387-5400.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The Community Development Block Grant Act of 1974, as amended, provides federal Community Development Block Grant funds for projects that promote the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income.

Eligible communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, these grants must give maximum feasible priority to activities which either benefit low- and moderate-income persons, or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight. In addition, activities may be carried out which the community certifieds are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. Activities which do not meet one of these broad national objectives may not be undertaken with CDBG funds.

During the past 21 years, the County of San Bernardino has participated in the CDBG program as an “Entitlement County”. It is anticipated that the County of San Bernardino will receive approximately $12,600,000 of CDBG funds and approximately $600,000 of program income during the program year beginning July 1, 1996.

The County’s CDBG program will fund eligible housing, community and economic development activities in unincorporated portions of the County and in the 17 cooperating cities listed above. The cities of Chino, Fontana, Hesperia, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino, and Upland receive their own CDBG entitlements—grants from HUD and conduct CDBG programs separate from the County’s program within their corporate boundaries. Proposals for projects within these cities should be directed toward their respective community development departments.

A general description for each CDBG eligible project type is given below. This list is condensed and simplified from the CDBG regulations. The final decision as to whether a project is eligible or not will be made by referring directly to the CDBG regulations. Further, eligible activities must meet one of the following national objectives: 1) principally benefiting low and moderate-income persons, 2) eliminating slums and blight, or 3) meeting an urgent need. An area principally benefiting low- and moderate-income persons must contain 51 percent or more residents with incomes at or below 80% County’s median income. Eligible projects which provide direct services must serve clientele composed of more than 51 percent low and moderate income persons. The types of projects and programs which may be considered for funding, subject to national objectives compliance, are summarized as follows:

1. Acquisition by purchase, long-term lease, or donation of real property for an eligible public purpose.
2. Disposition of real property acquired under the CDBG program.
3. Construction and Rehabilitation of certain publicly owned facilities, such as: (a) senior citizen centers, (b) parks and playgrounds, (c) centers for the handicapped, (d) community centers, (e) social service facilities, (f) fire protection facilities and equipment, (g) parking improvements, (h) sidewalks and street improvements, (i) water and sewer systems, (j) downtown beautification improvements, (k) flood control and drainage improvements.
5. Demolition and Clearance of deteriorated buildings and land to abate health hazards.
6. Public Services that are new or expanding and are directed toward meeting employment, crime prevention, child care, drug abuse prevention and other community service needs. CDBG subrecipients must be public or private non-profit organizations. By statute, no more than 15% of the County’s CDBG funds can be utilized each year for public service programs.
7. Interim Assistance or temporary help to alleviate harmful or dangerous conditions.
8. Removal of Architectural Barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly or handicapped persons to publicly owned and privately owned buildings, facilities and improvements.
9. Special Economic Development Activities-those that provide grants, loans, loan guarantees and other forms of necessary or appropriate support to private for-profit businesses for providing increasing employment opportunities and other public benefits.

If you have any questions or require further information about the CDBG program, please call (909) 387-4515. For inquiries regarding applications for the County Home Repair Grant Program and Home Rehabilitation Loan Program, please call (909) 387-4998.

REQUEST FOR CDBG PROJECT PROPOSALS

At this time, ECD is accepting CDBG project proposals for the 1996-97 program year. Application forms are available from the address below. The deadline for submitting project proposals is November 30, 1995.

San Bernardino County Department of Economic and Community Development
474 West Fifth Street,
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0040
(909) 387-4584
PROJECT WILL ASSIST LATINO PRE-DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Twenty-five pre-doctoral students at Cal State, San Bernardino will receive financial boosts from an $800,000, four-year Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program grant.

The new program, which is being coordinated by the Graduate Studies Office, will target low-income and Latino students. Administrators are selecting from a pool of juniors and seniors currently enrolled at Cal State and from juniors who are transferring from one of the four, local community colleges.

“African-Americans and Latinos are severely underrepresented in careers where a doctorate is a prerequisite,” says the original proposal submitted by Cal State.

The California State University system has many doctoral incentive programs in place, but more resources are needed still to increase the number of Ph.D.-minded students in the CSU System experts believe the shortage will reach into coming decades.

Activities planned for the project include seminars spread throughout the year that will tackle issues faced by prospective doctoral students. The program also will offer tutoring, academic counseling, faculty mentoring, special trips and a summer research internship.

Robert Armenta, Field Supervisor for Larry Walker

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