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"CITY OF TURLOCK ASKS FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF TURLOCK/STANISLAUS URBAN COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM"

(Turlock, CA) – The City of Turlock is preparing its plan for the use of the HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) and is seeking input from the Turlock community.

The City of Turlock/Stanislaus Urban County HOME Consortium was awarded a federal grant of \$5.3 million dollars. This consortium was formed in 1999, comprised of the cities within Stanislaus County, as well as the county itself. The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and the Turlock City Council agreed to form the HOME Consortium. This resulting partnership qualifies as a "Participating Jurisdiction" (PJ) under the Federal Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and allows for the entire consortium to apply for HOME State funds, instead of individual cities and the county competing against each other.

This funding was created to assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing affordable housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

There are specific, eligible activities for which this funding can be used through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to address the needs of qualifying populations.

The city will make funds available for these efforts once the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan has been through public participation process, Council adoption, and HUD approves through an action plan, called "The Substantial Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan."

"Housing in Turlock is one of my top priorities as the Vice Mayor of Turlock," said Council member Pam Franco. "I am committed to making sure that we have the best balance of housing opportunities for everyone in Turlock to ensure we are a city where our community can raise a family, work, live, recreate and retire. This council wants to hear from as many people as possible, so that our decisions reflect the will of the public."

The HOME-ARP Proposed Amendment will be available for public review, now through Monday, March 13th, 2023. The Amendment will be posted on the City of Turlock's website at https://www.cityofturlock.org and click on "HOME-ARP Allocation Plan".

Public Comment will be accepted via mail, drop off, or email <u>HPS@turlock.ca.us</u>. The city asks that "Public Comment" is in the subject line of electronic communication, and if mail, please address correspondence as: City of Turlock Housing Program Services Department, 156 South Broadway, Suite 140, Turlock, CA 95380.