

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM (ESG)

FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

APPLICATION REVIEW AND FUNDING REQUESTS

> Public Hearing April 15, 2025

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OVERVIEW

Historically, the City of Moreno Valley (the "City") has received federal funding on an annual basis from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for two formula block grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Since Program Year 2013/2014, the City has also been a direct recipient of Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds.

Descriptions of each formula block program (HOME, ESG and CDBG) can be found in Sections II, III, and IV of this report.

The following subsections provide an overview of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the Citizen Participation Plan, the Annual Action Plan, Objectives and Policies, and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/2026 Application Process and Review.

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan

Every five years, the City of Moreno Valley prepares a Five-Year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan), which describes community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities to be undertaken under certain HUD programs, including, HOME, ESG, and CDBG that benefit low and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

The Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2023/2024 through 2027/2028, outlines the following goals and strategies:

Public Facilities and Infrastructure Activities

Fair Housing Activities

Public Service Activities

Sheltering Homeless/ Homelessness Prevention Activities and Strategies

Housing and Neighborhood Improvement Activities

Health, Safety, and Public Welfare

Economic Development Activities

Slum and Blight Activities

Historic Preservation

Planning and Administration

The Citizen Participation Plan

The City has developed a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) as a part of the ConPlan that sets forth the policies and procedures to encourage citizen participation in the HOME, ESG, and CDBG Program planning and implementation processes. This CPP provides the method and process by which the City encourages citizen participation in the development of its ConPlan.

A copy of the City's Citizen Participation Plan is available for review at the Grants Division during normal business hours and is available on the City's website at www.moval.org.

The Annual Action Plan

Each year in May, the City of Moreno Valley is required to submit an update to the ConPlan to HUD, referred to as an Annual Action Plan (AAP). The AAP outlines the specific steps that will be taken during the year to address both the community development and housing priorities of the ConPlan. The AAP identifies how the HOME, ESG, and CDBG Program funds will be utilized to provide programs and projects that benefit low and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

Copies of the City's AAP for prior program years are available for review at the Grants Division during normal business hours and are also available on the City's website at www.moval.org.

HOME, ESG, and CDBG Objectives and Policies

The City's Objectives for the HOME, ESG, and CDBG programs are summarized below *(listed alphabetically)*, and additional detail can be found in the application booklet:

Capital Improvement Activities

Economic Development Activities

Health, Safety, and Public Welfare Activities

Historic Preservation Activities

Homeless/Homeless Prevention Activities

Housing and Neighborhood Improvement Activities

Public Service Activities

Basic Needs Related to Social Services Programs (such as but not limited to emergency food, shelter, homelessness, and utility assistance) Community Public Safety Programs Programs offering Low-Cost Transportation Employment Services/Programs and Job (Skills) Training Free/Low-Cost programs for School-Aged Youth Fair Housing Activities

Slum or Blight Activities

Planning and Administration

FY 2025/2026 Application Process and Review

On December 13, 2024, the City published Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Application for Funding for HOME, ESG, and CDBG. According to the application guidelines, interested parties were informed to submit their completed applications by January 31, 2025, 3:00 pm. Programs and projects seeking funding from the City of Moreno Valley must address one or more of the Community Development Priorities set forth in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, in addition to meeting all other conditions as summarized in the application booklet. A copy of the application booklet which provided additional information on the City's objectives and policies was made available on the City's website.

The City received fifteen (15) eligible applications requesting a total of \$4,741,250. This report does not include information from any applications that were incomplete, withdrawn and/or deemed ineligible.

As part of the application process in preparation of the Annual Action Plan, the City contracts Avant-Garde Inc. ("AGI") to review applications for eligibility, compliance, risk analysis, and alignment with City Council approved policies and objectives for the HOME, ESG, and CDBG application proposals.

The summary of applications received is being shared at the Public Hearing scheduled for April 15, 2025. At this meeting, the City of Moreno Valley City Council will review the proposed projects. In line with the City's policies and objectives and the Citizen's Participation Plan, the final project selections will be made by the City Council via Public Hearing on May 6, 2025. The Annual Action Plan is scheduled to be submitted to HUD at least 45 days before the beginning of the program year, or sixty days after HUD announces its annual allocations

The following sections of this report contain the qualified applications received for FY 2025/2026.

Grant Purpose

The Home Investment Partnerships Program was established by Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act. The estimated HOME funds available to allocate for FY 2025/2026 are \$2,032,382. The objectives of the HOME Program include:

Expanding the supply of decent and affordable housing; primarily rental housing.

Strengthening the ability of state and local government to provide adequate supplies of decent, affordable housing.

Providing financial and technical assistance to participating jurisdictions, including the development of model programs for affordable low-income housing.

Extending partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations, in the production and operation of affordable housing.

Funding

Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Estimated Allocation*	HOME
Planning and Administration Cap (10% of annual grant)	\$62,817
Mandatory CHDO set-aside (15% of annual grant)	\$94,226
Available for Other Activities	\$471,131
TOTAL Anticipated Allocation	\$628,174
TOTAL Prior Year CHDO Funds	\$319,513
TOTAL Uncommitted Prior Year HOME Funds	\$1,084,695
TOTAL Estimated Available for Funding	\$2,032,382

*HUD has not released the allocations for FY 2025/2026, these amounts are estimates based on funding the City has received in prior years.

Applications

The City received one (1) HOME application requesting a total of \$278,000 in HOME funding, leaving uncommitted HOME funds of \$1,277,826 after accounting for Administration and prior and current CHDO set-aside.

City of Moreno Valley Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Application Review HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

App. No.	Applicant	Program	Funding	Activity Type	Program Objective	Funding Allocated FY 2024/2025	Funding Requested FY 2025/2026
N/A	City of Moreno Valley	Planning & Administration	HOME	Planning & Administration	N/A	\$62,817.40	\$62,817
1	Habitat for Humanity Riverside	Critical Home Repair	HOME	Homeowner Rehabilitation	Housing and Neighborhood Improvement Activities	\$267,000	\$278,000

Totals

\$329,817.40 \$340,817

Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)

Grant Purpose

The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, revising the Emergency Shelter Grants Program in significant ways and renaming it the Emergency Solutions Grants Program. The estimated allocation of ESG funds for FY 2025/2026 is \$173,935.

The ESG program is issued to assist, protect, and improve living conditions for the homeless. The program provides funding to:

- Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street.
- Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families.
- Help operate shelters and provide essential services to shelter residents.
- Rapidly re-house and provide essential services to shelter residents.
- Prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless and provide essential services to those at risk of homelessness.

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Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Estimated Allocation*	ESG
Planning and Administration Cap (7.5% of annual grant)	\$13,045
Available for Other Activities	\$160,889
TOTAL Anticipated Allocation	\$173,935
TOTAL Uncommitted Prior Year ESG Funds	\$0
TOTAL Estimated Available for Funding	\$173,935

*HUD has not released the allocations for FY 2025/2026, these amounts are estimates based on funding the City has received in prior years.

Applications

The City received one (1) ESG application requesting a total of \$157,250 in ESG funding.

City of Moreno Valley Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Application Review Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)

App. No.	Applicant	Program	Funding	ESG Component	Program Objective	Funding Received FY 2024/2025	Funding Requested FY 2025/2026
N/A	City of Moreno Valley	Planning & Administration	ESG	Planning & Administration	N/A	\$13,045.13	\$13,045
2	Path of Life Ministries	Emergency Shelter & Rapid Rehousing	ESG	Emergency Shelter & Rapid Rehousing	Homeless/Homeless Prevention Services	\$317,552.88	\$157,250

Totals \$330,598.01 \$170,295

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Grant Purpose

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. The estimated CDBG funds available to allocate for FY 2025/2026 are \$1,957,039.

The CDBG objective is to be achieved in two ways:

First, a grantee can only use funds to assist eligible activities that meet one of three national objectives of the program:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income persons.
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and/or blight.
- Meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

Second, at least 70 percent of funds must be spent (over a period of up to 3 years) for activities that address the national objective of benefiting low and moderate-income persons.

Funding and Limitations

Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Estimated Allocation*	CDBG
Planning and Administration Cap (20% of annual grant)	\$391,407
Public Services Cap (15% of annual grant)	\$293,555
Available for Other Activities (65% of annual grant)	\$1,272,077
TOTAL Anticipated Allocation	\$1,957,039
TOTAL Uncommitted Prior Year(s) CDBG Funds**	\$75,797
TOTAL Estimated Available for Funding	\$2,032,836

*HUD has not released the allocations for FY 2025/2026, these amounts are estimates based on funding the City has received in prior years.

** The City may utilize prior-year uncommitted funds only towards non-public service activities.

CDBG Public Service – Limited to 15%

The City's Public Service priorities as approved by the Council are recapped below:

Priority 1: Basic Needs Related Social Services Programs (such as but not limited to emergency food and shelter (homelessness), abused children advocacy, and utility assistance)

Priority 2: Community Public Safety Programs

Priority 3: Programs Offering Low-Cost Transportation

Priority 4: Employment Services/Programs and Job (Skills) Training

Priority 5: Free/Low-Cost programs for School-Aged Youth

Priority 6: Fair Housing Activities

According to the CDBG regulations, the amount of CDBG funds obligated within a program year to support public service activities may not exceed 15% of the annual program allocation. As a result, the City's Public Service cap for projects for program year 2025/2026 is estimated to be limited to **\$293,555**.

There was a total of nine (9) public service applications received totaling a request of \$396,000 exceeding the estimated available funding by \$102,445.

City of Moreno Valley Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Application Review Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service

App. No.	Applicant	Program	Funding	Program Objective	CDBG Public Service Priority	Funding Received FY 2024/2025	Funding Requested FY 2025/2026
3	Assistance League of Riverside	Operation School Bell	CDBG	Public Service	Free/Low-Cost Programs for School- Aged Youth	\$15,000	\$25,000
4	Diaper Bank of the Inland Empire Formerly Junior League of Riverside	Diaper Bank Program	CDBG	Public Service	Basic Needs Related Social Services	\$15,000	\$17,000
5	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.	Fair Housing & Landlord-Tenant Counseling	CDBG	Public Service	Fair Housing Activities	\$56,117.64	\$74,000
6	Family Service Association	Senior Nutrition Program	CDBG	Public Service	Basic Needs Related Social Services	\$20,000	\$30,000
7	Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, Inc.	MoVan Senior Transportation Program	CDBG	Public Service	Programs Offering Low-Cost Transportation	\$65,000	\$80,000
8	Operation SafeHouse Inc.	Emergency Shelter for Youth	CDBG	Public Service	Basic Needs Related Social Services	\$15,000	\$15,000
9	Path of Life Ministries	Homeless Outreach Services	CDBG	Public Service	Basic Needs Related Social Services	N/A	\$110,000
10	Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center dba NORA	Building Safe Communities	CDBG	Public Service	Community Public Safety Programs	\$15,000	\$15,000

App. No.	Applicant	Program	Funding	Funding Type	CDBG Public Service Priority	Funding Received FY 2024/2025	Funding Requested FY 2025/2026
11	Voices for Children	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program	CDBG	Public Service	Basic Needs Related Social Services	\$25,000	\$30,000

Subtotal Public Services Activities \$226,117.64 \$396,000

CDBG Other Activities - 65% (Remaining Allocation)

After accounting for the Public Service Activities, the remaining allocation available to fund other activities, including Planning & Administration, is \$1,739,281, which include \$75,795 unprogrammed funds from previous year. There was a total of four (4) applications received for other activities (and a Planning & Administration estimated allocation of \$391,407), totaling \$3,910,000. The total requests exceed the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 estimated available for funding by \$2,562,127.

City of Moreno Valley Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Application Review Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Other-65% Funding

App. No.	Applicant	Program	Funding	Activity Type	Program Objective	Funding Received FY 2024/2025	Funding Requested FY 2025/2026
12	City of Moreno Valley – Capital Projects Division	Lasselle St. Sidewalk Improvement (between Cottonwood Ave & Lancia St.)	CDBG	Public Facilities and Improvements	Capital Improvements	N/A	\$1,930,000
13	City of Moreno Valley – Capital Projects Division	Sherman Ave. Sidewalk Improvements (between Day St & Grant St)	CDBG	Public Facilities and Improvements	Capital Improvements	N/A	\$1,430,000
14	GRID Alternatives	City of Moreno Valley Low-Income Energy Assistance Program	CDBG	Rehabilitation	Housing and Neighborhood Improvement Activities	\$150,000	\$150,000
15	Upwards Care Inc.	BOOST Program	CDBG	Microenterprise Assistance	Economic Development	\$0	\$400,000
N/A	City of Moreno Valley	Planning and Administration	CDBG	Program Administration	N/A	\$391,407.80	\$391,407

Subtotal Other \$541,407.80 \$4,301,407

Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Applicants Program Descriptions

Applicant Program Descriptions for each application, as submitted by the applicants, can be found in the subsequent pages.

City of Moreno Valley Fiscal Year 2025/2026 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) **Applicant Program Description**

Application Number: Funding:

1 HOME

Applicant: Habitat for Humanity Riverside Program: **Critical Home Repair (CHR)**

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV Households Served: Funding per Person Served:

\$278,000 12 Households \$23,166 per Household

Program Description:

The Critical Home Repair program (CHR) is a one-time home preservation service that offers interior and exterior repairs designed to assist homeowners living in a single-family home or mobile home secured to the permanent foundation as their primary residence within the city limit of Moreno Valley. The interior repairs consist of electrical, plumbing, flooring, wall repairs, kitchen repairs, termite work, air conditioning, insulation, bath repairs, heating and furnaces, ceiling repairs, etc. The exterior maintenance includes replacement or repairs of roofing, house trims, siding, awnings, steps, entrance, door, windows, porch deck, handicap access ramps, weatherization, tree removal, and any other maintenance to ensure health, safety and code enforcement compliance. The program will assist twelve (12) households in the low to moderate income range (no more than 80% of the annual median income) for the repairs needed not to exceed \$18,500.00 per household.

Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) Applicant Program Description

Application Number: Funding: ESG

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Applicant: Path of Life Ministries Program: **Emergency Shelter & Rapid Rehousing**

ESG Component	Emergency Shelter & Rapid Rehousing
Requested Funding Amount:	\$157,250
Total # MV People Served:	30 People
Funding per MV Person Served:	\$5,241 per Person

Program Description:

This project will assist unsheltered individuals and families from Moreno Valley who are staying at Path of Life Ministries' emergency shelters. According to the 2023 Point-in-Time Count the top two barriers that contributed to people's homelessness were Family Disruption at 29% and Lack of Income at 20%. Emergency Shelter will provide them with shelter, showers, three meals, and case management services. Case Managers assess Shelter Guests' needs and create an Individual Service Plan (ISP), which is reviewed at weekly meetings when progress is evaluated, and new goals are set. They help them to obtain legal documents, apply for mainstream benefits, get pre-employment training, connect them with community resources, refer them to medical, mental health, and substance use providers, and identify viable housing options. The funding requested will increase vital case management.

Application Number:	3
Funding:	CDBG

Applicant:Assistance League of RiversideProgram:Operation School Bell

Funding Type:	Public Service
Public Service Priority:	Free/Low-Cost Programs for School-Aged Youth
Program Objective:	Public Service

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV People Served: Funding per MV Person Served: **\$25,000** 440 Persons Assisted \$56.81 per Person

Program Description:

Operation School Bell is a program provided to students with a goal of assisting them in removing barriers to learning. The program provides new school clothes and dental kits to homeless and economically disadvantaged children. Through collaboration with nine school districts, Operation School Bell receives referrals for students who need the program. Referred students are assigned a specific date and time to meet at a local JCPenney store to meet with an Operation School Bell volunteer to guide them in making their school-related purchase. Younger students receive \$130 and older students receive a \$150 allowance.

Application Number:	4
Funding:	CDBG

Applicant:Diaper Bank of the Inland Empire, formerly Junior League of RiversideProgram:Diaper Bank Program

Funding Type:	Public Service
Public Service Priority:	Basic Needs Related Social Services
Program Objective:	Public Service

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV People Served: Funding per MV Person Served: **\$17,000** 150 People Assisted \$113.33 per Person

Program Description:

The Diaper Bank of the Inland Empire seeks to provide 50 diapers and wipes monthly to City of Moreno Valley residents in need. The Diaper Bank Program offers three service delivery methods which includes direct distribution at the Diaper Bank of the Inland Empire office, distribution through partnerships with community-based organizations, and a newly introduced mobile diaper distribution. By providing various service delivery methods the program ensures that families do not experience barriers in accessing these services.

Application Number: Funding: CDBG

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Applicant: Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc Program: Fair Housing & Landlord Tenant Counseling

Funding Type: Public Service Priority: Program Objective:

Public Service Fair Housing Activities **Public Service**

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV Persons Served: Funding per MV Person Served:

\$74,000 4,000 Persons Assisted \$18.50 per Person

Program Description:

The Fair Housing Council of Riverside County Inc. provides housing counseling services that affirmatively promote and protect housing rights and obligations, particularly for those experiencing adverse housing situations. FHCRC accomplishes its mission by providing Anti-Discrimination and Landlord/Tenant counseling. FHCRC services are available at no cost Monday through Friday by phone and at our Moreno Valley office. Each client is tracked from intake through resolution. Workshops and outreach are also conducted. The components of FHCRC include education, training and technical assistance, and enforcement.

Application Number:	6
Funding:	CDBG

Applicant:Family Service AssociationProgram:Senior Nutrition Program

Funding Type: Public Service Priority: Program Objective: Public Service Basic Needs Related Social Services Public Service

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV Persons Served: MV # Person Served: Funding per MV Person Served: **\$30,000** 437 Persons Assisted 437 Persons Assisted \$68.64 per Person

Program Description:

FSA's Senior Nutrition Program provides one nutritionally balanced meal per day, Monday-Friday. The meals are provided to seniors ages 62 and up and served in a communal dining room at the Moreno Valley Senior Center. FSA also delivers meals to homebound individuals, in the city of Moreno Valley, who are unable to attend in person due to illness, disability, or lack of transportation.

Application Number:7Funding:CDBG

Applicant:Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, IncProgram:MoVan Senior Transportation Program

Funding Type:Public ServicePublic Service Priority:Programs Offering Low-Cost TransportationProgram Objective:Public Service

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV Persons Served: Funding per MV Person Served: **\$80,000** 120 Persons Assisted \$666.66

Program Description:

In December 1989, Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center launched the MoVan Transportation Program with a vehicle granted by Cal-Trans. Today, MoVan continues with a 12 passenger plus 2 additional wheelchair capacity van, providing curb-to-curb transportation services at only \$1.00 per trip for Moreno Valley seniors 60 years of age and older as well as disabled adult residents. MoVan provides round trip service for eligible passengers primarily to the Moreno Valley Senior Center as well as medical appointments, legal appointments, banking visits, food distribution pickups, and special City events. This funding assists in paying the 3rd party transportation contractor for providing the Class B driver(s), vehicle fees, maintenance & dispatch costs.

Application Number: Funding: CDBG

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Operation SafeHouse Applicant: Program: **Emergency Shelter for Youth**

Funding Type: Public Service Priority: Program Objective:

Public Service Basic Needs Related Social Services Public Service

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV Persons Served: Funding per MV Person Served: \$15,000 25 Persons Assisted \$60 per Person

Program Description:

Operation SafeHouse was established in 1988 by two Moreno Valley educators who found there was nowhere to place youth in crisis under the age of 18 in the county. Since opening in 1990, Operation Safehouse's collaboration with the City of Moreno Valley has included collaboration through Youth Opportunity Centers, using City of Moreno Valley Police Department Cars as a mobile "Safe Place" partner, provision of on-site counseling through a behavioral health grant program that annually serves 1,300 Moreno Valley Middle & High School students. Operation SafeHouse is also part of the Citywide homeless coalition. CDBG funds are used to provide direct core essential services including up to 21-days of shelter, food, individual group & family counseling, continuing on-site education, recreation, life skills and aftercare to a minimum of 25 City of Moreno Valley youth.

Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applicant Program Description

Application Number: Funding:

9 CDBG

Applicant:Path of Life MinistriesProgram:Homeless Outreach Services

Funding Type: Public Service Priority: Program Objective: Public Service Basic Needs Related Social Services Public Service

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV Persons Served: Funding per MV Person Served: **\$110,000** 125 Persons Assisted \$880 per Person

Program Description:

The proposed project will address the urgent need for assistance with homelessness and the lack of shelter beds in Moreno Valley. Path of Life Ministries (POLM) has over 18 years of meeting the needs of the homeless in Riverside County with HUD funding (CDBG, ESG & CoC). These funds will be used to provide Homeless Street Outreach that will generate referrals to POLM shelters. Three reserved shelter beds will be available for Moreno Valley resident needs. Upon entering the shelter, a guest can stay for up to 90 days while working on stability and receiving supportive services and referrals.

Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applicant Program Description Application Number: Funding:

10 CDBG

Applicant:Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center dba NORAProgram:Building Safe Communities

Funding Type: Public Service Priority: Program Objective: Public Service Community Public Safety Programs Public Service

Requested Funding Amount:\$15,000Total # MV Persons Served:33 Persons AssistedFunding per MV Person Served:\$454.54

Program Description:

The Building Safe Communities program stands at the forefront of addressing the complex challenges faced by survivors of sexual trauma and their families. The program delivers a holistic and coordinated response that encompasses hotline support and case management services that include emergency shelter referrals, mental health counseling, advocacy, support groups, safety planning, and follow-up support. With a focus on intervention and prevention, requested funds will be used to reduce the incidence of sexual trauma, domestic violence, and child abuse.

Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applicant Program Description

Application Number:

Funding:

11 CDBG

Applicant:Voices for ChildrenProgram:Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program

Funding Type:	Public Service
Public Service Priority:	Basic Needs Related Social Services
Program Objective:	Public Service

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV Persons Served: Funding per MV Person Served: **\$30,000** 15 Persons Assisted \$2,000 per Person

Program Description:

Voices for Children's (VFC) Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program addresses the needs of vulnerable children in foster care by providing them with the comprehensive, individualized advocacy of a CASA volunteer. CASAs are carefully screened and expertly trained to advocate on behalf of children and youth in Court at school, and throughout the community. They help children in foster care overcome challenges associated with the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) they have endured, like abuse or neglect, find stable homes, and pursue brighter futures. The cost of one year of CASA advocacy in Riverside County is \$2,000. A \$30,000 grant from the City of Moreno Valley CDBG program will allow VFC to support 15 youth from the City of Moreno Valley during fiscal year 2025-26. This funding will help cover the salaries of Advocacy Supervisors who manage the CASA volunteers and oversee these cases.

Application Number:	12
Funding:	CDBG

Applicant: City Of Moreno Valley – Capital Projects Division Program: Lasselle St Sidewalk Improvements (between Cottonwood Ave & Lancia St)

Funding Type:	Public Facilities and Improvements
Program Objective:	Capital Improvements

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV Persons Served: Funding per MV Person Served: **\$1,930,000** 1,235 Persons Benefitted, approximately \$1,562.75 per Beneficiary

Program Description:

This project provides the construction of new concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters and driveway approaches along the west both side of Lasselle Street, between Cottonwood Ave and Lancia St, within the city's HUD CDBG target areas. Depending on available budget, the southside of Cottonwood Ave, between Terra Bella Ave and Lasselle St will be included as an additive bid item. Construction of new concrete sidewalks will enhance ADA access and provide continuous enhanced safe paths of travel for Pedestrians along the proposed locations for an approximate constriction cost of \$1.73 million.

Application Number:	13
Funding:	CDBG

Applicant:City Of Moreno Valley – Capital Projects DivisionProgram:Sherman Ave Sidewalk Improvements (between Day St & Grant St)

Funding Type:	Public Facilities and Improvements
Program Objective:	Capital Improvements

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV Persons Served: Funding per MV Person Served: **\$1,430,000** 1,315 Persons Benefitted, approximately \$1,087.45 per Beneficiary

Program Description:

This project involves the construction of new concrete sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and driveway approaches along the north side of Sherman Ave., between Day St and Grant Ave, within the City's CDBG target areas. The addition of these sidewalks will enhance access for pedestrians, improve accessibility, and ensure compliance with ADA standards, increasing residents' quality of life.

Application Number:	14
Funding:	CDBG

Applicant:GRID Alternatives Inland EmpireProgram:City of Moreno Valley Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

Funding Type:RehabilitationProgram Objective:Housing and Neighborhood Improvement Activities

Requested Funding Amount: Total # MV Households Served: Funding per MV Person Served: **\$150,000** 10 Households Assisted \$15,000 per Household

Program Description:

GRID will install solar electric and battery systems in Moreno Valley for 10 low-income homeowners earning no more than 80% of AMI. Of the funds requested, \$75,000 will be allocated to provide roof repair and electrical upgrades for battery installation to make homes suitable for solar plus storage. These installations will also benefit GRID's job trainees and volunteer participants with opportunities to gain hands-on experience. Each solar installation generates impact outcomes that include long-term financial and wellbeing benefits for low-income families; hands-on experience for job trainees and volunteers; and environmental benefits for the community through the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Application Number:	15
Funding:	CDBG

Applicant:Upwards Care Inc.Program:BOOST (Business Operation & Optimization Support Tools)

Funding Type:	Microenterprise Assistance
Program Objective:	Economic Development

Requested Funding Amount:Second Second S

\$400,000 50 Businesses Assisted \$8,000 per Business

Program Description:

The Boost Program in Moreno Valley will provide targeted business and technical assistance to 50 lowto-moderate income microenterprise childcare providers, each employing fewer than five individuals. Over 12 months, participants will receive personalized coaching and access to digital tools, including marketing support, enrollment automation, and operational management systems, to streamline operations and improve financial sustainability. The program aims to retain at least 80% of existing jobs, create 15 new teaching assistance positions, and increase provider revenue by at least 20% for 30% of the participants. Additionally, providers will expand capacity, creating up to 700 new childcare slots for families in underserved areas. By stabilizing and growing local childcare businesses, Boost enhances economic opportunities, improves access to quality, affordable childcare, and strengthens the community's overall economic resilience.