



## WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE (5) YEARS???

If we were to ask you, what you would be doing over the next five (5) years, what would you say? We know it is a difficult question to answer, but it is precisely the question the Community Development Commission (CDC) is gearing up to ask all our participating cities. Specifically, we want to know how all of our cities will be spending their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds over the next five (5) years. Although, at first, the question might seem somewhat overwhelming, the answer is integral to developing a "Needs Assessment" for our new 2008-2013 Consolidated Plan (previously mentioned in our June-July issue).

As we have discussed, the Consolidated Plan is the primary planning document that ensures continued funding under the CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships, and the Emergency Shelter Grant Programs, and the Needs Assessment is the critical tool for establishing strategic goals that will be central to the Consolidated Plan. Therefore, as you can see, the answer to this rather challenging question cannot be over emphasized.

So, we are asking for your help! In order to conduct this assessment, the CDC will be providing our cities with three (3) assessment tools. The first is a Residents' Survey developed for gauging the needs and priorities of your city's residents. There will be more news on the way via an Electronic Distribution List (EDL) message regarding this exciting chance to pole your citizenry. Another great tool we will be providing is the City Activity Projection Worksheet. This worksheet provides a vehicle for accurately projecting CDBG budgets and goals your city wants to establish over the next five (5) years. Lastly, in order to include other funding sources that cities anticipate using to leveraging CDBG dollars, a Leverage Funding Worksheet will be provided. These tools may seem like a lot at first, but we will be working with you throughout the planning process to develop a complete and accurate needs assessment.

This partnership is the focus of a special training session scheduled for Wednesday, September 5, 2007, from 1:30-4:00 p.m. This mandatory Consolidated Plan training will be held to assist our cities to better coordinate their support with the CDC. The input you provide will greatly assist us in our preparation of the Consolidated Plan and its eventual submission, in June 2008, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. We look forward to working with all of you to develop a new Consolidated Plan for 2008-2013. Welcome to the Consolidated Plan Team.

Additionally, following the Consolidated Plan training, the CDC is holding a mandatory Labor Compliance Workshop. This workshop will follow immediately at approximately 2:30 p.m. More information will be sent to your agency via an EDL message.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS!

Exciting News: CDBG's Annual Fall Community Meetings are coming soon! We are currently in the planning stage for the meetings and have set the following schedule for the five (5) meetings. One (1) will be held in each Supervisorial District:

**1<sup>st</sup> District** – 9/12/07, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Rimgrove Park  
Community Room  
747 North Rimgrove Dr.  
La Puente, 91744 (Valinda)

**2<sup>nd</sup> District** – 9/27/07, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
East Rancho Dominguez Park  
Community Room  
15116 S. Atlantic Ave.  
Compton, 90221

**3<sup>rd</sup> District** – 9/20/07, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
City of San Fernando  
117 Macneil St.  
San Fernando, 91340

**4<sup>th</sup> District** – 9/18/07, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Steinmetz Senior Center  
Community Room  
1545 S. Stimson Ave.  
Hacienda Heights, 91745

**5<sup>th</sup> District** – 9/25/07, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Val Verde Park  
Community Room  
30300 W. Arlington Rd.  
Val Verde, 91384

We would like to ask all our participating agencies to promote awareness of these meetings in hopes of expanding their outreach and wider participation. If you are interested in distributing flyers for the meetings at your agency, please contact Danielle Garcia at (323) 890-7188 with the number of flyers you might need.

### Important Dates:

#### **AUGUST 2007**

**8/14/07** - Financial Requirements - Mandatory Training for Newly Funded Agencies (9:00 a.m., CDC - Commission Room)

**8/30/07** - Financial Closeout Deadline for Participating Agencies (CBOs, OPAs, and County Depts.)

#### **SEPTEMBER 2007**

**9/3/07** - Labor Day (CDC Office Closed)

**9/5/07** - Consolidated Plan and Labor Compliance Training (1:30-4:00 p.m. CDC - Commission Room)

**9/10/07 - 9/25/07** - Public Comment Period for 2006-2007 CAPER

**9/19/07** - City Quarterly Meeting (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., CDC - Commission Room)

**9/21/07** - Selected Participating Agencies (i.e. Cities, CBOs, OPAs, and County Depts.): Semi-Annual Labor Standard and Contractor/Subcontractor Activity Reports are Due

