

CDBG E-NEWSLETTER



Bi-Monthly Update for Participating Agencies from the Community Development Block Grant Division Issue XX October-November 2006

Another CAPER Accomplished

By Darrell Santos

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Division is required to annually report its accomplishments to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and this report comes in the form of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Due annually to HUD by September 30th, the report provides a detailed summary of the accomplishments achieved through the three (3) formula grants (CDBG, HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)).

The development of this report is a major task that involves virtually every Division in the Community Development Commission (CDC), ranging from those that use the funding to provide services like you, our Participating Agencies, to those that provide support services to Divisions within the CDC, such as data collection, reporting, analyzing, and meeting various program requirements.

With the CDBG Program targeted for further reductions and an uncertain future, it is more important than ever that the CAPER accurately describes the accomplishments of the CDC Divisions and all of our participating agencies. We want to thank you all for your participation in helping us complete the CAPER.

Watch for the final 2005-2006 CAPER, which will be made available online through the CDC's website beginning in November 2006.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

By Darrell Santos

An Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice is required by HUD as an element of the Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). The Con Plan regulation, 24CFR 91, requires each state and local government to certify that they are affirmatively furthering fair housing and that they are undertaking fair housing planning. The CDC recently completed an update to its 2003-2008 AI and it is available online (www.lacdc.org). This update now covers the five-year period, Fiscal Year 2006 - 2011.

Mission Accomplished!

By Darrell Santos

The Fall 2006 CDBG Community Meetings are complete. Each of the four (4) meetings, one (1) in the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Districts were well attended with about 40 residents per meeting. We want to thank all the County Departments that participated in the meetings. Residents really appreciated having them there, in their community. Be sure to check out the results of our resident survey after November 1st at www.lacdc.org/CDCWebsite/CDBG/CommunityMeetings.aspx?id=1135.

Summer Extravaganza!

By Darrell Santos

It may be the beginning of winter, no more 100 degree heat waves, but the City of Monrovia's Summer Extravaganza (Summer Day Camp) is sizzling hot in another way. In recognition of the City's CDBG-funded project and its outstanding services to low- and moderate-income children, HUD has prominently featured an article about the City's Neighborhood Recreation Program on their website. The story highlights how the program assists over 400 children a year, providing them with numerous activities and field trips. The article is a real testament to what can be done with CDBG funding and gives the Program some much needed national exposure. You can find the story online at:

www.hud.gov/local/ca/working/cpd/2006-09-29b.cfm.

CDC commends the City of Monrovia for their excellent use of CDBG funds, living up to the CDC's goal of, "...building better lives and better neighborhoods."



Important Dates:

October 2006

10/02/06 to 10/17/06

All Agencies: Ensure Agency Authorization Info. is Verified & Approved on the CDBG Webpage

10/17/06

Co. Depts.: QPR and Funding Proposal Training

10/18/06

CBOs: QPR Training

10/26/06

Cities: QPR and Planning Summaries Training

November 2006

11/10/06

Veterans Day Holiday: CDC Offices Closed

11/17/06

All Agencies: 1st Quarter 06-07 Web-Based QPRs Due

11/23/06 to 11/24/06

Thanksgiving Holiday: CDC Offices Closed