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Sonoma County Housing Authority**

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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 19, 2025

To: Community Development Committee and Cities and Towns Advisory Committee

From: Veronica Ortiz-De Anda, Community Development Assistant Manager

Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Federal Funding and Low-Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund Policies

The Federal Funding Policies (Policies) provide the local framework for the administration and allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) federal funding programs. The Sonoma County Community Development Commission administers these programs on behalf of the Urban County as an entitlement jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Policies include the Low-Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF), a local fund source, and are updated on an as needed basis. The Policies support the priority needs identified in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan which are:

- Affordable Housing: Increase and preserve housing stock that is affordable, safe, and accessible for low-, very low-, and extremely-low households, including those with special needs and those who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.
- Homelessness: Promote effective and proven strategies for homelessness prevention and intervention countywide.
- Non-Housing Community Development: Support the creation or improvement of infrastructure systems and public facilities that meet the needs of lower income people, people with disabilities, and other special needs subpopulations, support the creation or retention of jobs and provide microenterprise assistance for lower income households/businesses.
- Non-Homeless Special Needs: Support lower income households with housing retention through public services (eviction defense and tenant landlord services).



Staff proposes the following non-substantial revisions to the Policies for the upcoming program year that begins September 1, 2026, and ends on August 30, 2027:

- Section 2 – Deletion of paragraph related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Addendum – Deletion of the CDBG-CV Addendum as all funds have been awarded.
- Throughout – replace references of “Continuum of Care” where appropriate with “Homeless Coalition”, the current name of the board that oversees HUD Continuum of Care requirements.
- Throughout – revert references of “Community Participation Plan” with “Citizen Participation Plan” to be consistent with HUD terminology.
- Throughout – deletion of references to “fair housing services”, “housing justice programs”, “affirmatively furthering fair housing” due to “Restoring Equality of Opportunity and Meritocracy” executive order signed by the President on April 23, 2025, and other federal initiatives.
- Throughout - grammar and format corrections, minor clarifications and other corrections.

Recommended Action:

Staff requests that the Committees review the updated policies and recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors and Board of Commissioners.

Attachments:

1. Current Fiscal Year 2025-26 Federal Funding and LMIHAF Policies
2. Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 Federal Funding and LMIHAF Policies