

**ALAMEDA COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

March 12, 2025

3:00 PM

224 W. Winton Ave. Room 160 Hayward, CA 94544

ATTENDANCE:

Mary Anne Reno
Preetesh Karki
Olga Borjon
Randi DeHollander
Hannah Tinsley Phalen

Katie Alducin, HCD
Kelly Thiemann, HCD
Trina Walker, HCD

Guests

James Knowles, Alameda County Reparations Committee
Victoria Popejoy, Hope 4 the Heart
Melissa Davini, Hope 4 the Heart
Toku Hankins, Plantify
Ken S., Deputy Sheriffs Activities League
Monique Brown, Mandela Partners
Ana Sloan, Mandela Partners

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM by Vice Chair Randi DeHollander.

II. FY25 CDBG Unincorporated County Projects RFP

This item was moved to second in the agenda item list to allow for a quorum to be met with delayed members attending. Thiemann gave an update on the status of the federal budgeting process and its impacts on the FY25 CDBG allocation. Thiemann also provided a timeline for CDBG contracting given the current federal schedules, with contracts most likely being processed in September and being back dated to July for the start of service periods. Walker introduced the program applicants for the FY25 CDBG Unincorporated County Projects RFP.

The Deputy Sherriff's Activities League presented their youth and family programing and their proposal to support their Community Kitchen with facility upgrades such as security system, improved stoves, etc.

Hope 4 the Heart, a Cherryland-based foodbank, presented an overview of their operations. 16,000 individuals are fed daily, and a large amount of food waste is diverted. Hope 4 the Heart is currently in a budget shortfall facing closure and has deployed a financial stability plan, investment from CDBG would allow the program to continue operations.

Mandela Partners provided an overview of their organization's mission to provide food security and long-term opportunities for residents and small business owners. Mandela Partners detailed the long history of collaboration with Alameda County, most recently, in the support of the East 14th Eatery and Community Kitchen. The current application would help support staffing, expand data collection, and explore a pilot program of food service at RCD's newly opened Zocalo park.

Plantify gave an overview of their involvement in the Unincorporated County and partnerships with Cherryland Elementary, First Presbyterian Church of Hayward, Downtown Streets Team, Healthy Homes, San Lorenzo High School, and Paradise Garden. Their proposal would focus on creating access to resources and opportunities by educating communities, mental health workshops for at-risk of homelessness populations, and educational events. De Hollander motioned to approve funding for all 4 proposals using FY25 CDBG funding, pending confirmation of federal allocation. Tinsley seconded the motion. 4 in favor. **The motion was approved.**

III. Approval of Minutes (2/5/2025)

A correction was made that Mary Anne Reno started the February 5th meeting. A motion was made by Karki to approve the minutes for the February 5, 2025, meeting. Tinsley seconded the motion. 1 abstained, 3 in favor. **The motion was approved.**

IV. Open

Reno announced a save the date for the 60th birthday of Echo Housing on August 15th held at Hayward City Hall. More information will be shared at a later meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.