

COMMUNITY MEETINGS
COUNTY OF KERN
PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department (PLNR) invites all residents, non-profit agencies, and special districts of unincorporated Kern County and the cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Tehachapi and Wasco to participate in one or more community meetings to be held in the fourth week of the month of October, 2018. Meeting participants will have the opportunity to discuss housing and community development needs that may affect their communities. In preparation for the County's upcoming **FY 2019-20 Annual Action Plan**, information concerning the following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs, which principally benefit low and moderate income persons, will also be provided:

- **Community Development Block Grant Program** - provides grant and loan funds to improve living environments and expand economic opportunities (estimated at slightly less than \$4.58 million for FY 2019-20).
- **HOME Investment Partnerships Program** - provides loan and grant funds to improve the availability, accessibility, and affordability of decent housing (estimated at slightly less than \$1.2 million for FY 2019-20).
- **Emergency Solutions Grant Program** - provides grants for services and emergency shelters for the homeless, including homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing. Matching funds are required. (approximately \$414,000 for FY 2019-20).

Eligible Projects: Examples of projects which may be eligible for these federal funds include: handicap accessibility improvements; owner-occupied housing rehabilitation; affordable rental housing construction/rehabilitation; parks and recreation facilities; drainage improvements; curbs and gutters; water and sewer improvements; streets; emergency shelters; and business development and job creation activities. Application and eligibility information is available at <https://kernplanning.com/community-development/> and will be available at the community meetings.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
(All meetings to begin at 6:00 p.m.)

<u>Bakersfield</u> Wednesday October 24, 2018 Public Services Building 2700 "M" Street Bakersfield, CA 93301	<u>Mojave</u> Thursday October 25, 2018 Mojave Veterans Building 15580 O Street Mojave, CA 93501
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For more information or if you require Spanish translation, sign language interpreter, or visual aids in order to participate in these meetings or would like application materials sent to you, please contact James Golden, Planner III via the contact details described below:

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 
(Government Code Section 54953.2)

Disabled individuals who need special assistance to attend or participate in a meeting of the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department may request assistance at:

Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department – Community Development Division
2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, California 93301
James Golden, Planner III at (661) 862-5130
FAX (661) 862-5052
TTY Relay 1-800-735-2929

Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting materials available in alternative formats. Requests for assistance should be made five (5) working days in advance whenever possible.