PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Rancho Santa Margarita anticipates receiving an estimated \$194,500 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The primary objective of the CDBG Program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income.

The scope of CDBG-eligible activities established by HUD ranges from public works improvements to housing rehabilitation and social service programs that primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons (that is, households with an income less than 80% of County the median income). Funding for social service programs is limited to a maximum of 15% of the City's total allocation for a given year.

At this time, the City is requesting proposals from interested, tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that provide eligible CDBG services, programs and/or projects benefiting low- and moderate-income Rancho Santa Margarita residents. Applications will be available beginning January 5, 2015. Individuals and groups that want to apply for funding for a particular activity may obtain an application from the City of Rancho Santa Margarita at 22112 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688. The application may also be downloaded from the City's website – www.cityofrsm.org (follow the links to Development Service Department/Housing/CDBG Program). Applications must be submitted to the City of Rancho Santa Margarita Development Services Department by 12 PM, Friday, January 23, 2015, at the aforementioned address. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline.

Questions regarding this notice or the application process should be directed to Mike Linares, Community Development Consultant (949)635-1800 X6702 or via email at mlinares@cityofrsm.org.

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