

**Grantee: Merced County, CA**

**Grant: B-11-UN-06-0009**

**October 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015 Performance**

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**Grant Number:**

B-11-UN-06-0009

**Obligation Date:****Award Date:****Grantee Name:**

Merced County, CA

**Contract End Date:**

03/16/2014

**Review by HUD:**

Submitted - Await for Review

**Grant Award Amount:**

\$2,705,877.00

**Grant Status:**

Active

**QPR Contact:**

Ana Muniz-Iuguna

**LOCCS Authorized Amount:**

\$2,705,877.00

**Estimated PI/RL Funds:**

\$1,000,000.00

**Total Budget:**

\$3,705,877.00

**Disasters:****Declaration Number**

No Disasters Found

**Narratives****Summary of Distribution and Uses of NSP Funds:**

Using the information obtained from RealtyTrac.com, the County identified the location and concentrations of foreclosures and pre-foreclosures. Potential target areas were mapped utilizing HUD's NSP3 Mapping Tool. Target area data provided by HUD was evaluated and compared. Based on this analysis, high priority target areas were selected and options ranked. The ability to achieve the greatest impact with the funds available and general market conditions were also considered.

Winton, Planada, South Merced, Dos Palos, and South Dos Palos were the areas considered.

Winton has the highest percentage of subprime mortgages (35.5%) and estimated delinquent mortgages (26.2%). It also has the second highest percentage of persons with incomes below 120% of area median income (85.37%) and the fourth highest percentage of persons with incomes below 80% of area median income (64.96%). While the HUD Impact number exceeds the number of units expected to be accomplished with initial grant funds, it is anticipated there will be sufficient funding recycled back into the grant to achieve this number. The average number of days on the market for properties sold in Winton is 30 days, and the average number of properties sold each month is 46.5. With a median list price of \$78,280 and a median sales price of \$47,500, home prices in Winton are considered affordable for low- and moderate-income individuals or families. The County has a prior investment of housing grant funds within this community (\$2,567,690).

Planada has the fourth highest percentage of subprime mortgages (34.6%) and estimated delinquent mortgages (25.6%). It also has the third highest percentage of persons with incomes below 120% and 80% of area median income (84.67% and 69.41% respectively). There is sufficient funding available to meet HUD's impact number within this target area alone. The average number of days on the market for properties sold in Planada is 47 days, and the average number of properties sold each month is 4. With a median list price of \$68,833 and a median sales price of \$67,500, home prices in Planada are considered affordable for low- and moderate-income individuals or families. The County has a prior investment of housing grant funds within this community (\$2,399,268).

South Merced has the third highest number of foreclosure starts in the past year (94) and REO units (54). It also has the highest percentage of persons with incomes below 120% of area median income (88.9%) and the second highest percentage of persons with incomes below 80% of area median income (69.85%). While the HUD Impact number exceeds the number of units expected to be accomplished with initial grant funds, it is anticipated there will be sufficient funding recycled back into the grant to achieve this number. The average number of days on the market for properties in Merced is 62 days, and the average number of properties sold each month is 101. With a median list price of \$116,400 and a median sales price of \$121,000, home prices in Merced are considered affordable for low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

Dos Palos has the second highest percentage of subprime mortgages (35.2%) and estimated delinquent mortgages (25.8%). It also has the second highest number of foreclosure starts (107) and REO units (60). However, there will not be sufficient funding available, even with the funding anticipated to be recycled back into the program, to

**Summary of Distribution and Uses of NSP Funds:**

meet the HUD impact number. The average number of days on the market for properties sold in Dos Palos is 65, and the average number of properties sold each month is 1.1. With a median list price of \$105,417 and a median sales price of \$62,688, home prices in Dos Palos are considered affordable for low- and moderate-income individuals or families.

South Dos Palos has the third highest percentage of subprime mortgages (35.17%) and estimated delinquent mortgages (25.78%). It also has the highest percentage of persons with incomes below 80% of area median income (72.76%) and the fourth highest percentage of persons with incomes below 120% of area median income (82.13%). However, this area is not large enough to utilize the entire grant and would have to be combined with a second target area. HUD prefers grantees select one target area to achieve the greatest impact. The average number of days on the market for properties sold in Dos Palos is 65, and the average number of properties sold each month is 1.1. With a median list price of \$105,417 and a median sales price of \$62,688, home

prices in Dos Palos are considered affordable for low- and moderate-income individuals or families.

Based on the analysis of the information presented above, the County Board of Supervisors identified Winton as the area of greatest need and the target area in which its NSP3 funds will be utilized

**How Fund Use Addresses Market Conditions:**

While the foreclosure crisis is national in scope, California posted the nation's third highest foreclosure rate according to a December 2010 report from RealtyTrac. Within California, Merced County has the fourth highest foreclosure rate with 1 in 115 housing units in foreclosure as compared to the State which has 1 in 203 housing units in foreclosure. This scenario may not improve any time soon since unemployment has risen and home values continue to drop. Unemployment in Merced County rose to 20.1 percent in December 2010, up from a revised 18.5 percent in November 2010. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 12.3 percent for California and 9.1 percent for the nation during the same period. Additionally, DQNews reports a -0.87% drop in median home sales prices for Merced County in December 2010. However, this drop is much larger in Dos Palos where the drop was posted at -43.75% and in Winton where the drop was posted at -21.38%. The County's goal through its proposed use of NSP3 funds is to improve housing values and stabilize neighborhoods impacted by foreclosure. In order to determine the "areas of greatest need" in Merced County, information was obtained from RealtyTrac.com to identify the location and concentrations of foreclosures and pre-foreclosures. Next, the HUD NSP3 Mapping Tool was utilized to map potential target areas. Data provided by HUD as a model for predicting where foreclosures are likely was obtained for each target area as follows: percentage of subprime mortgages (2004-2007), estimated delinquent mortgages, foreclosure starts in the past year, number of Real Estate Owned (REO) units (7/09 - 6/10) and vacancy rate, percentage of persons below 120% and 80% of Area Median Income, and number of housing units needed to make an impact in the identified target area.

A local realtor supplied the County with information on general market conditions for each target area including average days on the market, average number of properties sold, median list price, median sales price, and the ratio of list price to sales price. This information was assessed to determine demand and affordability, as well as the likelihood that properties acquired and rehabilitated will be resold within a relatively short time frame, allowing the County the opportunity to recycle its funds to achieve greater impact.

**Ensuring Continued Affordability:**

The County will ensure continued affordability by applying HOME program guidelines, as suggested by HUD, for rental and owner-occupied properties.

At a minimum, all assisted properties of NSP funds will be subject to the HOME requirement of continued affordability as outlined in the regulations for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Final Rule 24 CFR part 92.

HOME affordability periods-Homeownership

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92.254

Homeowners assistance HOME amount per unit

Minimum Period for Affordability in years

Under \$15,000  
\$15,000 to \$40,000  
Over \$40,000

5  
10  
15

[http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr\\_2004/apr/qtr/pdf/24cfr92.254.pdf](http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2004/apr/qtr/pdf/24cfr92.254.pdf)  
HOME affordability rental housing

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92.252  
Rental Housing Activity (HOME)

Minimum Period for Affordability in years

Rehabilitation of or acquisition of existing housing per unit under \$15,000  
\$15,000 to \$40,000  
Over \$40,000 or rehabilitation involving refinancing  
New construction or acquisition of newly constructed housing

5  
10  
15  
20



**Definition of Blighted Structure:**

A structure is blighted when it exhibits objectively determinable signs of deterioration sufficient to constitute a threat to human health, safety, and public welfare. This definition is consistent with California Health & Safety Code definition of a substandard structure under Section 17920

**Definition of Affordable Rents:**

Per the CDBG program, the generally accepted affordability standards are that households pay no more than 30 percent of household income for rent and utilities.

NOTE: For the purposes of NSP only, the percentage of annual median income is increased to 120 percent and otherwise is consistent with the California Health and Safety Code Section 50053.

**Housing Rehabilitation/New Construction Standards:**

The County's Housing Rehabilitation Program will provide written rehabilitation standards with a write-up of deficiencies of each unit to be rehabilitated. After rehabilitation, the property must at a minimum meet local building codes, zoning ordinances, and cost-effective energy conservation standards. Local building codes include the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, Uniform Mechanical Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, State Housing Code, and National Electrical Code.

**Vicinity Hiring:**

To the maximum extent possible, the County will provide for vicinity hiring by placing notices in the local newspaper to advertise for needed services such as appraisal services, real estate broker services, contractors, etc. Contractors will be encouraged to hire locally for any construction workers needed and to investigate the prices of and, if possible, purchase goods and services from local vendors.

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Hendrickson, Mark

**Procedures for Preferences for Affordable Rental Dev.:**

The information obtained during the process of selecting the target area confirmed that single family residences are by far the largest housing type affected by the foreclosure crisis in Merced County. Additionally, the County does not currently have the capacity or partnerships necessary to complete a successful rental activity.

Overall	This Report Period	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$3,705,877.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$3,705,877.00



<b>Total Obligated</b>	\$0.00	\$2,701,812.62
<b>Total Funds Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$1,780,265.25
<b>Program Funds Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$1,780,265.25
<b>Program Income Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Income Received</b>	\$0.00	\$1,009,127.62
<b>Total Funds Expended</b>	\$0.00	\$3,773,381.34
<b>Match Contributed</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

### Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

Requirement	Required	To Date
<b>Overall Benefit Percentage (Projected)</b>		0.00%
<b>Overall Benefit Percentage (Actual)</b>		0.00%
<b>Minimum Non-Federal Match</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Limit on Public Services</b>	\$405,881.55	\$0.00
<b>Limit on Admin/Planning</b>	\$270,587.70	\$87,366.00
<b>Limit on State Admin</b>	\$0.00	\$87,366.00

### Progress Toward Activity Type Targets

Activity Type	Target	Actual
<b>Administration</b>	\$270,587.70	\$370,588.00

### Progress Toward National Objective Targets

National Objective	Target	Actual
<b>NSP Only - LH - 25% Set-Aside</b>	\$676,469.25	\$926,469.00

### Overall Progress Narrative:

No Activity for the Quarter ending December 31, 2015

### Project Summary

Project #, Project Title	This Report Period	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
1. Acquisition/Rehab/Resale with Direct Homeownership	\$0.00	\$2,381,761.00	\$1,692,899.25
2. Acquisition/Rehab/Resale with Direct Homeownership	\$0.00	\$926,469.00	\$0.00
3. Demolition/Redevelopment	\$0.00	\$27,059.00	\$0.00
4. General Administration	\$0.00	\$370,588.00	\$87,366.00

# Activities

**Project # / Title:** 1 / Acquisition/Rehab/Resale with Direct Homeownership

**Grantee Activity Number:** 100-B Acquisition/Rehab  
**Activity Title:** County Acquisition/Rehab

**Activity Category:**

Acquisition - general

**Project Number:**

1

**Projected Start Date:**

03/16/2011

**Benefit Type:**

( )

**National Objective:**

NSP Only - LMMI

**Activity Status:**

Under Way

**Project Title:**

Acquisition/Rehab/Resale with Direct Homeownership

**Projected End Date:**

03/16/2014

**Completed Activity Actual End Date:**

**Responsible Organization:**

Merced County Department of Commerce Aviation and

Overall	Oct 1 thru Dec 31, 2015	To Date
<b>Total Projected Budget from All Sources</b>	N/A	\$2,381,761.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$0.00	\$2,381,761.00
<b>Total Obligated</b>	\$0.00	\$2,177,252.62
<b>Total Funds Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$1,692,899.25
<b>Program Funds Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$1,692,899.25
<b>Program Income Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Income Received</b>	\$0.00	\$653,747.16
<b>Total Funds Expended</b>	\$0.00	\$1,884,301.09
Merced County Department of Commerce Aviation and	\$0.00	\$1,884,301.09
<b>Match Contributed</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Activity Description:**

Administration for Merced County

**Location Description:**

**Activity Progress Narrative:**

No Activity for the Quarter ending December 31, 2015

**Accomplishments Performance Measures**  
**No Accomplishments Performance Measures**

**Beneficiaries Performance Measures**  
**No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.**

**Activity Locations**  
**No Activity Locations found.**

**Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**  
**No Other Match Funding Sources Found**

Other Funding Sources	Amount
No Other Funding Sources Found	
Total Other Funding Sources	

**Project # / Title: 2 / Acquisition/Rehab/Resale with Direct Homeownership**

**Grantee Activity Number: 200-A Homeowner Assistance**  
**Activity Title: Homeowner Assistance**

<b>Activity Category:</b> Homeownership Assistance to low- and moderate-income	<b>Activity Status:</b> Under Way
<b>Project Number:</b> 2	<b>Project Title:</b> Acquisition/Rehab/Resale with Direct Homeownership
<b>Projected Start Date:</b> 07/01/2011	<b>Projected End Date:</b> 06/30/2014
<b>Benefit Type:</b> Direct ( HouseHold )	<b>Completed Activity Actual End Date:</b>
<b>National Objective:</b> NSP Only - LH - 25% Set-Aside	<b>Responsible Organization:</b> Merced County Department of Commerce Aviation and

	Oct 1 thru Dec 31, 2015	To Date
<b>Overall</b>		
<b>Total Projected Budget from All Sources</b>	N/A	\$926,469.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$0.00	\$926,469.00
<b>Total Obligated</b>	\$0.00	\$181,407.00
<b>Total Funds Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Funds Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>Program Income Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Income Received</b>	\$0.00	\$355,380.46
<b>Total Funds Expended</b>	\$0.00	\$1,795,748.25
Merced County Department of Commerce Aviation and	\$0.00	\$1,795,748.25
<b>Match Contributed</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Activity Description:**

Providing direct homeowner assistance including down payment and closing cost assistance.

**Location Description:**

To assist Low Income families to purchase a rehabilitated home in the targeted area in Winton California.

**Activity Progress Narrative:**

No Activity for the Quarter ending December 31, 2015

**Accomplishments Performance Measures**

	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Housing Units	0	4/12
# of Singlefamily Units	0	4/12

**Beneficiaries Performance Measures**

	This Report Period			Cumulative Actual Total / Expected			
	Low	Mod	Total	Low	Mod	Total	Low/Mod
# of Households	0	0	0	4/10	0/2	4/12	100.00
# Owner Households	0	0	0	4/10	0/2	4/12	100.00

**Activity Locations**

**No Activity Locations found.**

**Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

**No Other Match Funding Sources Found**

Other Funding Sources	Amount
No Other Funding Sources Found	
Total Other Funding Sources	

**Project # / Title: 3 / Demolition/Redevelopment**

**Grantee Activity Number: 300-D Demolition**  
**Activity Title: Demolition and Clearance**



**Activity Category:**

Clearance and Demolition

**Project Number:**

3

**Projected Start Date:**

07/01/2011

**Benefit Type:**

( )

**National Objective:**

NSP Only - LMMI

**Activity Status:**

Under Way

**Project Title:**

Demolition/Redevelopment

**Projected End Date:**

06/30/2014

**Completed Activity Actual End Date:****Responsible Organization:**

Merced County Department of Commerce Aviation and

Overall	Oct 1 thru Dec 31, 2015	To Date
<b>Total Projected Budget from All Sources</b>	N/A	\$27,059.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$0.00	\$27,059.00
<b>Total Obligated</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Funds Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Funds Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Income Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Income Received</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Funds Expended</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
Merced County Department of Commerce Aviation and	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Match Contributed</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Activity Description:**

Demolition and clearance

**Location Description:**

Acquire and demolish blighted area in the target area identified as the "area of greatest need"

**Activity Progress Narrative:**

No Activity for the Quarter ending December 31, 2015

**Accomplishments Performance Measures**

	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Properties	0	0/1
# of buildings (non-residential)	0	0/1

	This Report Period	Cumulative Actual Total / Expected
	Total	Total
# of Housing Units	0	0/0
# of Multifamily Units	0	0/0
# of Singlefamily Units	0	0/0

**Beneficiaries Performance Measures**  
**No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.**

**Activity Locations**  
**No Activity Locations found.**

**Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**  
**No Other Match Funding Sources Found**

Other Funding Sources	Amount
No Other Funding Sources Found	
Total Other Funding Sources	

**Project # / Title: 4 / General Administration**

**Grantee Activity Number: 400-01 General Admin**  
**Activity Title: County Administration**

**Activity Category:**  
Administration

**Activity Status:**  
Under Way

**Project Number:**  
4

**Project Title:**  
General Administration

**Projected Start Date:**  
07/01/2011

**Projected End Date:**  
06/30/2014

**Benefit Type:**  
( )

**Completed Activity Actual End Date:**

**National Objective:**  
N/A

**Responsible Organization:**  
Merced County Department of Commerce Aviation and

Overall	Oct 1 thru Dec 31, 2015	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	N/A	\$370,588.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$370,588.00



<b>Total Obligated</b>	\$0.00	\$343,153.00
<b>Total Funds Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$87,366.00
<b>Program Funds Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$87,366.00
<b>Program Income Drawdown</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Program Income Received</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Funds Expended</b>	\$0.00	\$93,332.00
Merced County Department of Commerce Aviation and	\$0.00	\$93,332.00
<b>Match Contributed</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Activity Description:**

**Location Description:**

**Activity Progress Narrative:**

No Activity for the Quarter ending December 31, 2015

**Accomplishments Performance Measures**

**No Accomplishments Performance Measures**

**Beneficiaries Performance Measures**

**No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.**

**Activity Locations**

**No Activity Locations found.**

**Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail**

**No Other Match Funding Sources Found**

Other Funding Sources	Amount
No Other Funding Sources Found	
Total Other Funding Sources	