

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

- 1. *Prevent homelessness and address critical emergency, at-risk youth and special population needs***
 - A.** Assist persons, particularly working families living in poverty, in need of food, shelter, clothing, health care or safety on an emergency basis. *The safety provision is defined as an immediate threat to an individual's physical well being.*
 - B.** Address the housing, health care, accessibility and service needs of special needs populations such as the elderly, frail elderly, persons with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities, and persons with AIDS.
 - C.** Prevent juvenile delinquency and divert at-risk youth from gang involvement, crime, substance abuse, family violence, school problems, and out-of-control behavior.

- 2. *Expand educational and youth development opportunities***
 - A.** Support and develop social services and facilities and provide opportunities for youth development that will provide positive experiences needed by youth to achieve success as adult members of society.
 - B.** Encourage programs to improve the academic performance and educational outcomes for youngsters aged preschool through post K-12.
 - C.** Support and encourage programs to provide literacy training and encourage life-long learning for adults.

- 3. *Provide affordable housing & revitalize existing neighborhoods***
 - A.** Develop and support programs and projects to increase the supply of affordable housing for low and moderate income households, particularly working families living in poverty; maintain and upgrade existing low and moderate income neighborhoods; preserve the affordable housing stock; and provide rental assistance to alleviate rental cost burden experienced by low-income families and individuals.
 - B.** Revitalize existing neighborhoods in low and moderate income areas by increasing services such as code enforcement, supportive social services, residential rehabilitation, and upgrading public infrastructure, such as street lighting, streets and sidewalks, and parks and recreation facilities.