

Petaluma Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and City Staff:

My name is Nickola Frye and I am on the Board of Directors for Rebuilding Together Petaluma.

The City of Petaluma's 2025-2030 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Consolidated Plan allows for the allocation of federal funds to support housing, infrastructure, and social service programs for low-income residents. A key component of the plan is funding for Rebuilding Together Petaluma (RTP), which plays a vital role in providing home repairs and accessibility modifications for low-income homeowners, particularly seniors, veterans, families, and individuals with disabilities.

RTP has been identified as a key nonprofit partner in addressing housing rehabilitation needs that aligns with the city's goals of ensuring that low-income residents can remain safely in their homes.

The CDBG funds allocated to RTP will be used to support:

- Critical home repairs for low-income homeowners
- Accessibility modifications such as wheelchair ramps, grab bars, and bathroom modifications
- Energy efficiency improvements to reduce utility costs for residents
- Volunteer and community engagement efforts to mobilize resources for home improvement projects

With these funds, RTP will continue to serve as a crucial resource for the Petaluma community by improving housing stability and preventing homelessness among at-risk populations. The funding will allow RTP to expand its reach, serving more households in need, and addressing urgent home repair challenges faced by low-income residents. RTP's mission fits within the city's priority areas, ensuring that federal funds are used effectively to enhance community well-being.

RTP's programs also include: the Critical Repairs Project, Safe at Home Program, ReLeaf ReOak Petaluma, the Skilled Project, and RTP Works. A program that integrates skills training, personalized guidance services, and essential community resources to support personal well-being.

In the last year RTP has been supported by almost 4,500 volunteer hours and accomplished over 150 critical safety and accessibility repairs, while providing service to complete over 70 rehabilitation repair projects at local community structures. RTP marshaled 100 volunteers to support homeowners in Youngstown who received 7 day notices and 70 volunteers for revitalization of the LynchCreek Trail.

Funding to support Rebuilding Together Petaluma really goes to support Petaluma residents with critical need to stay in their homes.