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On June 26, 2008, I attended the HOME Notice of Funding Availability Program Workshop in Porterville, CA. The NOFA was released June 2, 2008 and applications are due August 15, 2008. This Workshop provided information and training on how to submit a successful Program Application. The City is anticipating submitting an application for a First-Time Homebuyer Program to target low-income families. The RDA's current program is only able to assist moderate-income homebuyers.

Representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development HOME Program presented information on a variety of application topics, such as, significant changes in regulation and guidelines, eligible uses of funds, applicant capability, common errors, procurement requirements and application evaluation. In addition, there was a sheet-by-sheet overview of how to complete the Application, Parts A and B.

Overall the workshop was very beneficial. It allowed opportunities for questions and answers and also provided areas of the application to be mindful of where points are commonly lost. If anyone has any questions regarding this workshop, I would be happy to provide additional information.