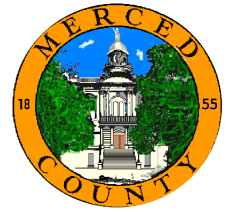


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## MERCED COUNTY RECEIVES \$400,000 FOR UC MERCED PLANNING

The Merced County Board of Supervisors announced today that Merced County will receive \$400,000 for planning for UC Merced and the University Village. President William J. Clinton signed the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies appropriations bill on October 20, 1999.

In early March 1999, the Merced County Board of Supervisors approved a federal legislative platform identifying UC Merced planning efforts as a targeted economic development initiative. The Board of Supervisors enlisted the collaborative support of Congressman Gary A. Condit in successfully pursuing the appropriation.

According to the Conference Report accompanying the bill, the community development block grant allows for \$275 million nationwide for economic development grants, and includes \$400,000 locally for Merced County. The actual transaction of the appropriation is expected to be completed shortly after January 2000.