Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

As a designated entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Riverside receives an annual allocation of federal funding designated to assist in the development of viable communities by supporting projects that provide decent, safe and sanitary housing that is both affordable and sustainable and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. The City is required to develop a Five-Year Consolidated Plan (Consolidated Plan) and an Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) for the use of these funds. These Plans, specifically, the Action Plan serves as the means to meet the application and submission requirements for four entitlement formula programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME). The Action Plan must be submitted to HUD by forty-five (45) days prior to the start of the upcoming program year (July 1, 2022).

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Priority Needs

The City of Riverside has identified eight priority development areas to meet the greatest needs of residents in the City. Priorities are based on responses to the 2021/2022 Community Survey conducted by the City through Virtual Community Ward Meetings, Post Card Surveys, and online. The information gathered in specific focus groups and interviews with various organizations and service providers in the housing and community development field. Based on these results, the City of Riverside will invest its Fiscal Year 2021/2022 CDBG funding to address needs in the priority areas listed below:

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1. Homelessness (Public Services)
2. Infrastructure
3. Business and Jobs (Economic Development)
4. Community Services (Public Service)
5. Special Needs Services
6. Housing
7. Public Facility
8. Other

Additional priorities and anticipated accomplishments for Housing, Community Development, Homeless and Special Needs populations, and the HOPWA Program are presented in the appropriate narrative sections and tables within this document.

The City must also ensure that its HUD-funded activities carried out during Fiscal Year 2021/2022 described in this Annual Action Plan meet the identified priority needs identified in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan needs assessment. The 2021/2022 Community Survey found that need rankings were rather consistent throughout the City. A uniform system of ranking was assigned according to the following HUD categories: No Need, Low Need, Medium Need and High Need, to describe the relative need for assistance in each category.

Programs Administered

The federal funding sources that will be used to implement the objectives and outcomes of the Consolidated Plan are as follows.

• **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** The primary objective of this program is to develop viable and sustainable urban communities by providing housing that is decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable as well as providing economic opportunities, for persons of low- and moderate-income. The Consolidated Plan strategically focuses the use of CDBG funds on public facility and infrastructure in low-and moderate-income neighborhoods. The goal is to create visible impacts that deliver greater efficiencies and bring about positive changes within the community. There is also a need, in various degrees, for services across most categories of special need. This includes seniors, at-risk youth, working parents, persons with disabilities, individuals with chronic illness, and persons with other conditions affecting their ability to function independently and productively. Potential CDBG activities include construction or rehabilitation of public facilities and infrastructure, removal of architectural barriers, and public services.

• **HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program:** The HOME Program provides federal funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental and home ownership units for low-income households. HOME funds will be used for activities that promote a suitable living environment that is affordable and sustainable to the household that resides there. Examples of HOME funded programs are acquisition and rehabilitation of single-family and apartment communities that will be either rented or sold to income qualified households, tenant-based rental assistance, homebuyer assistance and new housing construction. HOME funds are allocated by formula to participating jurisdictions. The Program allows great flexibility with respect to the types of projects to be assisted (new construction or rehabilitation), the form and amount of financing, the types of housing, and the households assisted. In addition, with the need to link access to supportive services to affordable and appropriate housing, there will be more coordination and collaboration between housing providers and service providers.

• **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):** The ESG program places emphasis on helping people quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. This is accomplished by providing homeless persons with basic emergency shelter and essential supportive services to locate permanent housing and promote decent and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities. ESG funds will be used for a variety of activities, including rapid re-housing and homeless prevention activities, rehabilitation or remodeling of a building used as a new shelter, emergency shelter, operations and maintenance of facilities, essential supportive services, and street outreach.

• **Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA):** The HOPWA program provides housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Funds may be used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning and development costs. These include but are not limited to, the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; cost for facility operations; rental assistance; and short-term payments to prevent homelessness.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Each year, the City is required to submit a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD, which reports on the activities that were funded with CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG dollars. The CAPER reports the amount spent on each project activity and the number of beneficiaries assisted. The City has submitted the required reports each year, and HUD has accepted the reports each year. The City of Riverside evaluates past performance and adjusts as needed to better serve the needs of the community.

Additionally, all projects funded with CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funds are subject to annual monitoring to ensure compliance with HUD standards. During the HUD Program Year 2020/2021, the City of Riverside utilized its CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG allocations appropriately and continued to make progress toward accomplishing the goals and objectives established in the Consolidated Plan. Some significant accomplishments are as follows:

During the last planning period the City had exceeded its goal of providing affordable housing through the following activities:

- 538 affordable housing units placed in the housing development pipeline, of which 233 are permanent supportive housing units. These projects will be funded through a variety funding sources that may include private financing, local Housing Authority funds, HOME, Section 8 Project Based Vouchers, No Place Home, Tax-credits, and bond tax-exempt financing.
- Assisted 658 households from becoming homeless through CARES Act funding.
- Assisted 40 formerly homeless individuals with rental assistance and case managed 105 formerly homeless individuals that were placed in housing to achieve housing stability and self-sufficiency.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

As the entitlement grantee for the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs, the City of Riverside Community & Economic Development Department (CEDD) is the lead agency for the development of this five-year Consolidated Plan as well as the Annual Action Plan that outline the proposed activities and expenditures under these programs. The CEDD will also act as one of several public and private agencies that will administer programs and activities under the Action Plan. During this Consolidated Plan period, the CEDD will also work with other agencies and organizations that will assist in the administration of the Consolidated Plan programs.

The City of Riverside has embraced a process for the development of this Action Plan that included broad participation from the community. At each step in the process care has been taken to ensure that low-and-moderate-income residents, member of minority groups, agencies involved in the provision of services to these populations, and others who are directly impacted by the programs and projects supported by the Consolidated Plan programs have been actively involved. The Community & Economic Development Department staff conducted extensive outreach to engage a wide range of agencies, groups, organizations, and residents in the process of developing the 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2021/2022 One-Year Action Plan. This

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process included widespread public participation and input through postcards, workshops, community meetings, and public hearings. The following is the Funding Application and Citizen Participation schedule.

- Virtual Community Meeting Notices mailed to all Riverside households
- Community Meeting Advertisement published in the Press Enterprise
- Seven Virtual Community Meetings held online (one for each of the 7 Council Wards) to gather public input on funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2021/2022
- Letters sent to over 150 community-based organizations and agencies inviting CDBG funding proposals for Fiscal Year 2021/2022
- 2021/2022 CDBG Funding Applications made available electronically via the City website, e- mail, and U.S. mail
- Public Notice-CDBG Funding Availability
- Virtual CDBG Application Workshop conducted for all interested parties
- Application Deadline for submission of CDBG funding proposals from community-based organizations and agencies
- "Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period" on draft Action Plan published in Press Enterprise. Draft Action Plan with funding recommendations made available for public review
- Public Hearing to solicit community input regarding Action Plan and Funding Recommendations and Approval by Council

5. Summary of public comments

A Virtual public hearing was held on June 1, 2021 at the regular City Council meeting.
*Any comments received at that time will be incorporated in the final 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments formally submitted have been accepted.

7. Summary

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The City of Riverside will continue to utilize CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG funding allocations to benefit the low- and moderate-income residents in the community. This document includes projects with objectives and outcomes that address priority needs and help meet goals set forth in the Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan section, which describes how federal funds and other resources will be utilized over the course of a five-year period. The City of Riverside will evaluate past performance and adjust as needed to better serve the needs of the community. As per the City's Citizen Participation Plan, community residents and providers will continue to be informed and invited to participate in the consolidated planning process to ensure projects and activities meet community needs. With declining resources from various sources, the City and non-profit organizations will be unable to serve all persons who need services. The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 projects listed in "AP-35 Projects" have been developed with community input and reflect the needs of the City.

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PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Community & Economic Development Department
HOPWA Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Community & Economic Development Department
HOME Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Community & Economic Development Department
ESG Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Community & Economic Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Community & Economic Development Department is responsible for the preparation of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan represents both an application to HUD for entitlement funds under four entitlement programs as well as a housing and community development policy and planning document. The four HUD entitlement programs are Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The One-Year Annual Action Plan provides a plan for allocating these HUD entitlement funds in an efficient way while ensuring incremental compliance with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

As part of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan development process, the City undertook an extensive outreach program to consult and coordinate with various departments, housing and community service providers, and other entities with a potential interest in or knowledge of the City's housing and non-housing community development issues. The following sections discuss the methods by which the City consulted with service providers, in addition, to how the staff that developed and followed this citizen participation process emphasized the participation of persons of low- and moderate-income.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health, and service agencies (91.215(l))

The City continues to work in consultation and coordination with a wide range of public and private agencies, local jurisdictions, housing developers and providers, social service agencies, faith-based organizations and community residents in the development and implementation of strategies identified in the Action Plan. In particular, staff regularly attends regional planning meetings and works on a continual basis with the Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health and Public Health and Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the Riverside County Housing Authority, Homelessness Prevention & Workforce Solutions Department), the Riverside-San Bernardino HOPWA Service Network, the Riverside County Continuum of Care, housing partners' networks and many others to coordinate joint efforts relating to homeless issues, affordable housing needs and conditions, special need populations, and community development activities.

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Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Riverside County Housing, Homelessness Prevention & Workforce Solutions Department is the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care and has spearheaded the local effort to ensure compliance with HEARTH Act provisions. Therefore, there is continuous coordination between Riverside County, the City of Riverside, and the CoC as a whole to address the needs of persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This includes discharge planning, identifying needs and gaps in the community, and researching project models for permanent supportive housing and funding sources.

DPSS also received an ESG-CV allocation directly from the State of California to implement throughout the County. These funds are being used to address gap in services such as rental assistance and housing locators through rapid re-housing and emergency shelter operations. Permanent Supportive Housing Program are being provided through the CoC grants.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City is to receive $271,229 of ESG Fiscal Year 2021/2022 grant funds and released a Notice of Funding Availability for these funds. The City of Riverside received three proposals totaling $471,616.60 in ESG funding to support emergency shelter operations and case management, outreach, and rapid re-housing and administration. City staff is recommending funding all these activities at a funding level not to exceed $271,229.

Rapid Re-Housing will fund rental assistance and security deposits to homeless individuals and families in the City of Riverside to locate housing units in Riverside County to provide a wider range of housing units for clients to select from. These recommendations were forwarded to the CoC for comments.

The City of Riverside will meet bi-annually with other ESG recipients in the County that include the Riverside County Housing, Homelessness Prevention & Workforce Solutions Department, and the City of Moreno Valley to review adopted ESG Policies and Procedures which were reviewed and adopted by the CoC.

In Fiscal Year 2021/2022, the ESG recipients will evaluate Fiscal Year 2020/2021 outcomes of projects and activities, identify new priorities in light of the County of Riverside receiving a direct allocation of ESG-CV Program funds, and ensure that sub-recipients are entering client information in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) per the ESG and CoC Interim Rule (24 CFR 576 and 578). HMIS provides an opportunity to document homelessness and helps to ensure coordination between service providers while avoiding duplication of services and client data. The HMIS data system is managed by the Riverside County Housing, Homelessness Prevention & Workforce Solutions Department.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

1	**Agency/Group/Organization**	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (HACR) is a public agency chartered by the State of California to administer the development, rehabilitation or financing of affordable housing programs and was consulted for information on public housing matters and housing development initiatives. Department was contacted via email for input on the development of the plan.
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Riverside County Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs

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	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	ESG consultation was conducted with the Riverside County Continuum of Care to discuss characteristics and data needs regarding the homeless needs through correspondences. The following agencies were consulted: ABC Recovery Center, Adult Protective Services, Alternative to Domestic Violence, Catholic Charities, City of Cathedral City, City of Hemet, City Net, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, Community Connect, Community Mission of Hope, Congressmember Raul Ruiz's Office, Riverside University Health Systems - Behavioral Health - Whole Person Care - Medical Center, Department of Public Social Services, Foothill AIDS Project, Help for Future Leaders, Inc., His Daughter's House, Housing Authority of Riverside County, IEHP, Jefferson Wellness Center, Jewish Family Services of the Desert, Lighthouse Social Service Center, Lutheran Social Services, Martha's Village and Kitchen, Riverside County Office of Education, Office on Aging, County Workforce Development, Operation Safehouse, P.W. Enhancement, Path of Life Ministries, Riverside Sheriff, Springboard, Step Up on Second, U.S. Vets, Valley Restart Shelter, VA Loma Linda, and Whiteside Manor.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	City of Riverside Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Homeless Government/Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Riverside provided the County of Riverside Housing Authority the opportunity to provide input on the need for affordable housing development, barriers to affordable housing development and homeless services currently provided and barriers to the provision of homeless services.
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Homeless Services Division
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through correspondences where funding resources were identified to address the need for homeless programs and services and the development of affordable housing.
5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Inland SoCal Housing Collective
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Education and advocacy for homeless programs and service and improving housing outcomes for all residents
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

N/A

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Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Riverside County Housing, Homelessness Prevention & Workforce Solutions Department	The City's goals of addressing homelessness through rapid re-housing, emergency shelter, Outreach, and HMIS are overlapping goals. These services help strengthen the Continuum of Care Strategy
Ending Homelessness in Riverside County	Riverside County Department of Public Social Services and the Riverside County Executive Office	Focuses on prevention, collaboration and coordination, and rapid housing placement
City of Riverside of the Riverside Housing First	City of Riverside Office of Homeless Solutions	Implements the model among permanent supportive housing and rapid Re-housing programs and provides a roadmap for the development of Housing First units
General Plan - Housing Element	City of Riverside Community & Economic Development Department	The housing and demographic data were used to determine needs. Some goals proposed in the Housing Element can be funded through the Action Plan
The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	City of Riverside Community & Economic Development Department	The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing program provides a vital range of no-cost fair housing services to eligible clientele throughout the City that is victimized and affected by illegal housing practices. The value of this study is that it identifies and analyzes the most significant barriers affecting fair housing choices and outlines specific steps to address and overcome the effects of any impediments which were useful for the development of this Five-Year Consolidated Plan
Annual Plan	Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (HACR)	The Annual Plan is used to express the Public Housing Authority's quantifiable goals and objectives for the 5-Year period. The primary mission of the HACR is to provide affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing opportunities to low and moderate-income families including elderly and disabled persons while supporting programs to foster economic self-sufficiency

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional) – N/A

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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

As required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rules and Regulations, the City of Riverside complies with regulation 24 CFR 91.105, Citizen Participation Plan for local governments as outlined. The City has adopted a citizen's participation plan that sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation. In the development of the Annual Action Plan, the City made affirmative efforts to provide adequate information to interested agencies and Riverside residents concerning the CDBG process and availability of funds. During the month of December 2020, staff members of the Community & Economic Development Department conducted seven virtual public meeting in each City Council Wards (see Map I-3). The intended purpose of these meetings was to provide the residents with an overview of HUD programs, to obtain information on community needs and priorities that will be included as part of this Consolidated Plan, and to solicit community input regarding any current unmet need. The City Council Ward meetings were held Virtual through Microsoft Teams and involved the participation of City Council members, and area residents in order to gather statistical information, assess the City's housing and community development needs, and receive input on spending plans and priorities for the upcoming program year. Outreach included a public notice for availability for funding, a letter mailed to each interested agency, and a Virtual Application Workshop to assist those public service agencies with application preparation. Technical assistance was also provided to individuals and organizations throughout the application period. On November 3, 2020, the City of Riverside mailed each resident and property owner a Riverside Community at Home Postcard, which provided an overview of the CDBG Program and invited them to attend the public meeting in their City Council Ward. To reach low- and moderate-income residents and encourage citizen participation, over 110,453 CDBG postcards were distributed. In addition, the notice was posted on the City's website. Persons unable to attend public meetings were invited to provide input and submit comments and suggestions to the City's Community & Economic Development Department. Bilingual interpretation services were made available at all public meetings as well as American Sign Language (ASL). Pursuant to the City of Riverside's Citizen Participation Plan, a notice was published in the local newspaper, The Press-Enterprise, on April 30, 2021 notifying the public of the 30-day public review/comment period (May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021) for the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and 2020-2024 Con-Plan as well as the June 1, 2021 Public Hearing for the consideration of and adoption of the Plans. The notice included the review/comment period, the link where the document was available, and time of the scheduled virtual public hearing. A Virtual Public Hearing was held on June 1, 2021, adopting the following reports and documents: 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	City of Riverside Community At Home	-Minorities Non-English Speaking -Specify other language: Spanish -Persons with disabilities -Non-targeted/broad community -Residents of Public and Assisted Housing -All City of Riverside residents	Based on postcard distribution of over 108,000 throughout the community. Each Ward meeting had an approximate attendance of 5 participants. Calls and emails were received and responded to for further information regarding the presentation.	No comments were received	Not applicable	City of Riverside Community At Home
2	Public Meeting	-Minorities Non-English Speaking -Specify other language: Spanish -Persons with disabilities -Non-targeted/broad community -Residents of Public and Assisted Housing -All City of Riverside residents	Each Ward meeting had an approximate attendance of 5 residents. Councilmembers from several wards attended individual meetings. Community residents provided input and comments regarding projects and services needed.	Comments can be found in Appendix 1 Citizen Participation Comments	All comments were accepted	N/A

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Internet Outreach	-Minorities Non-English Speaking -Specify other language: Spanish -Persons with disabilities -Non-targeted/broad community -Residents of Public and Assisted Housing -All City of Riverside residents	Each Ward meeting had an approximate attendance of 5 residents. Councilmembers from several wards attended individual meetings. Community residents provided input and comments regarding projects and services needed.	No comments were received	Not applicable	http://www.riversideca.gov/cdbg/
4	Citywide Community Survey	Minorities Non-English Speaking -Specify other language: Spanish -Persons with disabilities -Non-targeted/broad community -Residents of Public and Assisted Housing -All City of Riverside residents	Statistics and responses are attached	Comments received are attached	All comments are accepted	A copy of the survey in both English and Spanish is attached

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 CDBG allocation is $3,198,814. Activities eligible for funding under the CDBG program include acquisition of real property, construction, rehabilitation or improvements to public facilities, housing-related services and activities, economic development, public services, and program planning and administration. Eligible activities are required to meet at least one of the three CDBG program National Objectives, which are: 1) to assist low- and moderate-income persons, 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, and 3) meet urgent community needs. The City of Riverside will expend its allocation of Program Year 2021-2020 CDBG funding for the following CDBG eligible activities: Public Facilities/Public Improvement Projects, Public Service Activities, Housing Projects, and Planning and Administration.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The City of Riverside will receive $271,229 in ESG funding for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. Activities eligible for funding under the ESG program include support for emergency shelter operations and case management, outreach, rapid re-housing, and administration. The ESG program regulations require that the City match its ESG allocation dollar-for-dollar with other funding sources. The City's total allocation is listed below. Consequently, the City places this matching requirement upon the ESG sub-recipients. The table below summarizes the proposed use of ESG funds during the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 by general activity, funding amount, and percentage.

- ESG Administration (7.5% Max): $20,342.18
- Riverside Year-Round Emergency Shelter operations and case management (60%): $162,000
- Rapid Re-Housing Program: $88,886.82

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 HOPWA allocation is $3,606,878. The City of Riverside has been designated by HUD as the Grantee jurisdiction administering the HOPWA funding designated for the Eligible Metropolitan Service Area (EMSA) encompassing Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. HOPWA funds may be used for housing projects, short-term rental assistance, mortgage payments, utility payments, counseling, clinic-based health care, home care, and program administration. The City of Riverside sub-contracts with the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (HACR) and Foothill AIDS Project to serve as Project Sponsors and facilitate HOPWA activities throughout the region. The City will disperse its allocation of HOPWA funds as follows:

- Housing Authority of the County of Riverside: $1,819,309.44

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• Foothill AIDS Project: $1,679,362.56
• Program Administration: $108,206

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program

The Fiscal Year 2021/2022 HOME Program allocation is $1,196,252. The fundamental purpose of the HOME Program is to preserve and increase the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable rental and owner-occupied housing for low-income persons. The Program Year 2021/2022 HOME funding will be distributed as follows (per specific HUD program caps):

• Affordable Housing Program: $1,076,626.80
(a) Acquisition and Rehabilitation of multi-family residential units
(b) Infill Residential Development

• Administration: $119,625.20

• Anticipated Program Income: $291,881.28.
Funds may be used to fund the Affordable Housing Program and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation $	Program Income $	Prior Year Resources $	Total $		
CDBG	Public-Federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	$3,198,814	$0	$0	$3,198,814	$9,522,590	The City received an allocation of $3,198,814 for the 2nd year of the Consolidated Plan period, 2021/2022. The City expects a similar allocation each year for a further allocation of $9,522,590 for the remaining 3 years of the Consolidated-Plan.
HOPWA	Public-Federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	$3,606,878	$0	$0	$3,606,878	$9,562,766	The City received an allocation of $3,606,878 for the 2nd year of the Consolidated Plan period, 2021/2022. The City expects a similar allocation each year for a further allocation of $9,562,766 for the remaining 3 years of the Con-Plan.

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HOME	Public-Federal	Administration Acquisition/ New construction of multifamily housing units Acquisition rehabilitation of multifamily housing units TBRA	$1,196,252	$291,881.28	$1,090,358	$2,578,491.28	$6,213,018.28	The City received an allocation of $1,211,509 for the 1st year and $1,196,252 for the second year of the Consolidated Plan period, 2020-2024. The City expects a similar allocation each year for a further allocation of $3,634,527 for the remaining 3 years of the Consolidated Plan.
ESG	Public-Federal	Administration Emergency Shelter operations and case management Rapid Re-Housing Rental Assistance	$271,229	$0	$0	$271,229	$271,229	The City received an allocation of $280,915 for the 1st year of the and $271,229 for the 2nd year of Consolidated Plan period, 2020-2024. The City expects a similar allocation each year for a further allocation of $842,745 for the remaining 3 years of the Consolidated Plan. In addition, the City was awarded an additional $968,672 in CARES Act ESG-CV and $3,126,622 in ESG-CV2 funds to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state, and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

City staff, in its funding applications, emphasizes to applicants the need to leverage federal, state, and local resources.

The HOME Program regulations, 24 CFR 92.218, require a 25% match. The City has an excessive HOME match of $16,802,146.72 to cover the required HOME match.

ESG Program regulations, 24 CFR 576.201, require a dollar for dollar match. Funds set-aside for program administration and for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) technical assistance/capacity building is exempt from this matching requirement. The match must be met by the end of the Federal fiscal year in which the expenditure occurred. This requirement is not project-specific but rather program-wide.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

During this performance period, the City anticipates entering into Development Agreements with affordable housing developers for two affordable housing projects on Housing Authority sites for the use of HOME program funds to develop 82 affordable housing senior units and 22 permanent supportive housing units.

In the reporting period, the State of California will be releasing a Request for Proposals for an affordable housing development on 3.55 acres located in the City of Riverside.

Discussion

In addition, the City's Housing Authority oversees all housing assets and functions. In Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the City received a loan pay off in the amount of $3 million that will help the Housing Authority produce additional affordable housing units and cover Housing Authority operation costs.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Community Services	2021	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Community Services	CDBG: $479,822	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 18,085 Persons Assisted
2	Infrastructure	2021	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Infrastructure	CDBG: $571,092	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16,952 Persons Assisted
3	Community Facilities	2021	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Community Facilities	CDBG: $1,508,137	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 21,445 Persons Assisted
4	Special Needs	2021	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Special Needs Services	HOPWA: $3,498,671	HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 1,160 Household Housing Units
5	Expand the Affordable Rental Housing Stock	2021	2022	Affordable Housing	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Housing	HOME: $1,368,508.08	Rental units constructed: 11 Household Housing Units
6	Homelessness SL - 1	2021	2022	Homeless	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Special Needs Services/Homelessness	ESG: $250,886.82	Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid Rehousing: 6 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 500 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

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Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	Community Services
	Goal Description	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 18,065 Persons Assisted
2	**Goal Name**	Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16,952 Persons Assisted
3	**Goal Name**	Community Facilities
	Goal Description	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 21,445 Persons Assisted
4	**Goal Name**	Special Needs
	Goal Description	HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: 1,160 Household Housing Units
5	**Goal Name**	Expand the Affordable Rental Housing Stock
	Goal Description	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Units Rental Units Constructed: 11
6	**Goal Name**	Homelessness- SL - 1
	Goal Description	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 6 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 500 Persons Assisted

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Projects

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Introduction

HUD requires a consolidated planning process for CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG programs. This process consolidates multiple grant application requirements into a single submission. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan outlines proposed strategies for the expenditures of CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment through safer, more livable neighborhoods and greater participation of lower-income residents throughout the City of Riverside. The Consolidated Plan also outlines how the expenditure of federal funds will increase housing opportunities; reinvestment in deteriorating neighborhoods; provide decent housing by preserving the existing affordable housing stock; increase the availability of affordable housing; reduce discriminatory barriers; increase the supply of supportive housing for those with special needs; prevent homelessness; and transition homeless persons and families into housing. Furthermore, the Action Plan identifies the strategies to expand economic opportunities through employment opportunities that pay self-sufficiency wages; homeownership opportunities; development activities that promote long-term community sustainability; and the empowerment of lower-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency.

In Program year 2021/2022, the City will address the above priorities by funding the following projects:

#	Project Name
1	Arlington Temporary
2	Assistance League of Riverside
3	Big Brother Big Sister of the Inland Empire
4	Care Connexxus, Inc.
5	Catholic Charities
6	City of Riverside, Office of Homeless Solution - RAW
7	City of Riverside, Community and Economic Development – Small Business Support Series Technical Assistance Program
8	City of Riverside, Community & Economic Development – Riverside Small Sparks Neighborhood Matching Grant Program
9	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Adaptive Sports Program for People with Disabilities
10	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Virtual and In-Person Youth Sports Classes Activities Participation Scholarships
11	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Riverside Arts Academy Program
12	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Virtual and In-Person Bourns Family Youth Innovation Center Participation Scholarship
13	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County

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14	Family Services Association – Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services (CAPT)
15	Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association, Inc. (IELLA)
16	Inspire Life Skills Training
17	Janet Goeske Foundation
18	Lutheran Social Services of Southern California
19	Mercy House Living Centers
20	Operation Safehouse – Emergency Shelter
21	Operation Safehouse – Transitional Living
22	Path of Life Ministries
23	Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
24	Voices for Children
25	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services -
26	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Bordwell Park-Exterior LED Lighting Upgrades
27	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Bordwell Park Slurry Stripe Parking Lots
28	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Bordwell Park Basketball Slab Replacement
29	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 1 Street Improvement
30	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 3 Street Improvement
31	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 4 Street Improvement
32	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 5 Street Improvement
33	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services -El Dorado Park – ADA Walking Path
34	City of Riverside Museum – Heritage House ADA Pathways
35	City of Riverside-CDBG Administration
36	HOPWA City of Riverside Administration
37	HOPWA 2021-2023 Foothill AIDS Project
38	HOPWA 2021-2023 Riverside County Housing Authority
39	ESG Administration, HMIS, Shelter Programs, Rapid Re-Housing, Homeless Prevention & Street Outreach
40	Affordable Housing Project
41	City of Riverside-HOME Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

In this program year, the City will allocate its HOME program funding to support the need for Housing First (H1) units by utilizing two tools: the integration of H1 units into traditional affordable housing projects funded by the City with a 15% set-aside for all funded affordable unit, and the utilization of Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) paired with additional wrap around

services provided by City partners.

Second, the City will continue to work on its long-term development strategy revolving around the production of approximately 400 Housing First units disbursed throughout the City, with construction anticipated over the next 10 years (Housing first Plan can be found at www.riversideca.gov/h1plan). Obstacles involving affordable housing development revolve around costs and the availability of suitable development parcels. Rising development and rental costs in the Southern California housing market have made hard unit development, and TBRA subsidies incompatible with Housing First unit development, leading to a degraded unit production outcome.

The primary objective of the City's federal programs is to develop viable communities by providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate-income. The mission of meeting and addressing these community, social and economic development needs of low-income persons and their communities is of importance to the City. Unfortunately, there are barriers and challenges that hinder the development and implementation of important programs intended to serve those most in need.

One of the most important steps in addressing obstacles to community development is identification and evaluation of potential problems in the development process. In the City of Riverside, obstacles for federally funded activities include language and culture, location and geography, limited resources, and program restrictions and regulations. Currently the primary obstacle to meeting all the identified needs, including those identified as priorities is the general lack of funding resources available to public and private agencies that serve the needs of low- and moderate-income residents. As noted previously, the amount of resources available to address social, community, and economic development goals pale in comparison to the recognized needs. To address this obstacle, the City strongly encourages sub-recipients to seek other resources, build new partnerships and collaborative, and to leverage additional funding whenever possible from local, State, Federal, and private sources. The City urges federally funded programs and services to be flexible, while at the same time to be as efficient and effective as possible to achieve expected performance outcomes.

The City developed its Five-Year Consolidated Plan in 2020. As part of the process for developing the Consolidated Plan, City staff conducted a survey that was distributed to the following locations seeking community input in establishing priority needs under the CDBG eligibility categories:

Resource Center for Non-Profit Management, City Website, City of Riverside Community Centers, City of Riverside Main Library, Virtual Community Ward Meetings (7), THE GROUP, Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, Riverside Homeless Care Network, and Faith Based Annual Small Business Summit, Fair Housing, City Hall Concierge Desk, and Community & Economic Development Department.

The results of that survey are as follows: Infrastructure, Housing, and Homeless Services.

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Project Summary Information

1	**Project Name**	Arlington Temporary
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $30,000
	Description	Continuum of Care Program will target homeless, disabled, and impoverished persons residing within the western areas of the City of Riverside and provide temporary assistance in the form of food, clothing, utility assistance, and referrals to medical/dental/mental health services
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	City of Riverside low moderate-income residents-approximately three thousand four hundred (3,400) unduplicated.
	Location Description	Arlington Temporary Assistance, Ward 7 & 1
	Planned Activities	Providing food visits, clothing, utility assistance, etc. to improve the client's quality of life and to help him/her become self-sufficient.
2	**Project Name**	Assistance League of Riverside
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $13,500
	Description	Snack Attack Program will target low moderate-income youth identified as homeless and/or extremely needy by Riverside Unified School District personnel, and provide nutritious food items for their consumption over the weekend
	Target Date	6/30/2022

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	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low-income elementary school students at select schools in the City of Riverside. Approximately one thousand (1,000) will benefit
	Location Description	15 elementary schools, Safehouse and California School of the Deaf in the City of Riverside
	Planned Activities	Provide nutritious snack bags to children for their consumption over the weekend.
3	**Project Name**	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $8,500
	Description	Road to Success Program will provide at-risk youth residing within the City of Riverside with a peer role mentoring opportunity. Program participants will meet on a regular basis with their corresponding mentor, and work on improving the participant's grades, attendance, outlook on school, educational attainment, sense of future, & relationships
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Five to ten (5-10) youth from the City of Riverside will benefit
	Location Description	Citywide in the City of Riverside. Specifically, throughout the AUSD and RUSD
	Planned Activities	BBBSIE Mentoring Program
4	**Project Name**	Care Connexxus, Inc.
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $11,000

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	Description	Nursing Care for Frail Elderly/Disabled Adults Program will provide nursing care services for low income frail, elderly, residing within the City of Riverside. Services will include, but are not limited to, monitoring vital signs, weight, supervision of therapeutic diets, intervention for unstable medical conditions, hydration, fall risk, dementia
	Target Date	6/30/22
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately ninety-seven (97) Frail and elderly adults who are disabled-approximately thirty patients.
	Location Description	Care Connexxus Inc. facility located in Ward 5.
	Planned Activities	Nursing care for elderly adults enhanced nursing.
5	**Project Name**	Catholic Charities
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $12,322.10
	Description	Program will provide casework services including intake and assessments, emergency assistance, case management, and linkages to other community service providers to residents of the City of Riverside
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately one hundred fifty (150) individuals will be served.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Casework Services
6	**Project Name**	City of Riverside - Office of Homeless Solutions – RAW
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Homelessness - DH - 2
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness

	Funding	CDBG: $11,000
	Description	Riverside At Work (RAW) Program seeks to address homelessness by utilizing partnerships between City departments and key stakeholders to provide housing, employment, vocational training, and other critical services to the homeless population
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3 homeless individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Job training and placement for homeless individuals.
7	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Community and Economic Development
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $50,000
	Description	Small Business Support Series Technical Assistance
	Target Date	6/30/22
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 20 low- to moderate-income individuals will receive technical assistance to start or expand a small business
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Small Business Support Series Technical Assistance Program
8	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Neighborhood Engagement Division
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $5,000

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	Description	Riverside Small Sparks Program will provide grants support neighborhood improvement and community-building projects to communities identified as low- and moderate-income. Projects will promote the health and safety of neighborhood residents.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1000 residents of low- to moderate-income areas will benefit.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Riverside Small Sparks Neighborhood Matching Grant Program
9	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Adaptive Sports for People with Disabilities
	Target Area	06/30/22
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $19,000
	Description	Adaptive Sports for People with Disabilities
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 500 individuals will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Adaptive Sports for People with Disabilities
10	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Virtual in-Person Youth Sports/Classes/Activities Participation Scholarship
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services

	Funding	CDBG: $19,000
	Description	Virtual and In-Person Youth Sports Classes Activities Participation Scholarships
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately two thousand (2,000) low to moderate- income youth participating in activities in the City of Riverside.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services – Virtual in-Person Youth Sports/Classes/Activities Participation Scholarship
11	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Service – Riverside Arts Academy Program
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $6,500
	Description	Riverside Arts Academy Program will provide low moderate-income youth residing within the City of Riverside with introductory classes on music, dance, and visual arts
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately three hundred and fifty (350) low to moderate-income youth in the City of Riverside.
	Location Description	Riverside School of the Arts Academy, Bobby Bonds Community Center, City of Riverside.
	Planned Activities	Parks, Recreation, & Community Service (PRCS)-Performing arts education program.
12	**Project Name**	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services

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	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $87,000
	Description	Comprehensive Fair Housing Program will provide comprehensive fair housing services to residents of the City of Riverside, including but not limited to anti-discrimination services, and landlord tenant conflict mediation
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 7,000 low to moderate-income persons will be served.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Anti-Discrimination-Provide housing counseling services for Landlord/Tenant and Anti-Discrimination complaints.
13	**Project Name**	Family Service Association
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $13,000
	Description	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services (CAPT)
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately twelve (12) low to moderate-income individuals.
	Location Description	CITYWIDE
	Planned Activities	Family Service Association - Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services (CAPT)
14	**Project Name**	Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association, Inc. (IELLA)
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services

	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $9,000
	Description	The Expungement Program provides low moderate-income persons residing within the City of Riverside with legal/advice/guidance services in purging eligible criminal convictions
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately fifty (50) low to moderate-income individuals who require legal assistance.
	Location Description	CITYWIDE
	Planned Activities	IELLA Expungement Project-free legal advice regarding the criminal expungement process.
15	**Project Name**	Inspire Like Skills Training
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $14,000
	Description	Inspiring Hope Program will provide former foster youth and homeless youth residing within the City of Riverside with affordable housing services, mentoring, counseling, life skills training, and employment and health services
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately eighteen (18) Former foster youth in the City of Riverside.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Affordable housing and mentoring for former foster youth residing within the City of Riverside.
16	**Project Name**	Janet Goeske Foundation
	Target Area	WARD 1 CDBG TARGET AREA - 03

	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $11,000
	Description	Seniors Programs & Services Program will provide comprehensive senior services, including but not limited to, educational nutrition program, exercise programs, and annual health fair, for the low moderate-income elderly residing within the City of Riverside
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately eight hundred (800) seniors ages 62 and older in the City of Riverside.
	Location Description	Janet Goeske Senior Center
	Planned Activities	Nutrition fitness program, interpreter services, and senior advisor for the 62+ population.
17	**Project Name**	Lutheran Social Services of Southern California
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS-WARD 5 CDBG TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $9,000
	Description	Genesis House Permanent Housing Program will provide comprehensive permanent supportive housing services to low moderate-income individuals residing within the City of Riverside. Services will include, screening assessment, case coordination, housing and supportive services like life skills training, benefits enrollment, & referral services
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately fifty (50) homeless persons
	Location Description	Ward 5
	Planned Activities	Permanent supportive housing for low-income families/individuals.

18	**Project Name**	Mercy House Living Centers
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $9,000
	Description	Home Front at Camp Anza Program will provide supportive services to low moderate-income persons residing within the Camp Anza site. Services will focus on helping participants maintain sable housing, and will include but are not limited to: Assistance in obtaining VA benefits, connections to resources, employment search, budgeting, and money management, etc.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately ninety (90) low-moderate individuals.
	Location Description	Camp Anza, Riverside CA; Ward 6
	Planned Activities	Permanent supportive housing for low-income families/individuals
19	**Project Name**	Operation SafeHouse – Emergency Shelter
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $10,000
	Description	Emergency Shelter Program will provide emergency shelter, intervention, and outreach services to run away, homeless, and other youth in crisis residing within the City of Riverside
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately twenty (20) low to moderate-income youth in the City of Riverside.

	Location Description	9685 Hayes Street, Riverside CA; Ward 5
	Planned Activities	24-hour emergency shelter for at risk youth.
20	**Project Name**	Operation SafeHouse – Transitional Living
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $10,000
	Description	Transitional Living Program (TLP) will provide emergency shelter, intervention, and outreach services to run away, homeless, & other youth in crisis residing within the City of Riverside. The focus of TLP is targeted to serve older homeless youth (ages 18-22) leaving the foster care system
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately fifteen (15) youth in the City of Riverside over an 18-month period.
	Location Description	4509 & 4539 Main Street, Riverside CA; Ward 1
	Planned Activities	Transitional Living Program for 24 months for homeless youth.
21	**Project Name**	Path of Life Ministries (POLM)
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Homelessness - DH - 2
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: $95,000
	Description	Community Shelter Program will provide year-round and cold weather emergency shelter and supportive services to homeless individuals residing within the City of Riverside. Supportive services include, but are not limited to case management, identifying housing opportunities, & behavioral health care
	Target Date	6/30/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 500 persons will be served
	Location Description	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Planned Activities	Provide year round and cold weather emergency shelter and supportive services to homeless individuals
22	**Project Name**	Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $17,500
	Description	Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center Program will provide immediate and aftercare services to victims of sexual assault and their families
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Survivors of sexual assault and their families, approximately one hundred (100) persons.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Rape Crisis support and services to survivors of sexual assault.
23	**Project Name**	Voices for Children
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: $9,500
	Description	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program will provide low moderate youth (foster children) residing within the City of Riverside with a volunteer CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) which will provide advocacy services
	Target Date	6/30/2022

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	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Foster children in the city of Riverside-approximately five (5) foster children during the full year.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA)-Volunteers to speak up for the best interest of children in court and in the community.
24	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services - Bryant Park-Roof Roll Coating
	Target Area	Ward 6
	Goals Supported	Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: $50,000
	Description	Bryant Park-Roof Roll Coating
	Target Date	6/30/22
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 15,530 residents of the Park's service area, of which 8,965 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Bryant Park, 7960 Philbin Ave., Riverside, CA
	Planned Activities	Bryant Park-Roof Roll Coating
25	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services - Bordwell Park Improvements
	Target Area	Ward 2
	Goals Supported	Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: $235,000
	Description	Improvements to various exteriors at Bordwell Park
	Target Date	6/30/22

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 12,065 residents of the Park's service area, of which 7,345 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 2
	Planned Activities	Exterior LED Lighting Upgrades. Parking Lot Slurry Stripe, and Basketball Slab Replacement
26	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Public Works - Ward 1 Street Improvements- Ardmore Street from Paige Drive to Palmyrita Avenue
	Target Area	Ward 1
	Goals Supported	Street Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Community Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: $122,006.31
	Description	Ward 1 Street Improvements- Ardmore Street from Paige Drive to Palmyrita Avenue
	Target Date	6/30/22
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1,680 residents in the immediate area, of which 1,190 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 1
	Planned Activities	Ward 1 Street Improvements- Ardmore Street from Paige Drive to Palmyrita Avenue
27	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 3 Street Improvement
	Target Area	Ward 3
	Goals Supported	Street Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Community Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: $500,848.91

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	Description	Ward 3 Street Improvements-Sierra Street from Holbrook Way to Streeter Avenue. Granada Avenue from Sierra Street to Streeter Avenue. Holbrook Way from Ensenada Way to end of Street. Canoga Place from Ensenada Way to End of Street. Ensenada Way from Phoenix Avenue to Holbrook Way. El Molino Avenue from Streeter to Del Rosa Place. Del Rosa Place from El Molino Avenue to Del Monte Street. Del Monte Street from Del Rosa Place to end of Street. El Camino Place from El Molino Avenue to end of street.
	Target Date	6/30/22
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3,030 residents in the immediate area, of which 1,810 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 3
	Planned Activities	Ward 3 Street Improvements-Sierra Street from Holbrook Way to Streeter Avenue. Granada Avenue from Sierra Street to Streeter Avenue. Holbrook Way from Ensenada Way to end of Street. Canoga Place from Ensenada Way to End of Street. Ensenada Way from Phoenix Avenue to Holbrook Way. El Molino Avenue from Streeter to Del Rosa Place. Del Rosa Place from El Molino Avenue to Del Monte Street. Del Monte Street from Del Rosa Place to end of Street. El Camino Place from El Molino Avenue to end of street.
28	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 4
	Target Area	Ward 4
	Goals Supported	Street Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Community Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: $345,170
	Description	Ward 4 Street Improvements-Evans Street from Jefferson Street to Grace Street. Peter Street from Grace Street to Madison Street. Casa Blanca Street from Depot Street to Madison Street
	Target Date	6/30/22
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1,350 residents in the immediate area, of which 870 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 4

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	Planned Activities	Ward 4 Street Improvements-Evans Street from Jefferson Street to Grace Street. Peter Street from Grace Street to Madison Street. Casa Blanca Street from Depot Street to Madison Street
29	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 5
	Target Area	Ward 5
	Goals Supported	Street Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Community Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: $255,111.88
	Description	Ward 5 Street Improvements- Muir Avenue from Primrose Drive to Magnolia Avenue, Myers Street from Primrose Drive to Magnolia Avenue
	Target Date	6/30/22
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 2,960 residents in the immediate area, of which 1,265 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 5
	Planned Activities	Ward 5 Street Improvements- Muir Avenue from Primrose Drive to Magnolia Avenue, Myers Street from Primrose Drive to Magnolia Avenue
30	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services – ADA Improvement
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	ADA Accessibility
	Funding	$250,000
	Description	El Dorado Park-ADA Walking Paths
	Target Date	CDBG: 6/30/22
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 16,925 persons with ambulatory difficulties will benefit from increased accessibility.
	Location Description	Ward 6

	Planned Activities	El Dorado Park-ADA Walking Paths
31	**Project Name**	City of Riverside Museum – ADA Improvement
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	ADA
	Needs Addressed	ADA Accessibility
	Funding	CDBG: $321,092
	Description	Heritage House ADA Pathways
	Target Date	6/30/22
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 16,925 persons with ambulatory difficulties will benefit from increased accessibility.
	Location Description	Ward 5
	Planned Activities	Heritage House ADA Pathways
32	**Project Name**	City of Riverside CDBG Administration
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services Infrastructure Community Facilities Special Needs Homelessness- SL - 1 Expand the Affordable Rental Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing Special Needs Services/Homelessness Community Services Community Facilities Business and Jobs Infrastructure Neighborhood Services
	Funding	CDBG: $639,762.80
	Description	2021-2022 CDBG City of Riverside Administration
	Target Date	06/30/22

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	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	City of Riverside
	Planned Activities	Administration of the 2020-2021 City of Riverside CDBG Program
33	**Project Name**	City of Riverside HOPWA Administration
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services Special Needs Homelessness- SL - 1
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs Services/Homelessness Neighborhood Services
	Funding	HOPWA: $126,240.73
	Description	Administration of the HOPWA Program for the City of Riverside.
	Target Date	06/30/22
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administration of HOPWA Services for the City of Riverside
34	**Project Name**	HOPWA 2021-2023 Foothill AIDS Project
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs Services/Homelessness
	Funding	HOPWA: $
	Description	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program services provided by Foothill AIDS Project.
	Target Date	06/30/22

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	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HIV/AIDS patients and their families approx. 400.
	Location Description	Riverside and San Bernardino County.
	Planned Activities	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program services provided by Foothill AIDS Project.
35	**Project Name**	HOPWA 2021-2023 Riverside County Housing Authority
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs/Homelessness
	Funding	HOPWA: $
	Description	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS by the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside.
	Target Date	06/30/22?
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HIV/AIDS patients and their families Approx. ___
	Location Description	Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.
	Planned Activities	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS by the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside.
36	**Project Name**	ESG Administration, Rapid Re-Housing and Shelter
	Target Area	Shelter – Ward 1 Rapid Re-Housing – Countywide
	Goals Supported	Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs/ Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: $271,229
	Description	Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-Housing and Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	506
	Location Description	City of Riverside, RRH expanded Countywide
	Planned Activities	ESG Administration, Emergency Shelter and Rapid Re-Housing
37	**Project Name**	Affordable Housing Project
	Target Area	Citywide, All Council Wards
	Goals Supported	Expand the Affordable Rental Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	HOME: $1,076,626.80
	Description	Construction funds for the development of 11 affordable units.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	11
	Location Description	City of Riverside
	Planned Activities	Development of new affordable housing units.
38	**Project Name**	HOME Administration
	Target Area	Citywide, All Council Wards
	Goals Supported	Special Needs Homelessness- SL - 1 Expand the Affordable Rental Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing Special Needs Services/Homelessness
	Funding	HOME: $119,625.20
	Description	HOME Program Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	City of Riverside
	Planned Activities	HOME Program Administration

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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

As the 12th largest city in California, Riverside has a diverse population of 330,063 covering over 82 square miles. Much of the planning and community development activities in the city are divided geographically based on the seven City Council Wards and the 28 neighborhoods that are formally recognized by the City. A vast majority of the residents with low- or moderate-incomes live in portions of 7 neighborhoods which include Downtown/Northside in Ward 1, Eastside in Ward 2, Magnolia Center in Ward 3, Casa Blanca in Ward 4, Arlington in Ward 5, Arlanza in Ward 6, and La Sierra in Ward 7. These are CDBG Benefit Service Areas (commonly referred to as CDBG Target Areas). The City seeks to direct funds primarily to these areas of the City and to programs and projects.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	*Percentage of Funds*
WARD 1 CDBG TARGET AREA	4.8%
WARD 2 CDBG TARGET AREA	*9.2%*
WARD 3 CDBG TARGET AREA	19.6%
WARD 4 CDBG TARGET AREAS	13.5%
WARD 5 CDBG TARGET AREA	22.5%
WARD 6 CDBG TARGET AREA	11.7%
WARD 7 CDBG TARGET AREA	0%
CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	18.8%

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

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Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

In addition, to projects and programs available to eligible participant's citywide, specific projects and programs will be targeted to the designated low/moderate income CDBG Benefit Service Areas described above. CDBG Benefit Service Areas are defined as geographic locations within the City of Riverside boundaries where 51% or more of the households residing in those areas are low- to moderate-income. Based on the ACS Census, 33% of the census blocks in the City of Riverside qualify as CDBG Benefit Service Areas.

The plan for the geographic distribution of resources and projects identified as serving an area benefit is based in part on the geographic distribution of low- and moderate-income households throughout the City. Exhibit C identifies the percentage of low- and moderate-income households throughout the City that reside within each City Council Ward. City Council members utilize this information as a guide for determining the annual distribution of funding for projects.

The majority of 2021-2022 funding will be allocated to projects which serve low-moderate income clientele throughout the City. The largest exceptions to this are the Ward 3 Street Improvement project and the Heritage House ADA Pathway projects. The City will generally allocate an ADA barrier removal and infrastructure projects in different Wards on a rotating basis each year.

The City's HOME Investment Partnerships Program Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program and ESG Rapid Re-Housing Programs have been expanded countywide to support the Riverside County Continuum of Care's and City's goal of ending homelessness.

Discussion

In order for an activity or project to be eligible for funding, it must qualify as meeting one of the three national objectives of the program:

1) Principally benefit (at least 51%) low and moderate-income persons;

2) Aid in the prevention of slums or blight; or

3) Meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

Priorities that guide the allocation of CPD funds are derived from the following goals:

- *To provide decent housing:*
- *To provide a suitable living environment; and*
- *To expand economic opportunities*

In addition to national objectives and performance measurements, the City must weigh and balance the input from different groups and assign funding priorities that best bridge the gaps in the City's service delivery system. The City received input through outreach efforts helping to prioritize funding for community facilities, community services, homeless facilities and services, economic development, and public improvements. In summary, projects are reviewed, and

funding allocations are made based upon the above criteria, including the projects ability to reach and serve the areas and persons with the greatest need.

The City's approved Housing First Strategy (found at www.riversideca.gov/h1plan) allocates the production of over 400 permanent supportive housing units over the City's seven political Wards to ensure that there is no overconcentration of housing in any one area. Further, the City scores all prospective projects higher that exist in a "service rich" environment as defined by the State's 9% Tax Credit Allocation Program.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	16
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	16

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	6
The Production of New Units	10
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	16

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Lower-income households continue to pay a higher percentage of their income for housing, compared to other income groups, particularly in a housing market were market production runs behind need and affordable production is scarce in relation to an expanding pool of eligible clients. According to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition in 2020, the minimum wage in California of $13/hour; for employers with less than 25 employees and $14/hour for employers with 25 or more supports an affordable rent of $676/month in Riverside, but the fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit in the City is over $1,289/month. Based on cost burdened household data from Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) and coupled with National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) projections, there is a great need to expand affordable rental housing stock for low-income households, as well as special needs households including the homeless, elderly, large families, HIV/AIDS and their families. In conjunction with the City's

Housing First Plan, the City is now targeting unit production that benefits residents earning 50% of Riverside AMI and below, in an effort to target very low-income persons and families.

In order to help provide decent and affordable housing, improve the social and economic status for extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income households, and to prevent homelessness in the City of Riverside, the following priorities have been established:

1. Expand the affordable rental housing stock for low-income and special needs households.

Based on cost burdened household data from Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) and coupled with National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) projections, there is a great need to expand affordable rental housing stock for low-income households, as well as special needs households including the homeless, elderly, large families, HIV/AIDS and their families.

In conjunction with the City's Housing First Plan, the City is now targeting unit production that benefits residents earning 60% of Riverside AMI and below, in an effort to target very low-income persons and families.

2. Provide homeownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers and for the low- and moderate-income community.

Homeownership may provide many social and financial benefits to families, children, and communities. There is considerable evidence that homeownership experiences result in greater social stability, education completion, civic participation, and improved quality of life.

3. Improve the conditions of substandard housing and substandard existing owner-occupied housing for the low-income community.

As the City's housing inventory ages, maintenance and repairs become more critical. If homes fall into disrepair, residents may be subject to unsafe and unhealthful living conditions. A decrease in the supply of housing is possible unless new units are constructed at a rate that exceeds the rate of deterioration of existing units. Maintaining older homes and ensuring that durable construction materials are used for new housing is important in maintaining the supply of housing.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The City of Riverside does not own or manage any public housing.

The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside administers and manages several programs to address the housing needs of residents throughout the County. The annual estimated operating budget of $101 million is allocated to fund Housing Authority projects and programs.

The Public Housing Program, now Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, provides decent, safe, and sanitary housing to low and moderate-income families, seniors, and persons with disabilities. These multi-family developments were constructed or purchased with funding provided by HUD. The property units are operated and maintained by the Housing Authority with funding subsidies from HUD. On October 1, 2016, the HACR's 469 units of public housing was converted to Project Based Vouchers via HUD's Rental Assistance Demonstration Program. The Section 8 (Voucher) program assists lower-income households with rental assistance to provide an opportunity to live in affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Housing Authority operates on the premise that affordable housing is not the end goal for a family but a steppingstone to reach full sufficiency in market rate housing. The ultimate goal is for the agency's families to successfully graduate to homeownership. To actively engage residents in this goal the agency has taken the following actions:

1. Regular engagement of residents via onsite managers and through specialized self-sufficiency coordinators funded through HUD's Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program and Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

2. Providing outreach and information to all residents on community homeownership initiatives and credit counseling agencies.

3. Working collaboratively with our local Habitat for Humanity to provide public housing residents with targeted homeownership opportunities.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside has been rated as a HUD High Performer for the past 17 years for the Section 8 (Voucher) Program, and until October 1, 2016, either a HUD High Performer or a Standard Performer for the Public Housing Program.

Discussion

The City and County of Riverside are forming partnerships to share resources where possible and to further leverage funds and increase the supply of affordable housing opportunities through Section 8 Project Based Vouchers and No Place Like Home.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)-HAFSA

Introduction

The City (the City), as with other jurisdictions across the country that receive federal funds for homeless assistance, is required to conduct a Point-In-Time Count (PIT) of homeless persons each year. The 2020 PIT count was conducted on January 29, 2020; the results of this count have been published. The PIT Count for the City of Riverside is 587 which is a 34% increase from the previous year and represents 27% of the County's homeless population.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) charges communities that receive funds under the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Program of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH) with specific responsibilities. The Riverside County Housing, Homeless Prevention and Workforce Development is the leading agency for the Riverside County CoC. In January 2020, the County Continuum of Care (CoC) received notification from HUD of its 2019 Continuum of Care Program award in the amount of $9,872,672.00. The award provides funding to twenty (20) projects including: Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and a CoC Planning grant.

The Riverside County CoC Governance Board continues to meet to identify gaps in homeless services, establish funding priorities, and to pursue an overall systematic approach to address homelessness. These are public meetings in which the community of providers and stakeholders are welcome to attend and provide comment. The City's Housing Authority Manager is a member of the CoC and is the Coordinated Entry Systems Committee chair. Through regular attendance and participation in the Riverside County CoC meetings, the City consults with the Riverside County CoC to develop cooperative plans and strategies to leverage resources to provide emergency shelter and rapid re-housing services, and is informed of changes in local goals, objectives and performance measures.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Riverside Homeless Outreach team will engage approximately 250 homeless individuals to assess their needs and connect them to shelter and then housing and supportive services. The Tenant Based-Rental Assistance and Rapid Re-Housing Programs will provide rental assistance and security deposits. The Riverside County CoC has established a coordinated assessment tool which prioritizes housing for those who are considered the most vulnerable such as veterans and the chronically homeless. The CoC implements a targeted street-to-home outreach program/campaign that covers 100% of its area and takes a housing first approach for chronically homeless households and others with a disabling condition. Non-disabled persons are referred to emergency shelter and are linked to a housing intervention as quickly as possible. The CoC has a

coordinated entry system (CES) to ensure appropriate intervention through program admissions that will be marketed to community groups and outreach providers who coordinate outreach efforts with staff trained to guide households through the process regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, etc. The CES helps people move through the system faster, reduce new entries into homelessness, and improving data collection and quality and providing accurate information on what kind of assistance is needed.

The CoC has two outreach teams that cover most county areas. The City of Riverside Street Outreach program conducts daily mobile outreach and provides client services focused on the chronically homeless populations living on the streets to connect them with supportive services and achieve housing stability. The Riverside University Health Systems – Behavioral Health has a Veterans Street Outreach team that perform initial field assessments, in depth assessments, referrals to all contacts, linkage to various community organizations, assistance with entitlement questions and problems, linkage to mental health providers for assessment and services if appropriate, and emergency shelter by partnering with community agencies as well as facilitating referrals and other linkages to services. The City of Riverside has recognized the need to strengthen our partnership with the Riverside Unified Health Systems – Behavioral Health. As a result, the Community Outreach Team was formed, which consists of a City of Riverside Police Officer and a Behavioral Health Clinician to assist with offering mental health services to the homeless population. The Community Outreach Team patrols the City of Riverside on a daily basis to engage homeless mentally ill individuals and respond to community concerns. They will work directly with CoC PSH providers to connect chronically homeless individuals and families to permanent supportive housing through CES.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

To date, there are 178 emergency shelter beds in the City of Riverside. Shelter beds are used as bridge housing for RRH and SHP programs. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) is used to cover the costs of housing while providing case management and support services; providing a period of stability to enable homeless people to transition successfully to and maintain permanent housing within 24 months of program entry.

During the reporting period, the City anticipates assisting 50 homeless individuals with transitioning from a shelter or bride housing to permanent housing utilizing state and federal resources. To achieve its goal of ending homelessness, the CoC encourages communities to transform transitional housing programs to permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The CoC has taken the following steps to reduce length of time homeless (LOTH):

1. Adopted and implemented a CoC wide Housing First approach; and

2. Adopted and implemented a CoC wide Rapid Re-housing approach. CoC has recently increased the number of public/private partners to help implement these approaches.

The CoC has also:

1. Begun revising intake processes to ensure homeless households are given the appropriate intervention at the time they are admitted to the program to help reduce their stay;

2. Adjusted case management procedures in order to train CoC and ESG case managers to move away from a housing-ready approach to an evidence-based home-based case management approach;

3. Improved data collection through HMIS by training participants to enter related data correctly and timely; and

4. Generated monthly reports for outcome measurement.

The CoC will target non-HUD funded projects to reduce their LOTH such as those who receive Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP), CDBG, and HOME funding.

The City has seventeen (17) supportive housing units, of which eight (8) units are reserved for chronically homelessness and nine (9) units for disabled homeless individuals. In relation to these units, the City has one full-time case manager who provides supportive services, addresses barriers to clients sustaining their housing and helps them achieve self-sufficiency.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The County of Riverside CoC Discharge Policy is mandated by the state and followed by the CoC. The CoC is in the process of reconvening the Discharge Planning Committee to update the CoC Discharge Policy. The Discharge Planning Committee is responsible for implementing policies and protocols as well as coordinating with various organizations to ensure that persons being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care are not discharged immediately into homelessness. The goals are to identify discharge needs including housing and supportive services and links the individual with community resources that will include mental health services, substance abuse support, and housing. Representing health care, the Discharge Planning Committee facilitates communication regarding the discharge planning needs of homeless persons from acute care hospitals. Representing mental health, the County of Riverside's Riverside University Health Systems -Behavioral Health collaborates with the Department of

Public Social Services and the CoC in the coordination and implementation of discharge planning for homeless individuals disabled by a serious mental health and/or substance abuse disorder(s). Foster Care and Extended Foster Care programs help transition dependent youth who are emancipating from foster care to independent living. Representing Corrections - The Department of Public Social Services and the Riverside Sheriff's and Probation Departments support the Continuum of Care's mission of working towards reintegrating persons leaving correctional facilities to community-based living and self-sufficiency.

Individuals discharged from the hospital and those discharged from correctional facilities are connected to the emergency shelter to assist with shelter, health care, housing, employment and educational needs.

Discussion

In addition to the strategies described above, the City is carrying out the following activities to help the City move towards its goal of ending homelessness.

• Finalize the creation of 28 bridge housing units for homeless individuals experiencing homelessness, 23 bridge housing units for homeless individuals, and 50 recuperative care beds.

• Working with government, nonprofit, and business partners to allocate additional resources for efforts to end and prevent homelessness.

• Working with the County of Riverside to allocate Section 8 project-based tenant-based vouchers and NO Place Like Home towards the development of permanent supportive housing units

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (l)(3)

One-year goals for the number of households to be provided housing with HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	152
Tenant-based rental assistance	158
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	29
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	27
Total	**366**

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

There are several barriers to affordable housing that are continuing to contribute towards the shortage of affordable housing. In the private sector, the demand for affordable housing is larger than the supply, and as per basic economic principles, this is driving housing prices up. There are many more jobs being added to the area than there are housing units being added, further increasing the imbalance between supply and demand.

Funding that had previously been offered through state-funded redevelopment agencies is no longer available since those agencies have been dissolved. All of these factors are the reasons why there is a lack of funding for affordable housing in the City.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Discussion:

According to the Southern California Association of Governments, the City had an unaccommodated affordable housing need of 7,897 lower income units for the 2015-2023 planning period. However, the State is recalculating affordable housing distributions, which could place a unit production burden of an additional 18,000 units on the City (over 24,000 unmet total units). Based on the current housing need (and the provisions of State law AB 1233), the City has identified sites that are appropriately zoned, or will be appropriately zoned to accommodate potential affordable housing projects. These 58 sites, comprised of over 250 parcels, have the potential to accommodate over 10,000 units of new housing development; both accommodating new affordable housing development, and new housing generally to alleviate a cost burdened local housing market.

To accommodate the remaining unmet affordable housing need, the City rezoned over 191 acres to allow for residential development at a minimum density of 25 dwelling units per acre. Sites

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must be large enough to accommodate at least 16 units per site. State law requires that at least half of the remaining lower income units be accommodated on sites exclusively for residential uses. Of the 191 acres, a minimum of 95.5 acres will zoned for residential-only. The City also greatly expanded zoning rights to make Housing First housing a "by right" activity in all commercial and residential zones. The City also changed the process to make affordable housing development on church sites easier to accomplish through administrative approvals. Also, the City has taken an active approach to implement a series of new State laws that make development easier around public transit, and that impose less stringent standards (e.g., parking) for new affordable housing units.

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AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City will use CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG to meet the needs of the community over the 2021-2022 Plan year. Please refer to the Project Summary in AP-38.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Riverside will determine where underserved populations are located through an update to the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Special attention was given during this planning period to work in rehousing formally homeless by adopting a Permanent Supportive Housing strategy that adopts national best practices in addressing and rehousing formally homeless individuals.

To reduce the number of obstacles keeping the City of Riverside from meeting the needs of the underserved populations in the community and help improve service delivery, Riverside's Housing Authority & Office of Homeless Solutions will assist with facilitating more city-wide collaborations in coordinating the work of social service organizations with a specific goal to address homelessness both in offering nightly assistance, wrap-around services, and a path to permanent affordable housing.

Please also refer to the Project Summary in AP-38 for public services to be funded over the plan year.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Riverside will continue to invest federal and State funds into affordable housing projects that provide rental for low-income households but is continuing a focus in the provision of permanent supportive housing units through the City's approved Housing First Plan. The City of Riverside will also continue to seek collaborative partnerships with developers, nonprofit, and private institutions to construct new opportunities for affordable housing, develop the City of Riverside Housing Authority's properties, and acquire vacant properties to make available as affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will help reduce lead-based paint hazards through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program that provides grants and loans to low income homeowners to assist with home repairs.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

To the extent possible, the City plans to reduce the number of households with incomes below the Federal poverty level (extremely low-income households earning less than thirty percent (30%) of the AMI) through a combination of direct assistance and indirect benefit from neighborhood improvement activities.

The City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan will focus primarily on supporting programs that raise household incomes and stabilize housing situations by supporting anti-poverty activities through the following: 1) Encourage economic development in low- and moderate-income areas; 2) Provide comprehensive homeless prevention housing programs from overnight shelters, to bridge housing, and paths to permanent housing through TBRA; and 3) Follow nationally recognized Housing First best practices in reducing instances of homelessness in Riverside.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Riverside partners with the business community, other government agencies such as the County of Riverside, the Riverside County Housing Authority, non-profit organizations that provide housing assistance and public services, faith-based organizations, the Continuum of Care, and collaborates interdepartmentally to carry out goals and strategies of the Consolidated Plan. When possible, the City's Housing Authority writes down the land value of properties it owns for the purpose of providing affordable housing units.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

The City will continue to strive to increase affordable housing collaborative efforts with public and private sector entities, numerous advisory agencies, lending institutions, as well as other service providers including the County Housing Authority, Department of Public Social Services, and County Department of Behavioral Health. Efforts to increase the participation of the CDBG, HOME, Low-income Housing Tax Credit, Federal, State and other local housing program sources will be directed at: 1) strengthening the housing service delivery system by working more closely with County housing agencies and by collaborating with non-profit organizations; 2) increasing the involvement of the Continuum of Care for Riverside County, and 3) working more closely with new developers and permanent supportive service providers.

Discussion:

See discussion above.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	79.05%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

   Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation (SERAF) Funds: The Housing Authority will

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be committing approximately $2 million of the SERAF (former Redevelopment Housing Funds) over the next year towards the development of affordable housing rental. Any properties assisted will have 55-year affordability covenants on multifamily properties.

To further the development of affordable housing, the City will:
• Pursue private funding and grants
• Pursue Senate Bill 2: Building Jobs and Homes Act funding for affordable housing
• Pursue No Place Like Home state funding that has been established for the development of affordable housing for individuals and families experiencing mental illnesses

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

   See resale or recapture of HOME funds at the end of this section.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

   The City will use the recapture provisions to enforce the period of affordability for homebuyers. All written agreements with the homebuyers will outline the period of affordability, principal residence requirement, and the resale or recapture provision that will be used to ensure the period of affordability. The City will secure all the HOME investments for homebuyer and rental activities with proper security instruments, such as promissory notes, deeds of trust, and declarations of restrictive covenants, placed upon the property to ensure the period of affordability. Upon the satisfaction of the period of affordability by the homebuyer, the homebuyer shall be entitled to all “net proceeds” for the sale of the property and/or will no longer be obligated to use the property as their principal residence. The City’s Resale-Recapture Policy is attached as Appendix 6 for review.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

   The City of Riverside does not intend to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

   See attachment X

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

   The CoC is responsible for establishing and operating a centralized or coordinated assessment system, a statutory requirement that provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families and effectively matches each with the most appropriate resources available to address that individual or family's particular needs.

   The County of Riverside CoC has established chronically homeless persons as the highest need priority. The CoC implements a targeted street-to-home outreach program/campaign that covers 100% of its area and takes a housing first approach for chronically homeless households and others with a disabling condition. Non-disabled persons are referred to emergency shelter or rapid re-housing programs and housed as quickly as possible. The CoC is in the process of implementing a coordinated assessment system in HMIS to ensure appropriate intervention through program admissions that will be marketed to community groups and outreach providers who coordinate outreach efforts with staff trained to guide households through the process regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, etc. The CES policies and procedures were adopted by the CoC in January 2018.

   ESG and CoC sub-recipients input client data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is a mandatory comprehensive and standardized assessment tool used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. The recipient must ensure that data on all persons served and all activities assisted under ESG are entered into the community wide HMIS in the area in which those persons and activities are located. Victim service providers cannot participate, and Legal Services Organizations may choose to not participate, in HMIS; however, they must instead report using a comparable database that produces unduplicated, aggregate reports.

   As required, the City being an ESG recipient continues to coordinate and collaborate with the CoC and other key stakeholders in order to foster a comprehensive, community-wide planning process that ensures a seamless coordination of services and funding streams.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

   The City solicits proposals for annual ESG allocations. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

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is released to invite qualified non-profits, community groups, faith-based organizations, and governmental entities to apply. Pursuant to the City's application review process, an application is reviewed and evaluated for completeness, eligibility, and the project's ability to reach and serve the areas and persons with the greatest need.

Recommendations for eligible projects are based upon the resources, capacity, knowledge, and experience of applicants to effectively implement and administer the ESG-funded program. Per HUD requirements, the City must consult with the CoC to provide recommendations of the funding allocation, trends, and needs of the community in order to work in collaboration with the efforts of CoC of eliminating and preventing homelessness.

ESG funds are awarded through a competitive process following federal guidelines. Funding is allocated as part of the Annual Year Action Plan approval process which includes a public hearing before the Riverside City Council. Further, funding approval is made by the City Council and allocated based on funding availability, number of clients proposed to serve, area need, recommendations of CoC, and public comments.

The City enters into one-year agreements with each sub-recipient of ESG funding, these agreements define:

- Key program components or activities (including benchmarks for success);
- The level of ESG funding;
- The anticipated source and amount of matching funds (24CFR 576.201) contributed by the agency/organization; and
- Documentation or reporting requirements. Receipt of Agreement and Terms
- Match Requirements and source of match

ESG allocations are available to private nonprofit organizations and will continue to be allocated based on the guidelines as provided in the outline process above.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

   The homeless participation requirement is met. Sub-recipients include in their policy to extend invitation to previous homeless clients their opportunity to participate on the Board, provide feedback, and participate in survey's regarding services and policies of their facility. Sub-recipients consult with homeless or formerly homeless persons in the considering and making of policies and decisions regarding any ESG-funded facilities, services, or other assistance. An exit interview and survey are offered to exiting clients and a suggestion box and or open-door policy to address any issues related to the operation of the facility and

services to clients is available. It is the intent of the City in collaborating with the Continuum of Care and ESG sub-recipients to ensure that the perspective of homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families are incorporated into the City's ESG program and the Consolidated Plan.

The City will continue development of a comprehensive Homeless Participation Plan; at a minimum, the plan will:

- Encourage all ESG non-profit sub-recipients to include a homeless or formerly homeless person on their board of directors and/or a policy making committees.

- Assign a higher rating/ranking score to ESG applicants that demonstrate homeless participation.

- Require all ESG sub-recipients to provide an EDA-approved exit survey to all persons that have exited from an ESG-funded shelter or participated in an ESG-funded program. The survey will request input or seek the opinion of the participants on a variety of topics or issues including at a minimum:

  1. the quality of effectiveness of the shelter or services provided;
  2. the unmet needs of homeless persons in the City of Riverside;
  3. how can services be improved or expanded;
  4. what are the gaps in shelter or homeless services;
  5. the location and hours of shelters or services; and
  6. access to shelters, health care, food and clothing, legal services, etc.

The City will conduct onsite interviews with homeless individuals or groups at ESG-funded shelters throughout the program year to gather information from, and encourage the participation of, homeless persons to assist the City in the making of ESG policies.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

ESG performance standards are followed per 24 CFR Part 576, including, measures to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and measures to assess how well the program serves the targeted population. Sub-recipients receiving funding from the County are evaluated based on written standards and guidelines. This includes reductions in the number of homeless persons living on the streets and in shelters, the number of persons who do not re-enter the shelter or supportive housing system within one year, and the number of persons exiting with permanent housing.

Performance standards for evaluating ESG activities were developed in consultation with the Continuum of Care lead agency, City of Riverside ESG recipient, providers, and other

organizations and stakeholders. As part of tracking, evaluating, and reporting ESG Program services, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) are used to collect Data Standards including three key indicators: (1) exits to permanent housing; (2) length of stay in emergency shelter and/or transitional housing; and (3) returns to homelessness from permanent housing. The CoC lead agency, responsible for HMIS, extracts ESG sub-recipient data from HMIS for review by the CoC HMIS Administrator Council to evaluate subrecipients for accuracy and performance based on services provided to their clients. In addition, the below guidelines have been set as part of the performance standards for evaluating ESG:

Performance of ESG recipients include:

a. Ensure that ESG funds are used effectively to assist homeless individuals and families and that the basic ESG program goals are met;

b. Ensure compliance with ESG regulations and program requirements in the usage of funds and in carrying out program activities; and

c. Enhance and develop the management capacity of grantees or recipients.

Performance Measures for Homelessness Prevention

a. A reduction in the number of homeless individuals and families seeking emergency shelter services.

b. Expected Outcome: At least 35% of participants assisted will remain in permanent housing six (6) months after the last assistance provided under ESG.

Performance Measures for Homeless Rapid Re-Housing

a. A reduction in the reoccurrence of homelessness for individuals and families who exit the shelter system.

b. Expected Outcome: At least 35% of participants assisted will remain in permanent housing six (6) months after the last assistance provided under ESG.