

Annual Action Plan PY 2023-2024



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2023-2024 ACTION PLAN

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs

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VERSION HISTORY

No.	Summary of Changes			
1	Published Draft for Public Comment:	4/4/23	Sent to HUD for Approval:	TBD
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	Original 2023-2024 Action Plan.			

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

Introduction

The City of Corona has prepared the 2023-2024 Action Plan as required to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This is the fourth Annual Action Plan during the current five-year Consolidated Plan period of 2020-2024. The Consolidated Plan established four core strategies designed to address homelessness and housing insecurity, provide services to those who need it most, and invest in essential community facilities and infrastructure. Use of CDBG and HOME resources to address these core strategies aligns with HUD's national strategy to provide decent housing opportunities, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities—particularly for low- and moderate-income people.

The Consolidated Plan strategies were based on a needs assessment and market analysis of the levels of need in the community and the market in which grant-funded programs will be implemented. The Needs Assessment incorporated the most recent available national datasets provided by HUD from the 2011-2015 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates and the 2011-2015 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, in addition to local data. The Strategic Plan within the Consolidated Plan outlined the areas and population segments with the greatest level of need for a particular program or activity and intends to invest grant resources in high leverage opportunities where data suggests that the City will be able to maximize the impact of every dollar.

The Strategic Plan identified the City's priority needs, including the rationale for establishing allocation priorities and specific measurable goals consistent with the core four strategies to address homelessness and housing insecurity, provide services to those who need it most, and invest in essential community facilities and infrastructure.

Investment of CDBG and HOME funds in specific activities included within the 2023-2024 Action Plan is guided by the strategies and the specific measurable goals established within the Strategic Plan section of the Consolidated Plan. Each year, the City Council determines the activities to receive CDBG and HOME funding based on city needs in the context of the adopted Consolidated Plan strategy.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 created the CDBG Program. The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic

opportunities, principally for persons of low- and moderate-income. The CDBG regulations require that each activity meet one of the following national objectives:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; or
- Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency.

Each year, the City certifies with the submission of its Annual Action Plan that it has given maximum feasible priority to activities, which meet the first and second objectives above. Additionally, the City certifies that no less than 70 percent of the CDBG funds received, over a three-year certification period, will benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program

The Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act created the HOME program to give states and local governments a flexible funding source to use – often in partnership with local nonprofit groups – to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people. HOME is a federal block grant to local governments with the sole purpose of creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income households.

Anticipated Funding Allocations from HUD

On February 27, 2023, HUD announced the final grant allocations of CDBG and HOME funds the City will receive for the 2023-2024 Program Year. Therefore, to facilitate the citizen participation process, ensure timely adoption and submission of the Action Plan, and preserve the ability of the City of Corona to start its 2023-2024 Program Year on July 1, 2023, the project and activity funding levels reflected in this Action Plan are based on the 2023-2024 HUD grants allocation levels outlined for City of Corona as \$1,181,327 for CDBG Funds and \$526,976 for HOME funds. Coupled with any unallocated prior year funds, this action plan allocates \$1,762,219.

Funding Adjustment to Projects/Activities Should HUD Modify Allocation

The City Council may proportionately increase or decrease the project and activity funding budgets to conform with the final allocation amounts, prior year CDBG and HOME resources, and all statutory caps including those for administration and public services, shall be observed. The final Action Plan containing the final funding allocations to projects and activities will be posted at www.CoronaCA.gov/cdbg

2023-2024 Resources

For the 2023-2024 program year, the City received \$1,181,327 of CDBG funds and \$526,976 of HOME funds from HUD. The City will also allocate \$53,916 of unexpended prior year CDBG funds. The total CDBG budget allocated to the activities shown below is \$1,235,243 and the total HOME budget allocated to the activities shown below is \$526,976.

2023-2024 CDBG Activities

ABC Hopes, Inc.: (dis)ABILITIES Fitness + Life Skill Support	\$28,839
Big Brothers Big Sisters: Bigs with Badges Mentoring Program	\$28,839
Fair Housing Council of Riverside County: Fair Housing	\$33,000
Starting Over, Inc.: Path to SEED	\$28,839
Peppermint Ridge: Nursing Services	\$28,839
Voices for Children: Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program	\$28,839
City of Corona: Code Enforcement	\$100,000
City of Corona: Community Facilities and Infrastructure	\$721,783
 CDBG Program Planning and Administration	 \$236,265
Total	\$1,235,243

2023-2024 HOME Activities

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$395,233
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$79,046
HOME Program Planning and Administration	\$52,697
Total	\$526,976

Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The priority needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan needs assessment were identified based on analysis of information including the results of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan survey and housing and community development data elements required by HUD in the online Consolidated Plan system (the eCon Planning Suite) from the ACS and CHAS. Additional sources of information used to identify needs and establish priorities were obtained through consultation with local nonprofit agencies involved in the development of affordable housing and the delivery of public services to low- and moderate-income residents and persons with special needs throughout the community.

In consideration of community input and available data, the six priority needs listed below were established as part of this Plan:

- Prevent and eliminate homelessness
- Increase the supply of affordable housing
- Preserve the supply of affordable housing
- Ensure equal access to housing opportunities
- Provide public services for low-income residents and residents with special needs
- Improve community facilities and infrastructure

Consistent with HUD's national goals for the CDBG and HOME programs to provide decent housing opportunities, maintain a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents, the priority needs listed above will be addressed over the next five years through the implementation of CDBG and HOME funded activities aligned with the Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan goals shown in Table 1.

Table 1 - Strategic Plan Summary

Strategic Plan Goal		Category	Need(s) Addressed	Five-Year Outcome Indicator
1.	Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	Prevent and eliminate homelessness Increase the supply of affordable housing Preserve the supply of affordable housing	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: 60 Households Assisted Rental Housing Constructed: 60 Housing Units Rental Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Housing Units Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 30 Housing Units Housing Code Enforcement: 375 Housing Unit Cases Resolved
2.	Public Services	Non-Housing Community Development	Prevent and eliminate homelessness Ensure equal access to housing opportunities Provide public services for low-income residents and residents with special needs	5,355 People
3.	Community Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	Prevent and eliminate homelessness Improve community facilities and infrastructure	159,595 People
4.	Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	Improve community facilities and infrastructure	159,595 People
5.	Planning and Administration	Community Development	All	N/A

Evaluation of past performance

The prior investment of HUD resources during the previous Consolidated Plan period from 2015-2019 resulted in measurable accomplishments that contributed to positive outcomes for Corona residents. Together with other federal, state, and local investments, HUD resources allowed the City and its partners to:

- Construct new affordable rental housing units
- Rehabilitate and preserve ownership housing units
- Provide fair housing and landlord-tenant mediation services
- Provide public services to low- and moderate-income residents
- Provide public services to residents with special needs
- Provide housing code enforcement services to ensure housing quality and safety
- Provide graffiti removal throughout low- and moderate-income neighborhoods
- Assist microenterprise business owners with business plans and technical support
- Improve sidewalks and other neighborhood infrastructure to create a more suitable living environment

Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR Part 91 provide the citizen participation and consultation requirements for the development of the Consolidated Plan. Chief among those requirements is the need to consult with the Continuum of Care (CoC) to address homelessness, Public Housing Authorities (PHA), business leaders, civic leaders and public or private agencies that address housing, health, social service, victim services, employment, or education needs of low-income individuals and families, homeless individuals and families, youth and/or other persons with special needs. Information supplied by these community stakeholders, together with the data supplied by HUD resulted in a well-informed planning document that reflects the housing, community and economic development needs and priorities for the City of Corona.

The City revised its Citizen Participation Plan in October 2019 to reflect current HUD regulations and to add provisions for alternative citizen participation processes in the event of federally declared disasters or in situations where HUD provides supplemental appropriations. Generally, those changes involve situations where there are urgent community needs and result in a more streamlined public review and comment period.

In the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City of Corona solicited feedback from residents through an online Consolidated Plan survey, two community meetings, and a public meeting at a City Council Study Session where residents, stakeholders,

and City Council members received a presentation of the findings of the citizen participation process and data gathering efforts.

The City consulted with numerous stakeholders in the private, nonprofit, and public sectors to gather data and information necessary to make informed choices about high priority needs and Consolidated Plan goals. Extensive efforts were made to encourage participation by low- and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in blighted areas and in areas where HUD funds are proposed to be used, and by residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. The City also made efforts to encourage the participation of minorities and non-English speaking persons in accordance with its Limited English Proficiency Plan, as well as persons with disabilities. The consultation process included representatives of the CoC, PHA, and other specified groups who completed surveys, provided local data, and assisted the City to ensure practical coordination of strategies to maximize impact and to avoid duplication of effort.

Specifically for the 2023-2024 Action Plan, the City's Notice of Funding Availability Process conducted as part of the first year Action Plan secured public service providers for the balance of the Consolidated Plan period to address the Public Services strategy of the Consolidated Plan. Additionally, the City made the draft Action Plan available for public review for a period of 30 days and conducted a public hearing before the City Council on May 3, 2023, to receive public comments. Written comments were also accepted during the public review and comment period that ran from April 4, 2023, to May 3, 2023.

Summary of public comments

Refer to Appendix A for a summary of public comments received during the citizen participation process for the Action Plan.

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

All comments and views received by the City in the development of the Action Plan were accepted and considered in the identification and selection of activities to address Consolidated Plan goals.

Summary

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan identified four core strategies to address homelessness and housing insecurity, provide services to those who need it most, and invest in essential public facilities and infrastructure. The 2023-2024 Action Plan is the fourth of five Action Plans to address these strategies through the investment of CDBG and HOME funds.

Affordable Housing: Evaluation of data and input from the community participation process made it clear that affordable housing and, by extension, addressing homelessness, is the highest priority of the Consolidated Plan. Under the affordable housing strategy, the City and its partners can rapidly house homeless individuals and families ready to become housed or prevent individuals and families who are currently housed but severely cost burdened from becoming homeless by implementing a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program. The City and its partners are able to address housing affordability through the acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction of rental housing units for extremely-low income individuals and families at-risk of homelessness, including the development of permanent supportive housing opportunities that include wrap-around services to help individuals with a history of chronic homelessness to remain stably housed. The Consolidated Plan identifies ways to improve housing quality for renters and owners by implementing the Code Enforcement program and preserving housing that is already affordable to its occupants by implementing the Residential Rehabilitation Program.

Public Services: Under the category of public services, the City will continue to affirmatively further fair housing choice and is implementing a new four-year CDBG Public Service Grants Notice of Funding Availability focused on the housing and public service goals of the Consolidated Plan for program years 2021-2024, which include areas rated as high priorities according to surveys, community meetings, and consultation with stakeholders and experts such as youth and senior services, transportation, substance abuse services, employment training, child care, health and community services, services for domestic violence victims, services for homeless persons including emergency shelter operations, and services for persons with special needs including persons with disabilities, domestic violence, reentry, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS.

Community Facilities: In response to input from residents and stakeholders alike, the City may invest in community facilities to ensure that the City can proactively address street homelessness as it occurs. Investing in an emergency shelter facility is one way to begin addressing this issue by providing a venue to assess and assist literally homeless individuals and families. Residents and stakeholders also voiced

strong support during the community participation process for initiatives aimed at revitalizing existing community facilities and exploring options for new community facilities.

Infrastructure: Residents and stakeholders alike indicated a need for investment in improved infrastructure in the City's oldest neighborhoods. Infrastructure includes alleyways, streets, sidewalks, and accessibility improvements, but infrastructure also includes public improvements in support of affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization.

CDBG and HOME funds alone are not sufficient to fully address each of these strategies. However, strategic deployment of these grant funds to leverage other funding sources can create a multiplier-effect. Additionally, partnering with local nonprofits, developers, and other public agencies to leverage their capacity and funding is another way to maximize the impact of CDBG and HOME investments to benefit Corona residents and make a difference.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

The following entities are responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Table 2 – Responsible Agencies

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	City of Corona	Community Services Department, Community Assistance Division
HOME Administrator	City of Corona	Community Services Department, Community Assistance Division

Narrative

The 2023-2024 Action Plan was prepared by LDM Associates, Inc. under contract to the City of Corona Community Services Department. The Community Assistance Division of the Community Services Department is the lead agency responsible for the administration of the CDBG and HOME programs.

In the implementation of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and each of the five Annual Action Plans, the Community Services Department shall be responsible for all grants planning, management, and monitoring duties necessary to comply with HUD regulations and City policy.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

Introduction

The City of Corona consulted with representatives from multiple agencies, groups, and organizations involved in the development of affordable housing, addressing homelessness, and the provision of services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and homeless persons. To facilitate this consultation, the City solicited feedback through the following methods:

- Surveys of residents (web-based and paper-surveys)
- Individual stakeholder consultations
- Community meetings
- Public hearings
- Receipt of written comments

To gather the greatest breadth and depth of information, the City consulted with a wide variety of agencies, groups and organizations concerning the housing, community, and economic development needs of the community. Each of the agencies, groups or organizations consulted is represented below. The input received from these consultation partners helped establish and inform the objectives and goals described in the Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan section.

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(I)).

The City recognizes the importance of careful coordination and alignment among service providers to maximize the effectiveness of programs serving Corona residents. As a result, during the development of its Consolidated Plan, the City consulted closely with organizations that provide housing and homelessness services and each of Corona's City departments to gather information and perspectives. Outreach efforts included surveys including specific questions associated with coordination, invitations to community meetings and follow-up in-person interviews where appropriate.

The City further recognizes the importance of continued coordination and alignment with these organizations and agencies. The City will strengthen relationships and alignment among these organizations in the implementation of CDBG and HOME funded activities and through technical assistance provided to subrecipients of CDBG and HOME funds.

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 City of Corona Homeless Solutions Manager is the Vice Chair of the Riverside County Continuum of Care. Accordingly, the City of Corona plays a key role in the development of policies and programs that address the needs of the homeless throughout the region. In addition, the City's Homeless Strategic Plan was developed in close collaboration with the Continuum of Care and multiple County Agencies that provide regional services and funding to prevent and end homelessness. Further, the City's Homeless Strategic Plan calls for the development of a local, comprehensive system of services.

The Plan also contains goals and implementing strategies that will result in the development of new services, emergency shelter, and permanent housing for the homeless. In addition, there are goals and strategies to connect to existing programs that serve the homeless. Through this two-pronged method, the City has developed a dynamic and responsive approach to address the needs of transitionally and chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth, persons who are at risk of homelessness, and other homeless sub-populations such as victims of domestic violence, persons with physical disabilities, persons living with mental illness and/or substance abuse and persons chronic health issues.

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

The City of Corona Homeless Solutions Manager is the Vice Chair of the Riverside County Continuum of Care. Accordingly, the City of Corona plays a key role in the development of funding policies, performance standards and processes to evaluate outcomes for ESG, CESH, HHAP, CoC, and other funds administered through the Riverside Continuum of Care. As part of this process, the City is also very involved developing policies and procedures that govern the administration of the regional HMIS and CES Systems.

To provide some background, at every Continuum of Care meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair work with County staff to ensure that there are committee reports from the HMIS Administrators Council, CES System Oversight Committee, Standards and Evaluation Committee, Planning Committee, Housing and Sustainability Committee, and the Youth Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee reports is to ensure that the Riverside Continuum of Care is a high performing, outcomes-oriented system of services. Continuum

of Care meetings also focus on the status of each funding source in terms of commitment and spending levels as well as achievement of outcomes and performance metrics. If there are challenges that require course correction, the Continuum of Care develops policy recommendations that are submitted to the CoC Board of Governance for approval.

Table 3 provides a listing of the entities consulted as part of this planning process.

Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 3 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	211 Community Connect
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Public Funded Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Avant-Garde Foster Family Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Foster Care Agency / Facility
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Building a Beloved Corona
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended Community Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	C&C Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Assisted Housing Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Housing Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey Conference Call This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Corona City Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leader
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Market Analysis Strategic Plan
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	CA Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Broadband Advocates
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis - Broadband
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	California State Senate (District Office 31)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	State Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

8	Agency/Group/Organization	California State University San Bernardino
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Public Funded Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	City Net
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Corona Community Development Dept.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Corona Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leader
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

12	Agency/Group/Organization	Corona Department of Water and Power
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Water District/Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Corona Life Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Corona Norco - YMCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Corona Norco Unified School District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

16	Agency/Group/Organization	Corona Norco- United Way
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis Anti-Poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Corona Regional Medical Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Corona Regional Medical Center Behavioral Health Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Mental Health Agency/Facility
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Council on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

20	Agency/Group/Organization	County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services - Administrative Department CPA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	County of Riverside Transportation and Land Management Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Public Land Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Council of Riverside
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Housing Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Housing Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

24	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Riverside County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Housing Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Inland Empire Women's Business Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	Inspire Life Skills Training
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Unaccompanied Youth
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis Anti-Poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
27	Agency/Group/Organization	Peppermint Ridge
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis - Special Needs Facilities and Services
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey In-Person Meeting This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

28	Agency/Group/Organization	Riv. County Emergency Management Dept.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Emergency Management Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis - Hazard Mitigation
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Riv. University Health System Public Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis - Special Needs Facilities and Services
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
30	Agency/Group/Organization	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Floodplain Management Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis - Hazard Mitigation
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Riverside County Board of Supervisors
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Local Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

32	Agency/Group/Organization	Riverside County Department of Public Social Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Southern California Council of Governments (SCAG)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	Spectrum
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Broadband ISP
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis - Broadband
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
35	Agency/Group/Organization	Starting Over
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

36	Agency/Group/Organization	Thomas Miller Mortuary
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leader
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
37	Agency/Group/Organization	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Federal Government
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Housing Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
38	Agency/Group/Organization	USDA Forest Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Public Land Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis - Hazard Mitigation
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
39	Agency/Group/Organization	Vets Connect Resource Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Homeless Veterans
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

40	Agency/Group/Organization	Women's Improvement Club
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.
41	Agency/Group/Organization	Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Needs Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Survey This consultation provided the stakeholder an opportunity to actively participate in the planning effort. The City requested input concerning the topics highlighted above from this stakeholder.

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

The City maintains a list of agencies, organizations and other stakeholders that have expressed an interest in City's CDBG and HOME programs and invited representatives from each entity to participate at multiple points in the planning process. All agencies were strongly encouraged to attend meetings and participate in surveys. Any agency or organization that was not consulted and would like to be included in the City's list of stakeholders, the agency or organization may contact the CDBG Consultant in the Community Services Department, Community Assistance Division at (951) 817-5715.

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

Table 4 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Consolidated Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services - Homeless Programs Unit	The Affordable Housing, Public Services, and Community Facilities goals of the Consolidated Plan is consistent with the County of Riverside plans to address homelessness.
City of Corona Housing Element	City of Corona Planning and Development Housing Services Department	The goals of the Consolidated Plan are consistent with the Housing Element with respect to affordable housing development, affordable housing preservation and furthering fair housing choice.

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

In the development of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City afforded the following other public entities with the opportunity to provide input on the Consolidated Plan and welcomes their input concerning the future implementation of projects to address the Consolidated Plan goals:

- City of Eastvale
- City of Norco
- City of Jurupa Valley
- City of Riverside
- Corona-Norco Unified School District
- County of Riverside Board of Supervisors
- Housing Authority of the County of Riverside
- State of California Department of Housing and Community Development
- State of California Employment Development Department
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- Riverside Transit Agency (RTA)
- Southern California Council of Governments (SCAG)
- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)

AP-12 Citizen Participation

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

The City established and followed a process for the development of the Consolidated Plan that encouraged broad participation from the community. The process began with a City Council Study Session on July 25, 2019, that provided City Council, residents, and stakeholders with an overview of the grant programs, the planning documents, and the planning process. At every step in the process, the effort was advised by residents, stakeholders, and the City Council Ad-Hoc Committee for the Consolidated Plan that was appointed on July 25, 2019.

The City revised its Citizen Participation Plan in October 2019 to reflect current HUD regulations and to add provisions for alternative citizen participation processes in the event of federally declared disasters or in situations where HUD provides supplemental appropriations. Generally, those changes involve situations where there are urgent community needs and result in a more streamlined public review and comment period.

The City of Corona conducted a Consolidated Plan survey to obtain input from community residents regarding affordable housing, community development, economic development, and other needs of City residents. The survey consisted of up to 25 questions that asked residents to rate the level of need in the City of Corona for additional or improved facilities, housing, infrastructure, or services, and asked residents to answer questions related to fair housing issues. The survey was published in English and in Spanish using Microsoft Forms and was also made available in paper format. Links to the surveys were publicized in the public notices and flyers for community participation, through email distribution, Facebook, Twitter and by local nonprofits and housing partners. The survey was also available in paper format at several public facilities and at the two community meetings. Paper surveys and flyers were also disseminated to affordable housing complexes and to nonprofit CDBG public service providers. The survey response period was open for 42 days from October 2, 2019, to November 12, 2019. During that time, the City received 382 responses, including 322 in English and 60 in Spanish. Approximately 190 surveys were completed online, and 192 surveys were completed on paper.

On October 17, 2019, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., the City hosted a community meeting at St. Edwards Catholic Church located at 417 W. Grand Boulevard to meet with residents and discuss the housing and community development needs in the community. In total, fifteen residents attended the meeting, including several residents with Limited English Proficiency. Bi-lingual/Bi-literate staff and consultants conducted the meeting in English and in Spanish, learning more about people's housing situations and how they perceive

neighborhood safety and neighborhood amenities. Residents shared ideas about the types of services and projects they were interested in seeing the City pursue using CDBG and HOME funds.

On October 23, 2019, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., the City hosted a community meeting at Corona City Hall in the multipurpose room to meet with residents and stakeholders to discuss the housing and community development needs in the community. In total, 14 people attended the meeting, including civic leaders and local nonprofit organizations who wanted to contribute their ideas to the new strategy for the next five years. Participants shared many ideas about how to effectively address poverty, housing insecurity, and neighborhood issues.

A public meeting/hearing was convened before the City Council in a study session on January 22, 2020, to provide a summary of the results of the citizen participation process to date and what staff and the Consolidated Plan Ad-Hoc Committee learned during the process. Staff provided a presentation of the findings to-date, and the City Council opened the meeting up for questions and comments from residents, stakeholders, and members of the City Council. Several residents and community leaders provided comments supportive of the new strategic direction and advocated for specific programs and approaches to address the needs of low- and moderate-income Corona residents during the term of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

A public hearing to receive comments on the draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and the draft Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice was held before the City Council on June 17, 2020.

At each step in the process, the City was careful to ensure that low- and moderate-income residents, members of minority groups, agencies involved in the provision of services to these populations, and others who are directly impacted by the programs and activities supported by the Consolidated Plan programs had the opportunity to be actively involved.

In the preparation of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City followed the process established for citizen participation set forth in the Citizen Participation Plan. To promote greater public accessibility to program documents, the Citizen Participation Plan, Consolidated Plan, Action Plans, CAPERs, and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice are posted on the City website at: www.coronaca.gov/cdbg.

For the 2023-2024 Action Plan, the City made the document available for public review from April 4, 2023, to May 3, 2023. Written comments were accepted from residents and stakeholders during the public review and comment period. On May 3, 2023, the City Council

conducted a public hearing to receive oral testimony from the public concerning the Action Plan before approving the Action Plan document and directing staff to submit the Action Plan to HUD.

Table 5 – Citizen Participation Outreach

	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response / attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	Notice of the public review and comment period for the draft 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan in the Sentinel Weekly News on March 31, 2023. The public notice invited interested residents to review the draft documents and to provide written comments to the City or to participate in the public hearing on May 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The public review and comment period was Tuesday, April 4, 2023, through May 3, 2023.	N/A	www.CoronaCA.gov/cdbg
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Public hearing for the draft 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan before the Corona City Council on May 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m..	Refer to Appendix A.	www.CoronaCA.gov/cdbg

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

Introduction

On February 27, 2023, HUD announced the final grant allocations of CDBG and HOME funds the City will receive for the 2023-2024 Program Year. Therefore, to facilitate the citizen participation process, ensure timely adoption and submission of the Action Plan, and preserve the ability of the City of Corona to start its 2023-2024 Program Year on July 1, 2023, the project and activity funding levels reflected in this Action Plan are based on the 2023-2024 HUD grants allocation levels outlined for City of Corona as \$1,181,327 for CDBG Funds and \$526,976 for HOME funds. Coupled with any unallocated prior year funds, this action plan allocates \$1,762,219

Funding Adjustment to Projects/Activities Should HUD Modify Allocation

The City may proportionately increase or decrease the project and activity funding budgets to conform with the final allocation amounts, prior year CDBG and HOME resources, and all statutory caps including those for administration and public services, shall be observed. The final Action Plan containing the final funding allocations to projects and activities will be posted at www.CoronaCA.gov/cdbg

Table 6 - Expected Resources

Program	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 4				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Consolidated Plan	Narrative Description
		Annual Allocation	Program Income	Prior Year Resources	Total		
CDBG	Housing Public Services Public Improvements Admin and Planning	\$1,181,327	\$0	\$53,916	\$1,235,243	\$1,170,757	Expected amounts are based on the current levels of funding
HOME	Multifamily rental new construction TBRA Homeowner rehab Rental rehab Acquisition	\$526,976	\$0	\$0	\$526,976	\$543,920	Expected amounts are based on the current levels of funding

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

Depending on the financing structure of a given activity, it may be advantageous for the City to use CDBG and HOME funds to leverage appropriate state, local and private resources, including but not limited to those listed below.

Federal Resources

- Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program Funds
- HUD Veterans Affairs supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)
- Supportive Housing for the Elderly (Section 202)
- Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Youthbuild
- Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program

State Resources

- State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program
- SB2 Permanent Local Housing Allocation Funds
- Homeless Emergency Aid Program
- Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program
- Emergency Solutions and Housing Funds
- Housing and Disability Advocacy Program
- Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program (BEGIN)
- CalHome Program
- Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)
- Supportive Housing Multifamily Housing Program
- Housing Related Parks Grant
- CalHFA Single and Multi-Family Program
- Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Funding

Local Resources

- Riverside County CoC
- County of Riverside's allocation of Federal Emergency Solutions Grant funds
- Housing Authority of Riverside County (HARIVCO)

- Southern California Home Financing Authority (SCHFA)

Private Resources

- Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program (AHP)
- Community Reinvestment Act Programs
- United Way Funding
- Private Contributions

Matching Requirements

HUD requires HOME Participating Jurisdictions (PJ's) to match 25 percent of their HOME annual allocation. In accordance with 24 CFR 92.222, PJs satisfying the distress criteria established by the HOME Program regulations are provided a match reduction. The match reductions are granted due to fiscal distress, severe fiscal distress, and Presidential disaster declarations. For those PJs with both fiscal distress and Presidential disaster match reductions, the PJ may take the higher match reduction for the current fiscal year. When a PJ meets one of the distress criteria, it is determined to be in fiscal distress and receives a 50 percent reduction of match. If a local jurisdiction satisfies both distress criteria, it is determined to be in severe fiscal distress and receives a 100 percent reduction of match.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Corona received a 100 percent matching reduction for the HOME Program for federal fiscal years 2020 and 2021. In the development of affordable housing, the City of Corona leverages HOME funds with other local and private non-federal resources. Any funds that are used in a HOME activity will be documented by the City and reported to HUD as part of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) each year.

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

The Corona Housing Authority (CHA) purchased a parcel of surplus Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) property at Buena Vista Avenue and Second Street that will be used for future affordable housing development, potentially to include permanent supportive housing options. CHA also owns property at Crawford and West Sixth Street as well as property on Circle City that may also be used for future affordable housing uses, leveraging other local, state, and federal affordable housing resources to supplement CHA financial assistance.

Discussion

Assuming continued level funding of the CDBG and HOME programs, the City expects to spend approximately \$8.9 million of CDBG and HOME funds on projects that enhance the availability, affordability, and sustainability of affordable housing between July 2020 and June 2025. The 2023-2024 Action Plan investment of \$1,762,219 of CDBG and HOME funds represents approximately 20 percent of the anticipated five-year investment.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Table 7 – Goals Summary

Goal Name	Time Period	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Goal 1 Affordable Housing	2023 - 2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Prevent and eliminate homelessness Increase the supply of affordable housing Preserve the supply of affordable housing	CDBG: \$100,000 HOME: \$474,278	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: 20 Households Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Housing Units Housing Code Enforcement: 75 Housing Unit Cases Resolved
Description: In partnership with housing developers, leverage HOME and CDBG funds in support of the development or creation of affordable rental housing opportunities that are affordable to households earning less than 30, 50, or 60 percent of Area Median Income, including units for individuals, families, persons with special needs, and persons experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness. This goal includes development of permanent supportive housing units that include wrap-around services to help individuals with a history of chronic homelessness to remain stably housed. Rapidly house homeless individuals and families ready to become housed or prevent individuals and families who are currently housed but experience cost burdens from becoming homeless by implementing a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program. This goal also includes improving housing quality for renters and owners by implementing the Code Enforcement program and preserving housing that is already affordable to its occupants by implementing the Residential Rehabilitation Program.						
Goal 2 Public Services	2023 - 2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Prevent and eliminate homelessness Ensure equal access to housing opportunities Provide public services for low-income residents and residents with special needs	CDBG: \$177,195	Public Services: 2112 People
Description: Provide public services designed to affirmatively further fair housing choice and provide public services to prevent and eliminate homelessness and for low- and moderate-income residents including residents with special needs.						

Goal Name	Time Period	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Goal 3 Community Facilities or Goal 4 Infrastructure	2023 - 2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Prevent and eliminate homelessness Improve community facilities and infrastructure	CDBG: \$721,784	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low / Moderate- Income Housing Benefit: 28,145 People
Description: Improve community facilities to ensure that the City can proactively address street homelessness as it occurs through an emergency shelter that provides a venue to assess and assist literally homeless individuals and families. Additionally, invest in the revitalization of existing community facilities and explore options for new community facilities, including the City's aging parks and recreational facilities.						
Goal 5 Program Administration	2020 - 2024	All	Citywide	All	CDBG: \$236,265 HOME: \$52,697	N/A
Description: Provide for the timely and compliant administration of the CDBG and HOME programs in accordance with HUD policy and federal regulations. HUD requires the City to represent Administration funds as a "goal" within the Consolidated Plan so that the sources of funds (refer to Section AP-35) are fully allocated to goals.						

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

The City anticipates serving at least extremely-low-income households with tenant based rental assistance under the HOME program this year.

The City set aside funding in the 2020-2021 Action Plan for affordable housing development, including permanent supportive housing; however, the project will not begin construction until 2023. Under Goal 1 of the Consolidated Plan – Strategic Plan, the City anticipates creating 60 rental housing units for low-income families during the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period. HOME-assisted units shall meet the requirements of 24 CFR 92.254.

The City does not anticipate using CDBG or HOME funds to acquire, develop or subsidize the purchase of housing units for homeownership as defined in the HOME program regulations at 24 CFR 92.254, however such housing may be rehabilitated. The City anticipates serving low-income homeowners with Residential Rehabilitation Program assistance.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

To address the high priority needs identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City of Corona will invest CDBG and HOME funds in projects that prevent and eliminate homelessness, increase the supply of affordable housing, preserve the supply of affordable housing, ensure equal access to housing opportunities, provide public services for low-income residents and residents with special needs, and improve community facilities and infrastructure. Together, these projects will address the housing, community, and economic development needs of Corona residents-particularly those residents residing in the low- and moderate-income CDBG Target Areas.

Table 8 – Project Information

#	Project Name
1	Affordable Housing
2	Public Services
3	Community Facilities and Infrastructure
4	Program Administration

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

Based on the Consolidated Plan’s Strategic Plan, the City is allocating 100 percent of its non-administrative CDBG and HOME investments for program year 2023-2024 to projects and activities that prevent and eliminate homelessness and benefit low- and moderate-income people, including residents with special needs.

The primary obstacles to meeting the underserved needs of low- and moderate-income people include lack of funding from federal, state, and other local sources, the high cost of housing that is not affordable to low-income people and the lack of availability of home improvement financing in the private lending industry. To address these obstacles, the City is investing CDBG and HOME funds through the 2023-2024 Action Plan in projects that provide affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents, public services to low- and moderate-income people and those with special needs, and rental assistance address homelessness.

AP-38 Project Summary

Table 9 – Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Prevent and eliminate homelessness Increase the supply of affordable housing Preserve the supply of affordable housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000 HOME: \$474,278
	Description	Rapidly house homeless individuals and families or prevent individuals and families who are currently housed from becoming homeless through Tenant-Based Rental Assistance. Improve housing quality for renters and owners by implementing the Code Enforcement program. Preserve affordable housing through the Residential Rehabilitation Program using previously allocated funding. This project also allocates HOME funds for future development of affordable rental housing, including permanent supportive housing units for individuals, families, persons with special needs, and persons experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: 20 extremely low and low-income Households Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Housing Units Housing Code Enforcement: 75 Housing Unit Cases Resolved
	Location	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (20 Households) HOME: \$395,232 Affordable Housing Development (CHDO) HOME: \$79,046 Residential Rehabilitation Program (6 Housing Units) Code Enforcement (75 Housing Unit Cases Resolved) CDBG: \$100,000

2	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Prevent and eliminate homelessness Ensure equal access to housing opportunities Provide public services for low-income residents and residents with special needs
	Funding	CDBG\$177,195
	Description	Provide public services designed to affirmatively further fair housing choice and provide public services to prevent and eliminate homelessness and for low- and moderate-income residents including residents with special needs.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,112 low- and moderate-income people will receive public services
	Location	Citywide
	Planned Activities	ABC Hopes, Inc.: (dis)ABILITIES Fitness + Life Skill Support (126 People) CDBG: \$28,839 Big Brothers Big Sisters: Bigs with Badges Mentoring Program (16 People) CDBG: \$28,839 Fair Housing Council of Riverside County: Fair Housing (1,800 People) CDBG: \$33,000 Starting Over, Inc.: Path to SEED (126 People) CDBG: \$28,839 Peppermint Ridge: Nursing Services (30 People) CDBG: \$28,839 Voices for Children: Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program (14 People) CDBG: \$28,839

3	Project Name	Community Facilities and Infrastructure
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Community Facilities Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Prevent and eliminate homelessness Improve community facilities and infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$721,784
	Description	Improve community facilities to serve low- and moderate-income residents.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 28,145 people residing in the CDBG Target Areas will benefit from either one of the proposed activities.
	Location	Citywide
	Planned Activities	<p>One (1) of the following activities will be implemented using \$721,784:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1: Fund the second year of a three-year park improvement plan, beginning in 2023-2024 with improvements to Sheridan and Victoria Park. • Priority 2: Should the first priority be determined by the Community Services Director to be infeasible; the City will invest these project funds in Sidewalk Improvements within residential areas in the CDBG Target Areas.

4	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Public Services Community Facilities Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Prevent and eliminate homelessness Increase the supply of affordable housing Preserve the supply of affordable housing Ensure equal access to housing opportunities Provide public services for low-income residents and residents with special needs Improve community facilities and infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$236,265 HOME: \$52,697
	Description	Provide for the timely and compliant administration of the CDBG and HOME programs in accordance with HUD policy and federal regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location	Citywide
	Planned Activities	City of Corona Community Services Department – Community Assistance Division: Program Administration CDBG: \$236,265 HOME: \$52,697

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

During the 2023-2024 program year, assistance will be primarily directed to activities that serve low- and moderate-income residents citywide. During this program year, the CDBG-eligible portion of the Code Enforcement program and possibly the community facilities and infrastructure project are the only activities in the Action Plan relying on the established low- and moderate-income area criteria.

The CDBG Target Areas are shown on the map included in Appendix B. The CDBG Target Areas are comprised of low- and moderate-income Census Tract Block Groups centered around the Grand Boulevard Circle and the Census Tract Block Groups along State Route 91 from Pomona Road to the west to the Interstate 15 interchange to the east. According to data from the 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates in HUD's eCon Planning Suite for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City's household median income is \$74,149. Evaluation of maps generated through HUD's Community Planning and Development mapping system (CPD Maps) reveals that each of the Census Tracts in the City of Corona has a median household income of at least \$28,000.

The areas centered around the Grand Boulevard Circle and the Census Tract Block Groups along State Route 91 from Pomona Road to the west to just beyond the Interstate 15 interchange to the east each have median incomes substantially below the citywide median household income of \$74,149. A total of 28,145 residents live in these Census Tract Block Groups, of which 19,935 or 70.83 percent are members of low- and moderate-income households according to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) low- and moderate-income summary data available at the Census Tract Block Group level.

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of CDBG Funds
CDBG Target Areas	59%

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

For the 2023-2024 program year, the City will invest \$1,235,243 of CDBG funds to benefit low- and moderate-income people throughout the City. Of this amount, \$100,000 will be spent on Code Enforcement and \$721,784 will be spent on one of two identified community facilities and infrastructure projects. If the improvements to Sheridan & Victoria Parks or Sidewalk Improvements activities receive that funding, the \$721,784 will be spent to

exclusively benefit residents of the CDBG Target Areas. Due to the nature of the projects and activities to be undertaken, investments in projects and activities such as Code Enforcement and Infrastructure are generally limited to the CDBG Target Areas while other projects and activities benefit low- and moderate-income limited clientele and are available citywide.

Discussion

The City is allocating 100 percent of its non-administrative CDBG and HOME investments for program year 2023-2024 to projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people throughout the City of Corona.

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Two high priority affordable housing needs are identified in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and one Strategic Plan goal is established to provide the framework necessary to invest CDBG and HOME funds to address the affordable housing needs of the City.

Expand the Supply of Affordable Housing

Based on evaluation of 2011-2015 ACS and CHAS data, there is a high need for housing units affordable for households earning less than 80 percent of AMI. Of the 14,655 households earning 0-80 percent of AMI in the City, 11,684 are cost burdened households—meaning households paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing. Additionally, 7,815 of the cost burdened households are considered severely cost burdened households—meaning that they pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing. Of the 7,815 severely cost burdened households, 4,565 are renters. Of those severely cost burdened renter households, 1,890 households earn less than 30 percent of AMI and are considered the most at risk of becoming homeless. Consistent with available data, responses to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment Survey indicate a high need for additional affordable housing in Corona and the provision of tenant based rental assistance.

Preserve the Supply of Affordable Housing

As the City's housing stock ages, a growing percentage of housing units may need rehabilitation to allow them to remain safe and habitable. The age and condition of housing is an important indicator of potential rehabilitation needs. Housing over 30 years of age needs some form of major rehabilitation, such as roof replacement, foundation work and plumbing systems. Housing over 15 years of age will generally exhibit deficiencies in terms of paint, weatherization, heating / air-conditioning systems, hot water heaters and finish plumbing fixtures. According to CHAS data showing the year that housing units were built categorized by owner and renter tenure, 8,065 or 25 percent of the 31,705 owner-occupied housing units were built 34 or more years ago (built prior to 1980), 17,210 or 54 percent of the 31,705 owner-occupied housing units were built between 15 and 34 years ago (built between 1980 and 1999), 4,635 or 28 percent of the 16,450 renter-occupied housing units were built 34 or more years ago (built prior to 1980), and 9,185 or 56 percent of the 16,450 renter-occupied housing units were built between 15 and 34 years ago (built between 1980 and 1999).

Preservation of the physical and functional integrity of existing housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income households is a cost-effective way to invest limited resources to

retain existing housing units that are already affordable to low- and moderate-income households in the community. Addressing substandard housing conditions through housing preservation activities provide that all economic segments of the community have the means to ensure that their property meets local standards and that all Corona residents can live in decent housing.

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	20
Non-Homeless	6
Special-Needs	0
Total	26

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	20
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	6
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	26

Discussion

The Consolidated Plan identifies a high priority need to increase the supply of affordable housing and a high priority need to preserve the supply of affordable housing. During the 2023-2024 program year, the City of Corona will invest HOME funds to support a tenant based rental assistance program that will rapidly re-house an estimated 20 homeless households. The City will also use previously allocated CDBG and/or HOME funds to preserve six affordable housing units through the City of Corona Residential Rehabilitation Program. In future program years, the City will prioritize the investment of HOME and/or CDBG funds in support of projects that increase the supply of affordable housing through housing development.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Corona Housing Authority (CHA) does not administer Section 8 and does not own HUD Public Housing. Corona is within the service area of the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (HACR) for the purposes of Section 8 and Public Housing. The data presented in the tables below is for HACR and the narrative responses address the needs for the entire county, with specific references to the City of Corona.

Actions planned during the next year to address public housing needs

There are no public housing developments or units planned for the City of Corona. HACR will continue to actively support and assist Corona residents with Housing Choice Vouchers.

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

HACR maintains active resident councils at all public housing developments and includes resident members on its Board of Directors. HACR constantly seeks feedback from residents on improvements and planning documents to ensure activities are meeting the needs of residents. HACR receives feedback through distributed resident surveys. HACR maintains a home ownership program for current public housing tenants through its Homeownership Program. HACR also links its Homeownership Program with its Family Self-Sufficiency Program to help households save money for a down payment through an escrow account.

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

Not applicable. HACR is designated as a High Performing PHA.

Discussion

HACR administers Section 8 to provide rental assistance to low-income families, senior citizens, and disabled individuals. As of 2020, there are 353 participants receiving rental assistance in the City of Corona. Of the 353 participants, 336 have household sizes of 4 or less and 17 have household sizes of 5 or more. As of this writing, there are over 100,000 registrants on the waiting list for Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance in Riverside County.

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

Introduction

The City invested CDBG funds during the 2021-2022 program year to rehabilitate a community facility for use by senior citizens. This project is currently in the design phase and is anticipated to be completed during the 2023-2024 program year. Additionally, the City will invest HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance funds to rapidly re-house homeless residents and to prevent homelessness for residents who are precariously housed. Under the public service project, the City will provide support to Peppermint Ridge for their Nursing activity and to ABC Hopes for their (dis)ABILITIES Fitness + Life Skill Wrap-Around activity serving developmentally disabled people. To address the needs of children in Corona, the Voices for Children Riverside County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) activity will provide advocacy support for 14 Corona children in the foster care system, and the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bigs with Badges activity will provide career-oriented mentoring for 16 Corona high school youth.

Homelessness Prevention Services

According to the Riverside County 2022 Homeless Point in Time Count there were 3,316 homeless people in Riverside County including 2,365 sheltered individuals and 951 unsheltered individuals. This represents an 83 percent increase in the sheltered homeless population countywide. However, there was a total increase of 15% overall to the homeless population county wide (from 2,884 in 2020 to 3,316 in 2022).

To address this need in the 2023-2024 Action Plan, the City will invest HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance funds to rapidly re-house homeless residents as quickly as possible.

Services for Residents with Special Needs

Analysis of available data and consultation with organizations providing services for special needs populations revealed a high need for a range of additional services including, but not limited to, those concerned with developmentally disabled people and abused or neglected children. To address these needs, the City will support three activities focused on youth services and two focused on developmentally disabled people.

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

Preventing and ending homelessness is a HUD priority addressed nationally through coordination of regional strategies carried out locally by government agencies and a wide variety of community-based organizations and faith-based groups. Consistent with this approach, the City of Corona supports the efforts of the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) and its member organizations that address homelessness.

Locally, the City of Corona continues to make homelessness a high priority and is addressing the issue through a multifaceted approach that includes shelter, bridge housing, and permanent supportive housing.

On January 23, 2019, City Council established the Homelessness Resources Committee to work with public and private stakeholders to evaluate the homeless issue in Corona. Through community engagement and evaluation of homeless response efforts in other regions, in November of 2019, the Committee concluded that a coordinated, systems approach was needed to effectively address homelessness in Corona.

On November 21, 2019, the City hired a Homeless Solutions Manager to develop a Homeless Strategic Plan. On December 18, 2019, City Council established the Homeless Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee to support the strategic plan development process.

During the months of December 2019 through May 2020, the Strategic Plan was developed through a highly collaborative process. Key components of the plan include Community Engagement; 2) Needs Assessment; 3) Cost Impact Analysis, and 4) Analysis of Best Practices and Models.

On June 17, 2020, City Council adopted the Homeless Strategic Plan and approved the Homeless Program budget to develop a system of services in FY 2021. The system of services includes development of a low-barrier emergency shelter/navigation center for males, expansion of a motel voucher emergency shelter program for females and families, expanded outreach and engagement services, permanent supportive housing, and tenant-based rental assistance.

Additionally, the City of Corona contracted with City Net, a homelessness management and street outreach service provider to local governments throughout Southern California.

The City of Corona utilizes a public/private outreach and engagement model to assess the needs of the homeless in Corona. This model is critical given the most recent data available, that being the 2022 Point in Time Count of the Homeless identified 110 unsheltered homeless in the City of Corona. The public side of the model is the Corona Police Department Homeless Outreach & Psychological Evaluation (HOPE) Team. The private side of the model is City Net, a contracted nonprofit partner. The City's Homeless Strategic Plan was recently

adopted in June of 2020. The plan contains a goal to expand outreach and engagement given the large number of unsheltered homeless in the City. In July 2020, the City successfully expanded outreach and engagement services using general funds and a DOJ grant to increase the HOPE Team from 2 to 4 Officers.

The HOPE Team and City Net combine multiple disciplines to provide a comprehensive approach to outreach and engagement. Through a homeless census that City Net initially conducted in March of 2019, the City has a by-name list of all homeless that has been continuously updated as the HOPE Team and City Net conduct outreach and engagement throughout the City. As part of the outreach process, each homeless individual and/or family receives a detailed field assessment to determine needs and appropriate resources. After field assessments are conducted, homeless clients are connected to a wide variety of supportive services, shelter, and housing through the City's system of services as well as through other public and private partners in the community. City Net also maintains a dashboard to measure successful street exits.

The City is optimistic that this investment in outreach, assessment and connection to appropriate resources will significantly reduce the number of homeless occupying areas not meant for human habitation such as parks, alleys, canyons, commercial and industrial areas.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

As part of Corona's Homeless Strategic Plan adoption, City Council approved the development of a comprehensive system of services, shelter, and housing in FY 2021. This includes the development of a low-barrier, emergency shelter/navigation center and an expansion of the City's existing motel voucher emergency shelter program. Corona is in the process of renovating a city-owned facility for use as an emergency shelter/navigation center which will serve 30 single males. Currently, the City's motel shelter program serves single males, single females, and families; however, once the shelter/navigation center opens to serve single males, the motel program will transition to only serve single females and families at a 20-room capacity.

It should be noted that the City's motel program operates as a low-barrier shelter and provides a variety of supportive services. Since the City's Motel Emergency Shelter Program was launched in January of 2020, the program has provided 3,816 shelter bed nights to homeless individuals and homeless families. In addition, the City also contracts with the Path of Life for 5 dedicated emergency shelter beds. While the strategic plan focuses on a low-barrier emergency shelter with quick transitions to housing, the City does coordinate with transitional shelter providers for certain homeless sub-populations such as youth and veterans.

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 City's Homeless Strategic Plan includes a comprehensive needs assessment. This needs assessment concluded that the City's largest homeless subpopulation is the chronically homeless who are living with co-occurring diagnoses such as mental illness, substance abuse, health issues and physical disabilities. More specifically, the City's March 2019 homeless census confirmed that 76 percent of Corona's homeless have been on the streets for over a year with some as long as 15 to 20 years and that 96 homeless individuals fit the definition of chronically homeless. Calls for service data from the City's police and fire departments provides similar conclusions in terms long-term street homeless who are living with mental illness, substance abuse and health issues.

Accordingly, the City is developing a system of services comprised of outreach and engagement and low-barrier emergency shelter using a housing first model that facilitates quick transitions to housing. As part of this system, the City is also developing tenant-based rental assistance and permanent supportive programs to ensure that homeless clients served in the City's shelter programs will have opportunities for timely housing placements. To avoid recidivism and returns to homelessness, the City's housing programs will provide case management and supportive services through public and private partnerships with the County and nonprofit organizations. Although the Homeless Strategic Plan prioritizes chronically homeless, the City is also developing programs and partnerships that serve transitionally homeless and at-risk of homelessness; therefore, all sub-populations including veterans, families with children, and unaccompanied youth will also be served.

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

In June 2020, City Council approved \$411,908 of CARES Act funding to establish a homeless prevention /emergency housing needs assistance program. The program is designed to help

low-income families and individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless. The program provides financial assistance for rent and utilities for up to three months to prevent eviction. Because Homeless Prevention is an important goal in the Homeless Strategic Plan, the City hopes to secure additional funding and/or to establish new partnerships to expand homeless prevention efforts. As a member of the CoC, the City has established important relationships with many public and private partners. Accordingly, the city coordinates with different County agencies and nonprofit organizations to connect Corona residents to housing, health, social services, employment, education, and youth programs. This level of coordination has been especially important due to COVID-19 impacts on the economy.

As the Vice Chair of the Continuum of Care, the City's Homeless Solutions Manager works with the County, CoC Board of Governance and Continuum of Care partners to ensure that regional discharge planning protocols and partnerships are in place with foster care and other youth facilities, health care, mental health care, and correctional facilities. Discharge planning coordination with these facilities is a mandate from HUD; therefore, to qualify for Federal CoC funds, the County, on behalf of the Riverside Continuum of Care, must certify that this level of regional coordination is in place when submitting the annual funding application to HUD. In addition, the CoC has sub-committees that focus on HMIS and CES. These systems track last known address data and assist the CoC in determining if homeless are being discharged from any of these facilities to the streets. This helps the CoC to course correct and strengthen discharge planning throughout the region.

Discussion

The City's earlier CDBG investments to rehabilitate a community facility for use as an emergency shelter and HOME investments to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance funds will help address the Consolidated Plan goals of affordable housing and community facilities that are designed to prevent and eliminate homelessness, in concert with the City's Homeless Strategic Plan. To address special needs populations, CDBG Public Service Grant funds will be used to support activities for developmentally disabled people and children who have been abused or neglected or that are from low- and moderate-income families.

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

Introduction

A barrier to affordable housing is a public policy or nongovernmental condition that constrains the development or rehabilitation of affordable housing, such as land use controls, property taxes, state prevailing wage requirements, environmental protection, cost of land and availability of monetary resources. Barriers to affordable housing are distinguished from impediments to fair housing choice in the sense that barriers are lawful and impediments to fair housing choice are usually unlawful.

Based on information gathered during community meetings, the Consolidated Plan survey, the 2013-2021 Housing Element and market analysis, the primary barriers to affordable housing in Corona are housing affordability and the lack of monetary resources necessary to develop and sustain affordable housing. The two barriers are related in the sense that demand for affordable housing exceeds the supply and insufficient resources are available to increase the supply of affordable housing to meet demand.

For low- and moderate-income households, finding and maintaining decent affordable housing is difficult due to the high cost of housing in Corona and throughout Southern California in general. Based on evaluation of 2011-2015 ACS and CHAS data, there is a high need for housing units affordable for households earning less than 80 percent of AMI. Of the 14,655 households earning 0-80 percent of AMI in the City, 11,684 are cost burdened households—meaning households paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing. Additionally, 7,815 of the cost burdened households are considered severely cost burdened households—meaning that they pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing. Of the 7,815 severely cost burdened households, 4,565 are renters. Of those severely cost burdened renter households, 1,890 households earn less than 30 percent of AMI and are considered the most at risk of becoming homeless. Consistent with available data, responses to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment Survey indicate a high need for additional affordable housing in Corona.

In the last decade years, the elimination of local Redevelopment Agencies by the State of California resulted in the loss of a crucial resource for the development and preservation of affordable housing. This was the most significant public policy change impacting affordable housing and residential investment. While there are mechanisms whereby certain affordable housing assets tied to the former Redevelopment Agencies may be utilized today, these resources are finite and scarce.

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

To address housing affordability and the lack of monetary resources for affordable housing, this Strategic Plan calls for the investment of a significant portion of CDBG and HOME funds for the development of new affordable rental housing units in Corona, including permanent supportive housing units. Additionally, the City will consider use of Corona Housing Authority resources including land and revenue to leverage tax credits and other resources.

Discussion

The planned actions discussed above will allow the City to subsidize the creation of new affordable housing to increase the supply of units available to extremely low and low-income Corona residents.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

In the implementation of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the City will invest CDBG and HOME resources to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, increase affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacles to meeting the underserved needs of low- and moderate-income people include lack of funding from federal, state, and other local sources, the high cost of housing that is not affordable to low-income people and the lack of availability of home improvement financing in the private lending industry. To address these obstacles, the City is investing CDBG and HOME funds through the 2023-2024 Action Plan in projects that provide rental assistance to low- and moderate-income residents at risk of homelessness, projects that provide for community facilities rehabilitation, and public services that address special needs populations. To address underserved needs, the City is allocating 100 percent of its non-administrative CDBG and HOME investments for program year 2023-2024 to projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In the implementation of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the City will invest CDBG and HOME funds to increase affordable housing through tenant based rental assistance and will preserve and maintain affordable housing through the City of Corona Residential Rehabilitation Program and the Code Enforcement Program. HOME funds will also be set-aside for future development of affordable housing units on CHA property or property to be acquired.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X) emphasizes prevention of childhood lead poisoning through housing-based approaches. To reduce lead-based paint hazards, the City of Corona Residential Rehabilitation Program will conduct lead-based paint testing and risk assessments for each property assisted that was built prior to January 1, 1978, and will incorporate safe work practices or abatement into the scope of work as required to reduce lead-based paint hazards in accordance with 24 CFR Part 35.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The implementation of CDBG and HOME activities meeting the goals established in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan and this Annual Action Plan will help to reduce the number of poverty-level families by:

- Supporting activities that increase the supply of housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income households;
- Supporting activities that preserve the supply of decent housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income households;
- Supporting a continuum of housing and public service programs to prevent and eliminate homelessness; and
- Supporting public services for low- and moderate-income residents including those with special needs and those at-risk of homelessness offered by nonprofit organizations receiving CDBG Public Service Grants.

In addition to these local efforts, mainstream state and federal resources also contribute to reducing the number of individuals and families in poverty. Federal programs such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and Head Start providing pathways out of poverty for families who are ready to pursue employment and educational opportunities. Additionally in California, the primary programs that assist families in poverty are CalWORKS, CalFresh (formerly food stamps) and Medi-Cal. Together, these programs provide individuals and families with employment assistance, subsidy for food, medical care, childcare, and cash payments to meet basic needs such as housing, nutrition, and transportation. Other services are available to assist persons suffering from substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental illness.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The institutional delivery system in Corona is high-functioning and collaborative—particularly the relationship between local government and the nonprofit sector comprised of a network of capable non-profit organizations that are delivering a full range of services to residents. Strong City departments anchor the administration of HUD grant programs and the housing, community and economic development activities that are implemented by the City. To further develop this structure, the City plans to retain a third party to operate the emergency shelter facility and to operate the tenant based rental assistance program.

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

To enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies, the City will continue consulting with and inviting the participation of a wide variety of agencies and organizations involved in the delivery of housing and supportive services to low- and moderate-income residents in Corona—particularly the CDBG Target Areas and as it relates to addressing homelessness.

Discussion:

In the implementation of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the City will invest CDBG and HOME resources to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

One of the primary ways the City is developing institutional structure to meet underserved needs is the CDBG Public Service Grants program. Instead of having social service agencies apply for CDBG public service funds each year, the City implemented a groundbreaking program in 2012 whereby nonprofits and City Departments compete for the opportunity to secure a multi-year CDBG Public Service Grant of approximately \$25,000 per year on the condition that the activity helps the City meet an unmet Strategic Plan goal, the agency invests in their capacity to provide the service during the term of the grant and for a period of five years subsequent to the grant. There have been three cycles of CDBG Public Service Grants since this program approach was adopted and it has generally been a positive change, providing a more cohesive approach to delivery of public services and allowing time for “proof of concept” for new programs that might then seek private funding to continue, since CDBG funds would no longer be available to those programs. In furtherance of this approach, the City is aligning the next set of CDBG Public Service Grants with years 2-5 of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan as a four-year grant tied to the strategies of the Consolidated Plan.

Another way the City is developing institutional structure is through the implementation of a Homeless Strategic Plan that seeks to create sub-regional partnerships and leverage the resources and expertise of local stakeholders to proactively address homelessness.

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

Introduction:

In the implementation of programs and activities under the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan, the City of Corona will follow all HUD regulations concerning the use of program income, forms of investment, overall low- and moderate-income benefit for the CDBG program and recapture requirements for the HOME program.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(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.	100.00%

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:

The City will not use any other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205. The Residential Rehabilitation Program offers zero percent interest forgivable loans or grants for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied single-family and manufactured housing units.

Any HOME program income received during the program year from prior investments in affordable housing may be budgeted to an eligible existing project in this Action Plan with approval of the City Manager or designee. Such action shall constitute a minor amendment to the Action Plan and such amendment will be posted to the City website at www.coronaca.gov/cdbg.

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:

During the implementation of this Action Plan, the City of Corona will not implement any HOME-assisted homebuyer activities. In prior years when implementing homebuyer assistance activities, the City incorporated a recapture requirement into written agreements and long-term affordability covenants as required by 24 CFR 92.254.

The recapture provision ensures that all or a portion of the City's HOME assistance to homebuyers or homeowners is recaptured if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the applicable period of affordability. In establishing this provision, the City is subject to the limitation that when the recapture requirement is triggered by a sale (voluntary or involuntary) of the housing unit, and there are no net proceeds or the net proceeds are insufficient to repay the HOME investment due, the City can only recapture a portion of the net proceeds, if any. The net proceeds are the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds), capital improvements, and any closing costs.

Under the City's former HOME-assisted HOAP Now II program, during the first seven years of the loan, if the homeowner is no longer living in the home, or it is refinanced or sold, the City will recapture the amount of assistance plus a share in the equity of the home, if any. With respect to the equity share, during years 0-2, the reduction in the City's equity share is zero percent. During years 3-4, the reduction is 33 percent. During years 5-7, the reduction is 66 percent. After year 8, the reduction is 100 percent. In the event

the first mortgage is insured by the Federal Housing Administration (“FHA”), the reduction in the City's equity share is as follows: zero percent during years 0-1, 50 percent during years 2-4, 66 percent during years 5-7 and 100 percent after year 8.

In the event of a mortgage default, the City has the right of first refusal before foreclosure and may use additional HOME funds to acquire the housing to preserve the housing’s affordability.

However, notwithstanding a foreclosure situation, the City intends to recapture all or some of its HOME funds invested during or at the end of the established affordability period, if practicable. Recaptured HOME funds consist of loan payments (including interest) and/or a loan payoff, upon sale if the assisted owner is no longer residing in the assisted residence or for any other breaches of the agreement with the City. Recaptured funds may be used for any HOME eligible activity.

These recaptured funds are identified in the City’s accounting system by a unique recaptured revenue object number. Any recaptured funds will be used by the City before any additional HOME funds.

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:

See above.

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 does not intend to use HOME funds under this Action Plan to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

Discussion:

In the implementation of programs and activities under this Action Plan, the City of Corona will follow all HUD regulations concerning the use of program income, forms of investment, overall low- and moderate-income benefit for the CDBG program and recapture requirements for the HOME program.



APPENDIX A

Citizen Participation and Consultation

Summary of Citizen Participation Comments

April 4, 2023, to May 3, 2023, Action Plan Public Review and Comment Period

Public comments received during review period will be summarized here.

Public Hearing before City Council on May 3, 2023

Public comments received during public hearing will be summarized here.



APPENDIX B

Grantee Unique Appendices



APPENDIX C

SF-424 Grant Applications, SF-424D Assurances, and Action Plan Certifications