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2017/2018 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

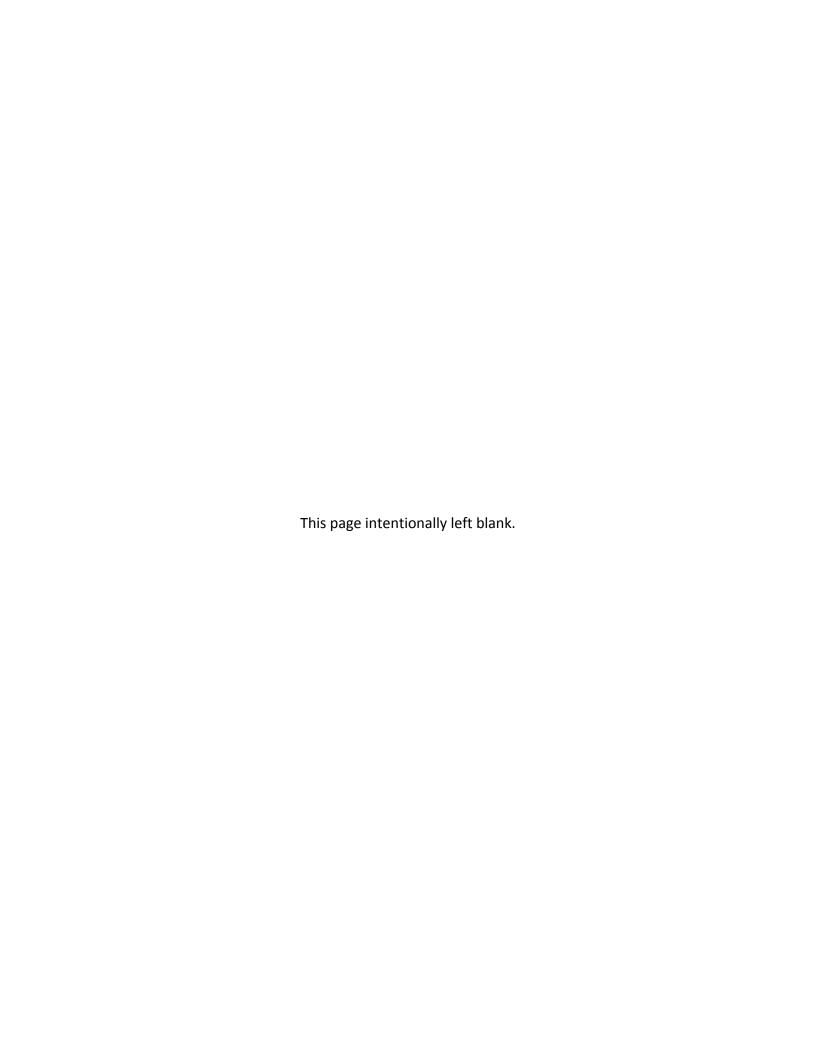
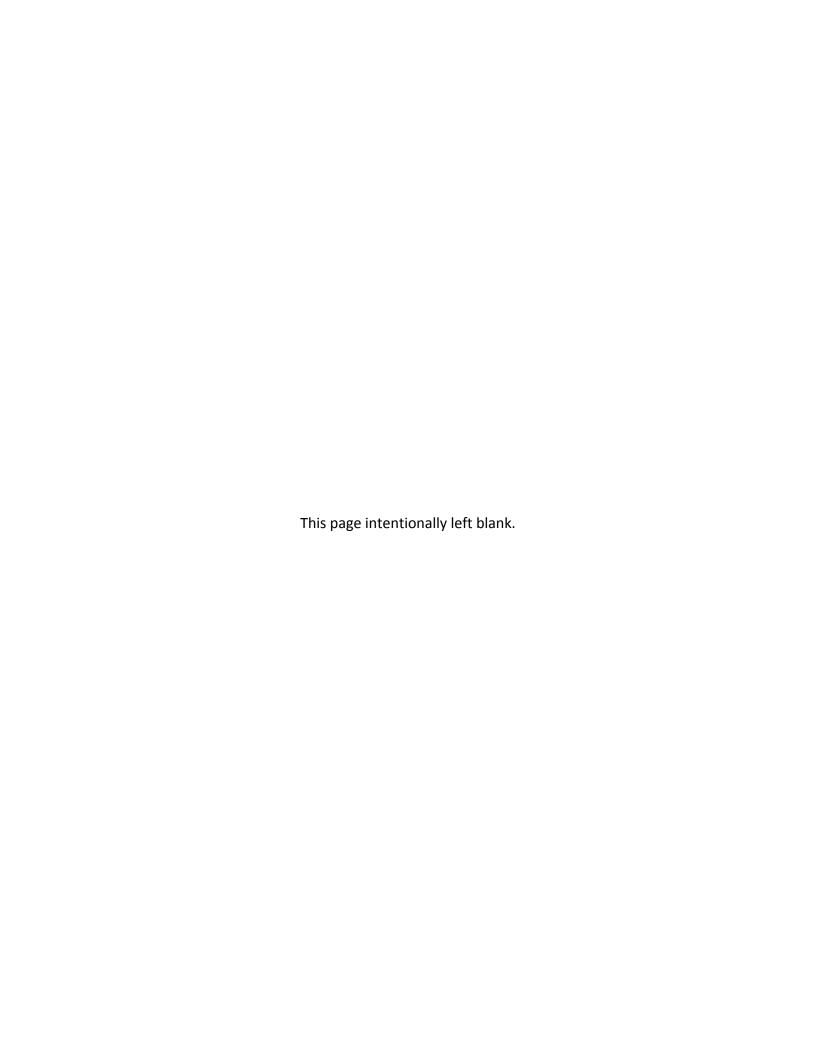


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CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This 2017-2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is the City of Corona's report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) describing the use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds during the first program year of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan period, covering July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

The City receives CDBG and HOME funds from HUD on a formula basis each year, and in turn, implements housing, community and economic development projects and also awards public service capacity building grants to nonprofit organizations for projects in furtherance of the adopted Consolidated Plan. The CDBG and HOME programs generally provide for a wide range of eligible activities for the benefit of Corona residents.

For the 2017-2018 program year, the City received \$1,096,921 of CDBG funds and \$301,389 of HOME funds from HUD, which were combined in the Action Plan with \$86,487 of prior year unspent CDBG funds and \$612,013 of prior year unspent HOME funds for a total investment of \$2,096,810. This investment of CDBG and HOME funds was a catalyst for positive change in the community. Together with other federal, state and local investments, HUD resources allowed the City and its community partners to:

- Provide Homeowner Housing rehabilitation to 12 households
- Provide fair housing services to 1,000 residents
- Provide homelessness prevention and assistance services to 89 residents
- Bring 110 housing units into compliance with local codes
- Provide Graffiti Removal services in the CDBG Target Areas
- Complete the rehabilitation of damaged sidewalks, curbs and gutters serving 29,910 residents in the CDBG Target Areas
- Provide services for 163 residents with special needs
- Provide services for 353 low-and moderate-income residents
- Provide microenterprise business technical assistance services to 12 low- and moderate-income Corona entrepreneurs

Table 1 provides a summary of the five-year and one-year accomplishments for the period ending June 30, 2018, arranged by each of the Strategic Plan Goals included in the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan of the Consolidated Plan.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Strategic Plan & Program Year to Date

		2017-2018		Unit of	5-Year Strategic Plan			2017-18 Program Year 3		
Goal	Category	Amount	Indicator	Measure	Expected	Actual	Percent Complete	Expected	Actual	Percent Complete
Affordable Housing Development	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$838,056	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	60	0	0.00%	85	0	0.00%
Affordable Housing Preservation	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$0	Rental Units Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	4	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Affordable Housing Preservation	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$374,758 HOME CHDO: \$45,208	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	100	56	56.00%	15	12	80.00%
Fair Housing Services	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$18,000	Other	Other	5,000	4,183	83.66%	1,000	1,000	100.00%
Homelessness Prevention and Assistance	Homeless	CDBG: \$44,220	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	900	233	25.89%	106	89	83.96%
Neighborhood Services	Neighborhood Services	CDBG: \$12,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	299,100	148,470	49.64%	29,910	29,910	100.00%
Neighborhood Services	Neighborhood Services	CDBG: \$100,000	Housing Code Enforcement/ Foreclosed Property Care	Household Housing Unit	1,500	729	48.60%	75	110	146.67%

		2017-2018		Unit of	5-Ye	5-Year Strategic Plan			2017-18 Program Year 3		
Goal	Goal Category Amount		Indicator	Indicator Measure		Actual	Percent Complete	Expected	Actual	Percent Complete	
Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$600,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	149,550	63,460	42.43%	29,910	29,910	100.00%	
Services for low- and moderate- income residents	Public Services	CDBG: \$38,870	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1,750	908	51.89%	350	353	100.86%	
Services for Residents with Special Needs	Public Services	CDBG: \$38,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	800	460	57.50%	171	163	95.32%	
Small business creation and expansion	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$20,000	Businesses assisted	Other	75	39	52.00%	12	12	100.00%.	

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

During the program year, the City and its housing and community development partners made progress on most 2017-2018 activities. All CDBG and HOME funded activities addressed specific high priority objectives identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

The City of Corona's CDBG Public Service Capacity Building Grant partners selected for the 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 program years implemented programs that provide critical services to low- and moderate-income residents, residents with special needs and residents who may be facing homelessness. The Corona-Norco Family YMCA's Bringing the Arts to Low Income Children program promoted appropriate educational opportunities in the arts for children at several YMCA sites. The Corona-Norco United Way's General Education Diploma Training program provided 100 Corona residents with the educational support services necessary to obtain their General Education Diploma (GED), allowing residents to seek higher level job opportunities and to take on a more active and informed role in their children's education. The Peppermint Ridge Hospital Support for the Ridgers program provided advocacy and wellness support to 89 Peppermint Ridge residents when they seek medical care offsite. The Corona-Norco United Way's Family Support Services program provided domestic violence counseling and support services to 74 adults and children who have experienced domestic violence and child abuse. To prevent and eliminate homelessness, the Community Connect Emergency Rental Assistance Program provided 79 residents with resources for temporary rental assistance to avoid evictions that would lead to increased homelessness. The Inspire Life Skills Training program provided housing, living costs, training, mentoring and academic and life skills support to 10 former foster and at-risk homeless youth as they attend college or vocational school.

To address housing needs, the CDBG-funded Fair Housing Program served more people than was anticipated in the Action Plan, confirming that a high need exists for these services in the community. The CDBG and HOME-funded Residential Rehabilitation Program provided 6 loans to Corona homeowners to address critical home repair needs in an effort to preserve the supply of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income residents. The City also provided HOME and CDBG funds for the East 6th Street Apartments project that will provide 85 new affordable rental housing units on a site across from Corona City Park, near services, transit and jobs. HOME funds were used to assist the development of the housing while CDBG funds will be used for the expansion of a waterline that is necessary in order to provide adequate service to the neighborhood and the new housing.

To address community development needs, three programs focused on neighborhood services in the CDBG Target Areas, including the Graffiti Removal Program and the Code Enforcement Program. Each program promoted a suitable and sustainable living environment by taking steps to reduce crime, remove unsightly graffiti and promote housing quality standards in neighborhoods containing the oldest housing stock in the City. To address community

development needs for infrastructure, the Public Works Department completed the 2016-2017 CDBG Sidewalk Improvements project to replace damaged sections of sidewalks and to install accessible curb ramps on residential streets in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

To address economic development needs, the Corona Business Assistance Program provided microenterprise business technical assistance to 12 low- and moderate-income Corona residents who are either starting a small business or expanding an existing small business with five or fewer employees.

Figure 1 – Use of CDBG and HOME Funds

Strategic Plan Goal / Activity	Source	Allocation	Spent through 6/30/18	Percent Spent
1. Affordable Housing Development				
East 6th Street Affordable Housing	HOME	\$838,055.64	\$838,055.64	100.00%
2. Affordable Housing Preservation				
Residential Rehabilitation Program	CDBG	\$364,758.19	\$101,052.27	27.70%
Habitat for Humanity	CDBG	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
CHDO Reserve	HOME	\$45,208.35	\$0.00	0.00%
	Subtotal	\$419,966.54	\$111,052.27	26.44%
3. Fair Housing Services				
Fair Housing Services	CDBG	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	100.00%
4. Services for Low-and Moderate-Income Reside	nts			
CNUW - General Educational Diploma	CDBG	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	100.00%
Corona-Norco Family YMCA	CDBG	\$16,870.00	\$16,870.00	100.00%
,	Subtotal	\$38,870.00	\$38,870.00	100.00%
5. Services for Residents with Special Needs				
Peppermint Ridge	CDBG	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	100.00%
CNUW - Family Support Services	CDBG	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	100.00%
	Subtotal	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00	100.00%
6. Homelessness Prevention Services				
Community Connect	CDBG	\$22,000.00	\$17,940.23	81.55%
Inspire Life Skills Training	CDBG	\$22,200.00	\$22,200.00	100.00%
	Subtotal	\$44,200.00	\$40,140.23	90.82%
7. Neighborhood Services				
Graffiti Removal	CDBG	\$12,500.00	\$8,365.79	66.93%
Code Enforcement		\$100,000.00	\$26,624.27	26.62%
	Subtotal	\$112,500.00	\$34,990.06	31.10%
8. Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvemen	nts			
East 6th Street Affordable Housing Infrastructure	CDBG	\$600,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
2016-2017 CDBG Sidewalk Improvements	CDBG	\$600,000.00	\$575,926.20	95.99%
	Subtotal	\$1,200,000.00	\$575,926.20	47.99%
9. Small Business Creation and Expansion				
Foundation for CSUSB	CDBG	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	100.00%
	Subtotal	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	100.00%
10. Program Administration				
CDBG Administration	CDBG	\$201,384.00	\$201,048.84	99.83%
HOME Administration	HOME	\$30,138.90	\$945.58	3.14%
	Subtotal	\$231,522.90	\$201,994.42	87.25%
ī	otal for all Goals:	\$2,961,115.08	\$1,917,028.82	64.74%

Figure 2 – Program Year Accomplishments by Strategic Plan Goal

Strategic Plan Goal / Activity	Unit of Measure	Expected	Actual
1. Affordable Housing Development		-	
East 6th Street Affordable Housing	Housing Units	85	0
2. Affordable Housing Preservation			
Residential Rehabilitation Program	Housing Units	8	6
Habitat for Humanity	Housing Units	7	6
CHDO Reserve	-	-	-
3. Fair Housing Services			
Fair Housing Services	People	1,000	1,000
4. Services for Low-and Moderate-Income Residents			
CNUW - General Educational Diploma	People	100	100
Corona-Norco Family YMCA	People	250	253
5. Services for Residents with Special Needs			
Peppermint Ridge	People	96	89
CNUW - Family Support Services	People	75	74
6. Homelessness Prevention Services			
Community Connect	People	100	79
Inspire Life Skills Training	People	6	10
7. Neighborhood Services			
Graffiti Removal	People	29,910	29,910
Code Enforcement	Housing Units	75	110
8. Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements			
East 6th Street Affordable Housing Infrastructure	People	29,910	0
2016-2017 CDBG Sidewalk Improvements	People	29,910	29,910
9. Small Business Creation and Expansion			
Foundation for CSUSB	People	12	12
10. Program Administration			
CDBG Administration	N/A	-	-
HOME Administration	N/A	-	-

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted). 91.520(a)

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Race/Ethnicity	CDBG	HOME
White	465	0
Black or African American	59	0
Asian	10	0
American Indian or American Native	6	0
Other	89	0
Total	629	0
Hispanic	419	0
Not Hispanic	210	0

Narrative

Table 2 provides an aggregate of race and ethnicity data for persons and/or household housing units reported as served during the program year based on accomplishment data from CDBG and HOME activities reported in HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). Based on IDIS programming for the CAPER template in the eConPlanning Suite, not all racial / ethnic categories are represented. For more detailed demographic information by project or activity, refer to reports PR-03 and PR-23 in Appendix C.

Based on the information in Table 2, a diverse mix of people and/or households benefitted from CDBG and/or HOME funded housing, public facilities or public service projects during the program year.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Source of Funds	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year		
CDBG	\$1,183,408	\$502,101		
НОМЕ	\$913,403	\$839,001		

Narrative

For the 2017-2018 program year, the City received \$1,096,921 of CDBG funds and \$301,389 of HOME funds from HUD, which were combined in the Action Plan with \$86,487 of prior year unspent CDBG funds and \$612,013 of prior year unspent HOME funds for a total planned investment of \$2,096,810. The largest CDBG project this program year was the East 6th Street Affordable Housing Infrastructure activity that was allocated \$600,000. Due to project timing, none of these CDBG funds were expended during the fiscal year, resulting in only \$502,101 of CDBG expenditure for projects included in the 2017-2018 Action Plan.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
CDBG Target Areas	34	34	Graffiti Removal, Code Enforcement, 2016-2017 Sidewalk

Narrative

The 2017-2018 Action Plan included investments of \$2,096,811of CDBG and HOME funds to benefit low- and moderate-income people throughout the City. Of this amount, \$712,500 or 34 percent was intended to exclusively benefit the CDBG Target Areas.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

All applicants for CDBG funds are strongly encouraged to leverage their CDBG request with other funding sources. This is a factor used when making funding recommendations to the City Council. The City supports applications by other entities for additional federal resources for proposed projects or programs as long as they are consistent with the City's policies, ordinances, and the Strategic Plan. Corona CDBG funds were leveraged by over \$1 million of other funds.

HUD requires HOME Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) to match 25 percent of their HOME annual allocation. For the 2017-2018 program year, the City of Corona's HOME Match is shown in Table 5.

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match						
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	\$7,429,437.85					
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	\$668,000.00					
3 .Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	\$8,097,437.85					
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	\$35,627.62					
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	\$8,061,810.23					

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

	Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year									
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contrib.	Cash (non- Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastruc- ture	Site Prep., Const. Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match		
Casa de La Villa-	5/31/18	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450,000		
Villa de Corona	03/30/18	\$218,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$218,000		

Table 7 – Program Income

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period								
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period	Amount received during reporting period	Amount expended for TBRA	Balance on hand at end of reporting period					
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0				

HOME MBE/WBE report

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period Table 8 – Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

		N	/linority Busi	ness Enterpris	es	
	Total	Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	White Non- Hispanic
Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total		Business prises	Ma	ale	
Contracts	•					
Number	0		0		10	
Dollar Amount	\$0		\$0		\$0	
Sub-Contracts	•					
Number	0		0		0	
Dollar Amount	\$0		\$0		\$0	

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

		Minority Property Owners				
	Total	Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	White Non- Hispanic
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

Parcels Acquired	0	\$0
Businesses Displaced	0	\$0
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced	0	\$0
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced	0	\$0

Households Displaced	Total	Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	White Non- Hispanic
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

Table 11 - Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of non-homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	100	12
Number of special-needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	100	12

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through rental assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through the production of new units	0	0
Number of households supported through the rehab of existing units	100	12
Number of households supported through the acquisition of existing units	0	0
Total	100	12

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

During 2017-2018, the City preserved and revitalized deteriorated owner-occupied housing by providing loans and grants to improve the City's aging single-family housing stock as part of the Residential Rehabilitation Program implemented by the Community Development Department and the Helping Hands program implemented by Habitat for Humanity of Riverside County. The Residential Rehabilitation Program offers loans to low-income homeowners who need financial assistance to meet critical home improvement needs. The Helping Hands Program provides minor home repairs to assist owners of mobile home units. Together, these programs completed 12 rehabilitation projects. The 2017-2018 Action Plan also allocated funds to the East 6th Street Apartments project, which will be completed in a future program year to bring 85 units of new affordable rental housing to the City of Corona. As such, the City only attained

12 percent of its affordable housing goals as depicted in Tables 11 and 12 because the East 6th Street Apartments project is a multi-year project. Accomplishments will be reported in a future CAPER upon occupancy.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

In future annual action plans the City anticipates continuing to invest CDBG and HOME funds to address housing affordability for renters and home owners through the creation of new rental housing units and rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied housing units.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Persons ServedCDBG ActualHOME ActualExtremely Low-income20Low-income80Moderate-income20

12

0

Total

Table 13 - Number of Persons Served

Narrative Information

The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan identified high priority affordable housing need to preserve the supply of affordable housing. To accomplish this goal, the City allocated CDBG and HOME funds to the Residential Rehabilitation Program and the Habitat for Humanity "A Brush with Kindness" programs. Together, these programs served 12 households including nine extremely-low income, four low-income and five moderate-income households.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

To reach out to unsheltered homeless persons and assess their individual needs for the purpose of connecting them with available emergency shelter and transitional housing resources, the City of Corona Police Department created the Homeless Outreach and Psychological Evaluation (HOPE) Team in January 2015. The HOPE Team is comprised of two full-time Corona Police officers specially trained in solving homeless-related problems and knowledgeable about local and regional resources. The HOPE Team's goal is to go beyond the traditional response to homelessness by identifying problems, root causes and linking individual homeless people with agencies for help and housing. Through this investment in outreach, assessment and connection to appropriate resources, the City 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

The City of Corona supports the efforts of the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) and its member organizations that address homelessness. As described earlier, the City supports local nonprofit agencies that provide emergency rental assistance and housing counseling to lowand moderate-income residents to prevent homelessness.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The Riverside County CoC Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness included a goal to establish countywide protocols and procedures to prevent people from being discharged from public and private institutions of care into homelessness that will help decrease the number of persons being discharged into homelessness by at least 10 percent annually. The CoC is seeking improve coordination among publicly and privately funded institutions of care and local service agencies in the County of Riverside in order to decrease the number of persons being discharged into homelessness annually.

With limited CDBG and HOME resources available, the City is investing CDBG public service

funds through the CDBG Public Service Capacity Building Grants made to Community Connect and Inspire Life Skills to prevent homelessness in Corona. Additionally, the City is investing over \$380,000 of general funds through the Police Department budget to provide two full-time dedicated HOPE Team officers that will connect unsheltered homeless individuals and families with emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing opportunities, as well as other services to address special needs such as drug and alcohol rehabilitation and mental health services.

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

During the 2017-2018 program year, the City's HOPE Team connected chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth with available resources through the Riverside County CoC, which is comprised of a network of public, private, faith-based, for-profit, and non-profit service providers who utilize several federal, state and local resources to provide services for homeless people. The goal is to help unsheltered homeless people 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.

The non-profit and faith-based community plays a key role in the current CoC system. Hundreds of agencies throughout the County provide programs ranging from feeding the homeless on the street to creating permanent supportive housing opportunities. These services are available to homeless families with children, and single men and women. The non-profit and faith-based community also serves special needs populations, such as victims of domestic violence, veterans, the disabled and youth.

To prevent individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again and to prevent individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness from becoming homeless, the City will provide CDBG funds to the Community Connect Emergency Rental Assistance Program that will provide one-time emergency assistance to help keep low- and moderate-income individuals and families housed in the event that circumstances beyond their control make it infeasible to stay current on their rent.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Corona Housing Authority was formed in 1994 under State of California Housing Authority Law to actively improve existing neighborhoods and develop affordable housing opportunities using local, state, and federal resources. The Corona Housing Authority does not administer Section 8 and does not own HUD Public Housing; however, the City is within the service area of the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (HACR).

The mission of HACR is "to transform and promote healthy, thriving communities, re-ignite hope and restore human dignity through the creation and preservation of high quality and innovative housing and community development programs which enhance the quality of life and revitalize neighborhoods to foster self-sufficiency."

According to the PIH Information Center, the housing authority currently administers a portfolio of 79 mod-rehab units, 456 public housing units, 36 project-based vouchers and 8,364 housing choice vouchers including special purpose vouchers.

Of the housing choice vouchers administered by HACR, 363 vouchers were held by Corona households this year.

Actions taken 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 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.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Not applicable. HACR is designated as High Performing PHA.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

In the development of the 2013-2021 Housing Element, the City evaluated significant public policies affecting affordable housing development such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges and growth limitations. Based on this evaluation, the City determined that it has taken all necessary steps to ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that may have been a barrier to affordable housing. Moreover, the City is actively engaged with affordable housing developers concerning the siting of affordable housing and ensuring that the entitlement process runs smoothly from inception to completion.

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.

The two primary barriers to affordable housing identified in the 2015-2019 consolidated plan include 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.

In the last five 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.

In the implementation of the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan, the City invested CDBG and HOME funds to preserve and maintain affordable housing through the City of Corona Residential Rehabilitation Program that provided 6 forgivable loans of approximately \$25,000 each to low-and moderate-income owners of single-family housing. Additionally, the Habitat for Humanity "A Brush with Kindness" program provided minor exterior home repairs to six owner-occupied single-family or manufactured housing units.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

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 2017-2018 Action Plan in projects that provide loans to low- and moderate-income homeowners for home improvements, projects that provide public and neighborhood services to low- and moderate-income people and those with special needs, and projects that prevent homelessness. To address underserved needs, the City allocated 100 percent of its non-administrative CDBG and HOME investments for program year 2017-2018 to projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

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 taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The implementation of CDBG and HOME activities meeting the goals established in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan and this Annual Action Plan will help to reduce the number of poverty-level families by:

- Supporting activities that expand 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;
- Supporting housing preservation programs that assure low income households have a safe, decent and appropriate place to live;
- 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 Capacity Building Grants; and
- Promoting economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income residents who own microenterprise businesses (five or fewer employees) or who are starting a new microenterprise business.

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 provide 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 taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

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 support and enhance this existing institutional structure, the City of Corona collaborated with affordable housing developers and nonprofit agencies receiving CDBG and HOME funds through the 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan to ensure that the needs of low- and moderate-income residents are met as envisioned within the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan - Strategic Plan.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

To enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies, the City continued 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.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The 2015 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (A.I.) identified the following two impediments:

Impediment No. 1: Lack of Access to Home Improvement Financing

The inability to fund home rehabilitation was identified in the 2010-14 A.I. as an impediment to lower and moderate income households and Hispanic households. According to the 2010-14 A.I., the CDBG target areas are located in the northern and central portions of the City, where much of the City's older housing stock is located. These areas have a higher concentration of lower and moderate income persons and Hispanic persons than the rest of the City. These groups are more likely to be denied private home improvement loans.

Recommendation: Data suggests that the income and demographics of the CDBG target areas has not changed in a substantial way since 2010. Further, the housing stock continues to age and access to home improvement loans for low- and moderate-income homeowners remains a challenge. It is recommended that the City to continue to offer the Residential Rehabilitation Program to increase opportunities for low-and moderate-income households to improve their homes. The City should also continue to implement a robust community outreach effort to ensure that available HOME and CDBG resources are deployed quickly to maintain decent housing. As noted in the 2013-21 Housing Element, the City's objective is to assist 120 households during the planning period, with an average of 15 households annually.

2017-2018 Status: In Progress. 18 Corona homeowners were assisted with housing rehabilitation financial assistance during the 2015-2016 program year and 26 Corona homeowners were assisted during the 2016-2017 program year. 12 additional homeowners received assistance during the 2017-2018 program year.

Impediment No. 2: Limited Access to Home Purchase Loans

Black and Hispanic households have limited access to conventional home purchase loans due to disproportionate denial rates compared to households of other racial groups. According to the 2010-14 A.I., Hispanic households comprised 40 percent of the City's population, but they only represented 21 percent (827 out of 3,981) of conventional home purchase loan applicants in 2008 and had the second highest denial rate (27 percent). Black applicants, which represented 3 percent of applicants (111 out of 3,981) had the same denial rate at Hispanic households. American Indians had the highest denial rate (50 percent), however only 4 out of 3,981 applicants were American Indian thus this is not statistically significant. The denial rate for conventional home purchase loan applications in 2008 was nearly twice as high for Hispanic and Black households compared to White and Asian and Pacific Islander households, which had denial rates of 16 percent and 15 percent, respectively.

According to the 2007-11 American Community Survey (ACS), the Hispanic population grew slightly, comprising 42.8 percent of the City's population. However, the number of Hispanics that applied for conventional home purchase loans decreased. Out of the 2,248 conventional home purchase loan applications in 2012, only 11.6 percent were Hispanics. While Hispanics still had one of the lowest approval rates amongst groups that applied for all home loans, their approval rate did improve. In 2012, only 11.5 percent of Hispanic applicants were denied of a conventional home purchase loan an improvement from the 27.0 percent denial rate in 2008 according to the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data. African Americans represented 5.4 percent of the City's population, and only 1.5 percent applied for conventional home purchase loans. The denial rate of 23.5 percent is relatively similar what it was in 2008.

Differences in approval rates for home loan applications amongst both minority groups do not necessarily reflect discriminatory practices. Differences could be due to credit scores, employment history, knowledge of the lending process, debt-income ratio, or other factors.

Nonetheless, the dramatic drop in the number of conventional home purchase loan applications for Hispanics and African Americans could be subject to additional inquiry and examination.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City work with its fair housing service provider to continue to monitor HMDA data to ensure that discrimination practices such as loan denial on the basis of race and ethnicity may be detected.

2017-2018 Status: The Community Development Department – Housing Services Division will consider reviewing 2015 calendar year HMDA data when available. The 2013 and 2014 calendar year data is the most recent tabulated data available as of this writing.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

To ensure that CDBG and HOME funds are used efficiently and in compliance with applicable regulations, the City provides technical assistance to all subrecipients at the beginning of each program year and monitors subrecipients throughout the program year.

Technical Assistance

To enhance compliance with federal program regulations, the City provides an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) workshop to review the Plan goals, program requirements and available resources with potential applicants. Subsequent to the approval of the Annual Action Plan, a mandatory subrecipient workshop is held to review program regulations in detail, to provide useful forms and resources for documenting compliance and to review the City's compliance procedures and requirements. Additionally, individualized technical assistance is provided on an as-needed basis throughout a program year.

Activity Monitoring

All activities are monitored, beginning with a detailed review upon receipt of an application to determine eligibility, conformance with a National Objective and conformance with a Plan goal. This review also examines the proposed use of funds, eligibility of the service area, eligibility of the intended beneficiaries and likelihood of compliance with other federal requirements such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the System for Award Management (SAM) debarment list, prevailing wage, Minority and Women Business Enterprise, Section 3 and federal acquisition and relocation regulations, as applicable.

Subrecipients are required to submit an audit and other documentation to establish their capacity, and any findings noted in the audit are reviewed with the applicant. Eligible applications are then considered for funding. Once funded, desk monitoring includes ongoing review of required quarterly performance reports. For CDBG public service activities, an on-site monitoring is conducted once every two years, or more frequently as needed to ensure compliance. These reviews include both a fiscal and programmatic review of the subrecipient's activities. The reviews determine if the subrecipient is complying with the program regulations and City contract. Areas routinely reviewed include overall administration, financial systems, appropriateness of program expenditures, program delivery, client eligibility determination and documentation, reporting systems, and achievement toward achieving contractual goals. Following the monitoring visit, a written report is provided delineating the results of the review and any findings of non-compliance and the required corrective action. Subrecipients normally

have 30 days to provide the City with corrective actions taken to address any noted findings. Individualized technical assistance is provided, as noted above, as soon as compliance concerns are identified. For CDBG capital projects, monitoring also includes compliance with regulatory agreement requirements. For HOME funded activities, annual monitoring is undertaken to ensure that for renter occupied units, household income, rents and utility allowances are in compliance with applicable limits pursuant to the affordability covenant. For ownership units, annual monitoring of occupancy is conducted throughout the affordability period.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

In accordance with the City's adopted Citizen Participation Plan, a public notice was published in the Sentinel Weekly News on August 17, 2018 notifying the public of the availability of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for a 15-day public review and comment period. A copy of the public notices is included in Appendix A.

The draft CAPER was available on the City website and at the following locations:

City Hall: Community Development Department

400 S. Vicentia Avenue Corona, California 92882

City Hall: City Clerk's Office

400 S. Vicentia Avenue Corona, California 92882

Corona Public Library - Reference Desk

650 S. Main Street Corona, California 92882

A public hearing was conducted before the City Council on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 to solicit comments from residents and interested parties. A summary of any written or oral comments received during the public hearing will be included in the final CAPER submission to HUD.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

CDBG funds are making a significant impact on strategies to address the high priority needs. As shown in Figure 1 in section CR-05, CDBG funds are contributing to eight of the nine Strategic Plan goals. No applications were received in response to the 2016 Notice of Funding Availability to address the Strategic Plan goal for Affordable Housing Development.

Affordable Housing Preservation

In the area of affordable housing, the Residential Rehabilitation Program provided six forgivable loans of approximately \$25,000 to low-income owners of single-family housing, or up to \$25,000 grants to owners of manufactured units. The Habitat for Humanity A Brush With Kindness program provided minor exterior home repairs for six owner-occupied housing units.

Fair Housing Services

The Fair Housing Council of Riverside provides the City with outreach, education and enforcement activities, including landlord-tenant matters. This activity served 1,000 residents.

Services for Low -and Moderate-Income Residents

To support Services for Low-and Moderate-Income residents, the City provides funding for the General Educational Diploma Program provided classes for 100 adult students to help them pass their High School Equivalency Certificate issued by the State of California. The Bringing the Arts to Low Income Children Program provided 253 children ages 3-4 years to the theater arts drama program. The program teaches children to dance, sing, learn rhythm to music and help combat obesity by keeping them physically active while having fun.

Services for Residents with Special Needs

To support Services for Residents with Special Needs the City provides funding to Corona-Norco United Way and Peppermint Ridge. The Family Support Services Program provided counseling services to 74 Corona residents who experienced domestic violence and/or child abuse in the home. The Hospital Support for the Ridgers Program provided advocacy and wellness support to 89 adults with a range of developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Homelessness Prevention Services

To support Services for Homelessness Prevention Services the City provides funding to Community Connect and Inspire Life Skills Training. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA) provided emergency rental/mortgage assistance payments to 79 Corona residents. The Inspiring Hope Program provided housing, living costs, training and academic and life skills support to five former foster and at-risk homeless youth as they attend college or vocational school.

Neighborhood Services

To support Neighborhood Services the City provides funding to the Graffiti Removal Program and the Code Enforcement Program. 29,910 residents benefited from the Graffiti Removal Program. The Code Enforcement Program brought 110 homes located in the CDBG Target Areas into compliance with local codes.

Public Facilities and Infrastructure

To improve City public facilities and infrastructure to benefit low- and moderate income people or those presumed under HUD regulations to be low- and moderate-income such as elderly people and disabled adults, the City provided funding to improve sidewalks, driveway approaches, pedestrian curb ramps and cross gutters within residential neighborhoods located in the CDBG target Areas. The City also provided funding for infrastructure that will support the development of affordable housing.

Small Business Creation and Expansion

To support Small Business Creation and Expansion the City provides funding to the Corona Business Assistance Program the activity provided assistance to 12 low-and moderate-income enterprise business owners or persons interested in forming microfunding options, marketing, management, human resources, accounting and financial management.

Should any challenges arise in the implementation of CDBG-funded activities, the City will proactively identify additional opportunities to invest CDBG funds to meet Strategic Plan goals.

CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Maintaining HOME-assisted affordable housing is a high priority. During the program year, the City inspected the HOME-assisted property listed below to determine compliance with the housing codes and other applicable regulations. Where any deficiencies existed, the property owner and property management were notified to make repairs and City staff followed up to ensure completion.

Mission Apartments – 12 units – passed

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

The Mission Apartments follows an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan. During annual monitoring, the annual Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Report and waitlist are reviewed to ensure compliance with HUD requirements to affirmatively further fair housing choice.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

According to the PR-09 report for the HOME program, \$0 of HOME program income was receipted during the 2017 program year.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k)

In the implementation of the 2017-2018 Action Plan, the City invested HOME funds to preserve and maintain affordable housing through the Residential Rehabilitation Program.

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