

Attachment A
CDBG Recommendations – Budget

Program Year 2025-26 CDBG Funding Recommendations

CDBG Allocation: \$365,000

Applicant		Category	Project Name	Program/Project Description	Requested Amount	OA Committee Approved	PY25-26 Council Approved	Review Team Analysis
1	Desert Recreation District	Public Services	Recreational Program Scholarships	Provides scholarships for 20 Palm Desert residents to attend a 9-week summer camp that includes daily activities like field trips, arts, sports, and music. Operated by Desert Recreation Foundation.	25,200	8,000		Program supports youth centers at \$140 per scholarship for PD residents. FY24-25 Award 5K. This project supports the programs national objective by providing services to low and moderate income clientele
2	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County	Public Services	Fair Housing Program	Offers housing counseling services promoting housing rights under Federal and California State laws. Focused on education, training, technical assistance, and enforcement to support anti-discrimination efforts and tenant/landlord counseling. Anticipate to benefit 500 Palm Desert residents.	46,000	30,000		Program is federally mandated FY23-24 Award \$22K and 31K in FY24-25 This project supports fair housing initiatives, goal 4, page 86 of the ConPlan.
3	Operation Safehouse	Public Services	Youth Homeless Transitional Living Program	Supports staffing for Harrison House, a transitional living home for homeless young adults aged 18-24, aiming to help them achieve independence. Serves 10 young people. Clients are non-Palm Desert residents as they are unhoused individuals.	18,000	16,750		Program supports low/mod clientele which supports national objective and ConPlan. This project supports vital Community and Homeless Services, goal 5, page 86 of the ConPlan.
4	Desert Arc	Public Facilities & Improvements	Job/Educational Center's HVAC Replacement	Proposed upgrades to ADA Men's restroom, including new tile, plumbing, and water-saving fixtures. The project aims to improve hygiene and accessibility for clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Anticipated to directly benefit 180 individuals. 12% of Desert Arc's clients and staff are Palm Desert residents.	100,000	-		The restrooms are currently ADA compliant and do not represent an urgent priority at this time. Given the limited availability of funds, staff recommends prioritizing projects that address more critical needs.
5	The Jobslyn Center	Public Facilities & Improvements	Senior Center's ADA Modifications	Enhances lobby and entrance for ADA compliance, including structural adjustments to ramps, pathways, and signage. Aims to provide barrier-free access for members using mobility aids and upgrade accessible technology for better service. Anticipate to benefit 2,962 individuals of which 69% are Palm Desert residents.	120,000	100,000		Programs at the Jobslyn Center supports a national objective and ConPlan. This project supports Public and Community Facilities Improvements, goal 2, page 85 of the ConPlan.
6	Palm Desert Housing Authority	Public Facilities & Improvements	Playground Replacement	Replaces a deteriorating playground at a multi-family apartment complex with 384 units serving extremely low- and low-income households. Anticipate to benefit 500 Palm Desert residents.	150,000	117,750		Housing Community supports low/mod clientele which supports national objective and ConPlan, goal 2: Public and Community Facilities Improvements, page 85.
7	The Ranch Recovery Centers, Inc	Public Facilities & Improvements	Substance Use Treatment Facility Improvements	Funds requested for capital improvements at three facilities, enhancing safety and the treatment environment for patients. Helps maintain a positive and safe atmosphere, beneficial for patients' mental and emotional well-being. Anticipate to benefit 572 individuals of which 10% are Palm Desert Residents.	73,713	19,500		The programs at the Ranch Recovery align with a national objective and the goals outlined in the ConPlan. Additionally, the staff supports critical health and safety improvements, such as flooring replacements, to enhance living conditions. This project supports Vital Community and Homeless Services, goal 5, page 86 of the ConPlan.
8	City of Palm Desert	Administration	CDBG Program Administration	Allocates 20% of new funds for administrative costs to manage the CDBG Program. For PY 2025-26, 70% of funds go to the County of Riverside, and 30% are retained by the City.	73,000	73,000		Allocation shared with County
GRAND TOTAL					\$ 605,913	\$ 365,000	TBD	

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

As a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, this document represents the Program Year 2025 Annual Action Plan. The City of Palm Desert (City) has been allocated funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) .

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

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The Annual Action Plan is intended to fund high-priority community needs identified during the annual Citizen Participation Plan process while concurrently aligning with the goals of the previously approved Program Year 2023-2028 Consolidated Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

A performance evaluation is annually assessed through HUD's review of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). This document states the objectives and outcomes identified in each Annual Action Plan and includes an evaluation of past performance through measurable goals and objectives relative to actual performance. Prior documents can be found at the Palm Desert City Hall.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City held a public comment period from November 25, 2024- January 9, 2025. On January 9, 2025, the City Council held a public hearing to provide residents an additional opportunity to review and comment on programming of CDBG funds.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

TBD

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

TBD

7. Summary

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City followed its HUD-approved Citizen Participation Plan to consult with the public, nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, and other stakeholders to prepare the Annual Action Plan as required by 24 CRF 91.100

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 conducted outreach and issued public notices regarding the application process for PY25 subrecipient awards.

The City's Outside Agency Funding Committee recommended CDBG budget recommendations, which are incorporated into the Annual Action Plan. The City held a 30-day public comment period from November 25, 2024 - January 9, 2025.

On January 9, 2025, the City Council will hold a public hearing to provide residents an additional opportunity review and comment regarding CDBG funding recommendations. The City Council approved the submission of the Annual Action Plan.

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 is actively involved in multiple activities to address the needs of homeless persons, which include coordination with the Continuum of Care. For example, the City is involved in regional coordination efforts between stakeholders throughout the Coachella Valley and Riverside County.

The City has historically funded homelessness services coordinated regionally through the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) outside of the CDBG program. For years, the City contributed funds to CVAG for the operation of Roy’s Desert Resource Center, which permanently closed in July 2017. Since then, CVAG has allocated its regional financial commitments for other homelessness services. In recent years, the City made a financial commitment in the amount of \$100,000 to CVAG to continue their Housing First program that focused on providing housing and services to the regions chronically homeless individuals.

The City in September of 2023 entered into an agreement with Kingdom Causes Inc., DBA, City Net a non-profit. City Net provides two full time street outreach workers, case management, housing

resources, vital documentation, and linkage to substance and alcohol abuse treatment facilities.

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

The City does not receive Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.,
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency applied for CDBG funds to provide public services (fair housing).
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Cove Communities Senior Association dba The Joslyn Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency applied for CDBG funds to provide public services (elderly persons).
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Desert Recreation District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency applied for CDBG funds to provide public services (youth persons).
4	Agency/Group/Organization	OPERATION SAFE HOUSE, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency applied for CDBG funds to provide public services (youth homeless persons).

5	Agency/Group/Organization	DESERT ARC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency applied for CDBG funds to improve public facilities (serving people with disabilities).
6	Agency/Group/Organization	The Ranch Recovery Centers, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency applied for CDBG funds to improve public facilities (serving people with addictions).

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

The City attempts to keep a comprehensive list of stakeholders potentially eligible to receive CDBG funds for activities consistent with the Consolidated Plan goals. As some stakeholders undergo staffing changes, on occasion City staff is unaware of such changes throughout the program year. As a result, some stakeholders may not realize the City is attempting to consult with their organizations during the Annual Action Plan process. To mitigate this concern, City staff updates its contact list annually to ensure proper channels of communication with stakeholders

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Housing Services Authority	Both address issues pertaining to homelessness and special needs housing.
Housing Element	City of Palm Desert	Both include the goal of fostering affordable housing.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City encouraged cooperation and coordination through the Citizen's Participation Plan process. The City followed the process as outlined in the Executive Summary Citizen's Participation Plan Section. In addition, the City is a member of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homeless Committee that consists of Mayors or Councilmember's of each of the nine (9) Coachella Valley communities as well as the County of Riverside, and a representative from Supervisor V. Manuel Perez's office, and Ex-officials who are representatives from organizations that serve homeless and similar client base. In addition, three of the Ex -officials are also representatives of the CoC's Eastern Region Committee that reports to the CoC BOG. Through this committee and the CoC, the City is able to work with other local government agencies and service providers to address issues on a local and regional (Coachella Valley) basis and obtain input and insight into community needs that are included within the Consolidated Plan.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	TBD	TBD	TBD	
2	Newspaper Ad	Minorities	TBD	TBD	TBD	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	TBD	TBD	TBD	
4	Newspaper Ad	Minorities	TBD	TBD	TBD	

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5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	TBD	TBD	TBD	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	365,000.00	0.00	0.00	365,000.00	0.00	The annual allocation is an estimate based on recent allocations.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The above sources of funding have been identified as available funds to be leveraged with, where and when possible, nonprofit organizations and other entities awarded CDBG funds to provide assistance to meet the goals and objectives as outlined within the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and One-Year Annual Action Plan. Funded organizations will also utilize awarded funds to leverage, where and when possible, dollars available through the organization as well as other grant awards and/or donations to undertake programs/projects that may not otherwise be possible. Organizations have more flexibility to utilize funding more efficiently and effectively to provide needed support services to clients.

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

NA in Palm Desert

Discussion

The City will continue to allocate CDBG funding and other sources of funding when and where available to meet the needs of qualifying individuals as designated by HUD. Programs and projects will be targeted that address goals and objectives identified within the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan. In addition, the funds will be targeted so as to provide the maximize benefit to those in need.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Support Public and Community Facilities Improvemen	2023	2028	Non-Housing Community Development		Affordable Senior Housing (Increase) Increase Senior Services and Programming Increase Affordable Housing Reduce vacancies in the City	CDBG: \$237,250.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1050 Persons Assisted
2	Support Fair Housing Initiatives	2023	2028			Affordable Senior Housing (Increase) Increase Affordable Housing Reduce vacancies in the City	CDBG: \$30,000.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 750 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Fund Vital Community and Homeless Services	2023	2028	Homeless		Increase Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$24,750.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 15 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Support Public and Community Facilities Improvements
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Support Fair Housing Initiatives
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Fund Vital Community and Homeless Services
	Goal Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Annual Action Plan identifies funding the following activities:

Public Services 15%

Public Facilities and Improvements 65%

Program Administration 20%

Projects

#	Project Name

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Allocations priorities are decided based on the Funding Committee's votes for each application received and the application's consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding	Description	Target Date	Estimate and that from activ
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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The City of Palm Desert is located in Riverside County; particularly, the Coachella Valley. Historically, the City has not had any low- and moderate-income census tracts; however, the City now has two eligible census tracts as of recently (ACS data). CDBG funds will be used for low- and moderate-income clientele (or presumed benefit).

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City has not historically funded CDBG activities based upon geographic areas since there have not been eligible low and moderate-income census tracts; however, HUD recently revised the census criteria used to determine eligibility. As a result, the City now has two CDBG-eligible census tracts. City staff is currently exploring the possibility of a Section 108 Loan for City Council's consideration in subsequent program years.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

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

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

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

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

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City does not own nor operate public housing but is providing funding for the Palm Desert Housing Authority this year.

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

The Funding Committee approved funding for the Palm Desert Housing Authority's request for Facility Improvements for their playgrounds.

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

Not Applicable. The City does not own nor operate public housing.

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

Not Applicable. The City does not own nor operate public housing.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City will continue to work with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders to fund activities that help prevent and reduce homelessness.

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

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

The County of Riverside CoC has established chronically homeless persons as the highest need priority based on the goals HUD has established in its Opening Doors Federal and Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. The CoC has implemented a Coordinated Entry System (CES) to ensure appropriate intervention is utilized to serve those who are homeless and providing for a prioritization of vulnerability and linkage to community resources and housing based on the vulnerability prioritization. Within the CoC, there are several outreach teams from County, cities, and nonprofit homeless providers that cover specific populations or geographic regions in the County. There is also specific outreach teams serving the mentally ill, veterans, youth and chronic homeless. The Behavioral Health Systems Department has outreach peer specialists that perform initial field assessments, in depth assessments, referrals to all contacts, linkage to various community organizations.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Housing First approach adopted by the County and CoC requires that homeless are helped into permanent housing or rapid re-housing as soon as possible. Transitional housing beds have begun to decrease countywide and permanent housing is increasing because of reallocations made in the HUD CoC Program Consolidated Application and the CoC's success in obtaining new funding for permanent supportive housing. Both transitional housing and emergency shelters focus on lessening the time that a homeless person or family's length of time homeless (LOTH) in the shelter by effective and quick assessment of homeless clients and getting them stabilized into permanent housing with intensive case management initially and support in the initial phase of residency in permanent housing. This period will serve as a time to address the other needs to maintain self-sufficiency either by accessing mainstream benefits, employment or medical or mental health support.

The CoC collaborates with the City and other stakeholders to integrate CoC programs, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Social Services to Veteran Families (SSVF), and CDBG funding to increase the number of persons with rapid re-housing assistance. Also, other non-McKinney-Vento funding sources, such as Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), funded under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be matched as a source for rental / mortgage assistance for families that are

homeless or at-risk of homelessness in the County's strategy to meet this goal.

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

The CoC implemented a Coordinated Entry System (CES) to assess homeless persons using the VI-SPDAT that tracks the length of time a client has been on the streets or in an emergency shelter. DPSS uses HUD's CoC Program planning grant funding to measure system-wide performance in HMIS, such as length of time homeless. This is used to help the CoC prioritize and house those with longest length of time homeless. The planning process also included working with the CoC Standards and Evaluation Committee to continue developing strategies to prioritize persons with longest time homeless and most severe needs, including:

The CoC has also adopted a Housing First approach that is evidenced-based and endorsed by HUD to place a homeless person in permanent housing and provide supportive services intended to keep them stably housed.

Homeless CoC youth providers have implemented outreach and service-based events in the communities to draw homeless youth, unaccompanied and transitional age into contact with services available to them. The Operation SafeHouse is the only CoC youth provider that has opened a permanent supportive housing program called the Harrison House, which is for transitional age youth, in the eastern desert region of Riverside County.

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

The CoC Discharge Policy is mandated by the State and followed by the CoC. The CoC established a Discharge Planning Committee, responsible for implementing policies and protocols and coordinating with various organizations, to ensure that persons being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care are not discharged immediately into homelessness. The goals are to identify discharge housing needs inclusive of housing and supportive services and to link the individual with community resources that will include mental health services, substance abuse support, and housing. The Hospital Association of Southern California Inland Area serves as the lead agency on the Discharge Planning

Committee to facilitate communication regarding the discharge planning needs of homeless persons from acute care hospitals. The Riverside County University Health System – Behavioral Health, collaborates with DPSS and the CoC in the coordination and implementation of discharge planning for homeless individuals disabled by a serious mental health and/or substance abuse disorder(s). Foster Care and extended foster care programs help transition dependent youth who are emancipating from foster care to independent living. The Department of Public Social Services, Riverside Sheriff's, and Probation Department support the Continuum of Care's mission of working towards reintegrating persons leaving correctional facilities to community-based living and self-sufficiency.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

The City does not plan to undertake any activities this program year using CDBG funds to remove barriers to affordable housing.

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

The City does not plan to undertake any activities this program year using CDBG funds to remove barriers to affordable housing.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City will continue to work with various stakeholders to meet the needs of its residents that remain in-need of CDBG-eligible activities consistent with Consolidated Plan goals.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to work toward the reduction/elimination of obstacles to meet underserved needs through the funding of various organizations that are established to provide direct services to those in need. The City is not equipped to provide direct services; therefore, funding organizations that do is essential to our success in addressing the identified goals and objectives. The City will continue to partner with service providers to address obstacles and address barriers that exist. In addition, the City works with the County of Riverside, the CoC, local agencies, nonprofits, etc. to address various aspects related to CoC programs and activities, as well as obstacles that face the underserved in general. However, the CoC addresses issues relative to homelessness, mental and physical illnesses, domestic violence, etc. and has a wide range of members where collaboration in other areas is an option. Through these working relationships, obstacles such as lack of communication between agencies, improved services, limited resources, tracking and monitoring, and other needed resources are obtained, gaps in services are better identified, and there is a more cohesive approach to identifying and resolving issues.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City and the Palm Desert Housing Authority will continue to maintain the existing affordable housing stock through the funding sources identified previously; however, as noted with the elimination of redevelopment agencies, there is no longer what is considered “20% Set Aside Funds”. Therefore, maintaining existing properties and programs will be the primary focus, provided funding is available, for some time to come. However, new projects and programs will be planned and implemented where and when possible.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City’s Building & Safety and Housing departments distribute informational pamphlets on Lead Based Paint Hazards and refer all calls to the County of Riverside Environmental Health Department. The City addresses this issue on a case-by-case basis through multiple steps.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City is continuing to team up with service providers to provide assistance for poverty level families, including funding food and services options during the Program Year. In addition, the City will seek out additional partnerships for programs that encourage self-sufficiency including employment and training,

housing options, and safety net programs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City will continue to work with outside agencies to maintain and develop relationships, including with nonprofit organizations, private businesses, the CoC, and nonprofit organizations in the region.

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

The City will continue to work with various County departments, agencies, and nonprofit organizations to identify and carry out goals and objectives of the CDBG Program, and to create a more cooperative working relationship with all interested parties. The City invites these groups to attend public hearings, community meetings, and special meetings that address specific programs and projects. The City has an approved Citizen's Participation Plan that it follows in this regard. In addition, City staff regularly attends CoC meetings that involve multiple organizations and various County Departments as well as other local jurisdictions wherein discussions are held on homelessness as well as supportive services to other at-risk groups of individuals and families.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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.	0.00%

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:

NA

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:

NA

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:

NA

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:

NA

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

NA

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

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