

3rd Substantial Amendment: A 3rd Substantial Amendment has been requested in January, 2026 to reallocate funds in the amount of \$80,000 from PY24 after the cancellation of the Joslyn Center restroom project and reallocate funds to the Desert Arc PY26 HVAC Upgrade Project.

2nd Substantial Amendment: A 2nd Substantial Amendment has been requested in December, 2025 to reallocate remaining funds in the amount of \$14,987.64 from PY24 in Admin savings to the Palm Desert Housing Authority who has also asked to reallocate all allocated Public Facilities Improvements Project funds to an urgent drainage issue in one of the parking areas from their original parking lot project. The total allocation to the PDHA would now be \$ 232,744.11, including funds from all program years as follows:

2019	\$5,596.38
2020	\$8,784.90
2021	\$59,723.44
2022	\$32,467.73
2023	\$1,184.02
2024	\$124,987.64

1st Substantial Amendment: A Substantial Amendment has been requested in April, 2025 to fully allocate all unspent CDBG funds by repositioning funds with eligible projects. This includes the change in funding for the previously approved PY2024 Desert Arc Project to being fully funded with PY20 CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$180,000 as part of PY20 SA4. PY24 SA1 also includes the funding of the Palm Desert Housing Authority Public Facilities Improvements Project- Parking Lot Upgrades in the amount of \$110,000 in PY24 funds for a total of \$217,756.47 through the utilization of prior year funds as follows:

2019	\$5,596.38
2020	\$8,784.90
2021	\$59,723.44
2022	\$32,467.73
2023	\$1,184.02
2024	\$110,000.00

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 2024 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.

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 2024-2028 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 May 31, 2024 - July 1, 2024. On June 27, 2024, the City Council held a public hearing to provide residents an additional opportunity to review and comment on programming of CDBG funds.

As part of SA3, the City utilized it’s Citizen Participation Plan and held a 30-day Public Comment Period and notified the Public 15 days prior to the Public Hearing for consideration of approval of the SA3.

As part of SA2, the City utilized it’s Citizen Participation Plan and held a 30-day Public Comment Period and notified the Public 15 days prior to the Public Hearing for consideration of approval of the SA2.

As part of SA1, the City utilized it’s Citizen Participation Plan and held a 30-day Public Comment Period and notified the Public 10 days prior to the Public Hearing for consideration of approval of the SA1.

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.

No public comments received.

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

No public comments received.

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
Lead Agency	PALM DESERT	
CDBG Administrator		City Manager's Office / City of Palm Desert
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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

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(l))

The City conducted outreach and issued public notices regarding the application process for PY24 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 May 31 - June 27, 2024.

On June 27, 2024, the City Council held 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). Since 2017 CVAG has allocated its regional financial commitments for other homelessness services. Last year the City made a financial commitment in the amount of \$100,000 to CVAG to continue to implement homelessness services. A summary of accomplishments can be found at City Hall.

The City operates a homelessness assistance program as well. The program that has a primary focus on homelessness locally. The program contracts with the Riverside University Health System to provide a

Behavioral Health Specialists in Palm Desert to focus on providing homelessness services. Please note the County of Riverside coordinates the Continuum of Care as well.

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 subrecipient 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 subrecipient 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 subrecipient 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 subrecipient applied for CDBG funds to provide public services (youth homeless persons).
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 subrecipient applied for CDBG funds to provide housing rehab.
6	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 subrecipient applied for CDBG funds to construct public facilities and improvements (serving people with disabilities).
7	Agency/Group/Organization	RANCH RECOVERY CENTER
	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 subrecipient applied for CDBG funds to construct public facilities and improvements (serving people with addictions).
8	Agency/Group/Organization	WeeCare
	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 subrecipient applied for CDBG funds to provide public services (youth persons).

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.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
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 represent atives 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**

The City conducted outreach and issued public notices regarding the application process for 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 May 31 - July 1, 2024.

On June 27, 2024, the City Council held 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.

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	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	No response received	No comments received	NA	

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	365,446	0	0	365,446	0	

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	0	0	0	0	

Table 1 - 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 publicly 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 Improvement	2023	2028	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Affordable Senior Housing (Increase) Increase Senior Services and Programming Senior Transportation (Enhance Options) Increase Affordable Housing Reduce vacancies in the City Rental Assistance	CDBG: \$240,200	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted
2	Support Fair Housing Initiatives	2023	2028		Citywide	Affordable Senior Housing (Increase) Increase Affordable Housing Reduce vacancies in the City	CDBG: \$31,816	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 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	Citywide	Increase Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$23,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 250 Persons Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Support Public and Community Facilities Improvement
	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
1	Public Services
2	Administration
3	Public Facilities and Improvements- The Joslyn Center
4	Public Facilities and Improvements- Desert Arc*
5	Public Facilities & Improvements- The Ranch Recovery Centers, Inc
6	<i>Public Facilities & Improvements- Palm Desert Housing Authority</i>
7	<i>Public Facilities & Improvements- Desert Arc SA3</i>

Table 3 - Project Information

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

The City identifies its highest priority needs during its citizen participation process every year and the Consolidated Plan process every five years. Activities are funded annually taking into consideration these highest priority needs. The primary obstacle to address underserved needs in the community is the lack of resources to provide a greater level of assistance.

**Project 4 moved to PY20-CV funds as part of PY24 AAP SA1*

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Support Fair Housing Initiatives Fund Vital Community and Homeless Services
	Needs Addressed	Increase Affordable Housing Reduce vacancies in the City Rental Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$54,816
	Description	Youth Service Programs and Fair Housing Programs designed to meet the needs of local residents.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 youth will receive services and 500 households will receive fair housing support
	Location Description	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County: 3933 Mission Inn Avenue, Ste. 100, Riverside, CA 92501 Operation SafeHouse: 9685 Hayes Street, Riverside, CA 92503
	Planned Activities	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County: Mandated fair housing services Operation SafeHouse: Case management services for homeless youth at a transitional living facility Desert Recreation District: Scholarships for families and individuals in the community who may otherwise be unable to participate in recreational activities
2	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Support Public and Community Facilities Improvement Support Fair Housing Initiatives Fund Vital Community and Homeless Services

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Senior Housing (Increase) Increase Senior Services and Programming Senior Transportation (Enhance Options) Increase Affordable Housing Reduce vacancies in the City Rental Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,430 \$55,442.36 SA2 as calculated at end of year
	Description	CDBG Administration. Eligible Activity (Matrix Code): 21A. CDBG National Objective: Planning and Administration: CDBG Citation: 570.206(a)
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Admin supports those entities supporting families.
	Location Description	Program Administration: 73510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260
	Planned Activities	Reporting, oversight, monitoring of subrecipients.
3	Project Name	Public Facilities and Improvements- The Joslyn Center
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Support Public and Community Facilities Improvement
	Needs Addressed	Senior Transportation (Enhance Options)
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	ADA Restroom improvements- Continuation in 2024 with additional funding.
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 seniors will benefit from facility improvements.
	Location Description	The Joslyn Center: 73-750 Catalina Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260

	Planned Activities	<p>This multi-phase project will entail a full remodel of each of the five restrooms on The Joslyn Center campus in order to make them fully compliant with ADA requirements and become fully handicap accessible as set forth in the report and survey of Disability Access Consultants conducted on May 21, 2018. This project will benefit all 2000+ members as well as other members of the public and guests that utilize The Joslyn Center. It is estimated that at least 500 individuals consisting of members, public and guests will directly benefit from the ADA upgrades. This request represents the second phase of this project which is the remodel of men's and women's restrooms in building two which consists of meeting rooms and the Arthur Newman Theater. Because of rising construction costs, it would be possible to break the remodel of the building's two restrooms into separate projects consisting of the individual men's and women's restrooms. This option was available in the restroom remodel recently completed in building one. This choice is available by requesting responsive bidders to submit bids for both restrooms and for just one restroom. This would delay the ultimate completion of the project, but allow some flexibility because of rising construction costs. Remodeling the restrooms to ADA compliance is a priority for The Joslyn Center because many of our members experience physical disability which requires a fully accessible restroom.</p>
4	Project Name	Public Facilities and Improvements- Desert Arc- <i>reproposed as part of SA3</i>
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Support Public and Community Facilities Improvement
	Needs Addressed	Reduce vacancies in the City
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	HVAC Upgrades
	Target Date	9/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 LMI households will benefit from infrastructure improvements
	Location Description	Desert ARC: 73-255 Country Club Dr, Palm Desert, CA 92260

	Planned Activities	<p>Desert Arc's HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) Replacement Project will encompass the removal and replacement of nine (9) obsolete, rooftop HVAC units on Building 3 of its Palm Desert campus (73275 Country Club Drive). The total amount needed for the HVAC Replacement Project is \$509,587.00 with roughly half of the total amount being allocated toward equipment costs at \$271,187.00. The current HVAC units are 17 years-old, with an average lifespan of 15 years, and use an R-22 refrigerant coolant which will no longer be available/produced due to new EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) regulations. The old units will be replaced with new 410-A refrigerant rooftop HVAC units which can be retrofitted into the existing system's footprint. The replacement of these units is urgent for two reasons. Firstly, the 410-A HVAC units will not be available after December 31, 2024 and the 2025 units will require additional construction and fortification to the roof of Building 3 in order to compensate for the additional weight of the 2025 units. Retrofitting the 410-A HVAC units will save crucial time and funds. Secondly, California Department of Social Services Title 22 (Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 82088) mandates that Desert Arc maintain a comfortable temperature for clients at all times with a maximum indoor temperature of 85 degrees F or 30 degrees F less than outside temperatures in areas of extreme heat. Due to the excessive summer temperatures in Palm Desert, which can reach up to 120 degrees F, it is imperative for Desert Arc to maintain a climate controlled facility to ensure the health and well-being of its clients (people with intellectual and developmental disabilities) and staff while also staying in line with state regulations.</p>
5	Project Name	Public Facilities & Improvements- The Ranch Recovery Centers, Inc
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Support Public and Community Facilities Improvement
	Needs Addressed	Reduce vacancies in the City
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,200
	Description	HVAC units, appliances, dorm room improvements
	Target Date	9/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 ELI Individuals with Chronic Substance Abuse Disorder

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Funds are allocated to complete several capital improvement projects at 2 facilities. Time and continuous use take a physical toll on our facilities and, while we take care to maintain and repair everything we can, there comes a point where replacement is necessary. The items requested will help improve the treatment environment for the patients in our care, improving their safety and well-being. Additionally, a well-kept facility is beneficial for mental and emotional health. Many of our contracts only allow us to utilize contract dollars for direct treatment costs and many of our capital improvement purchases and upgrades are funded through charitable contributions. Projects include: HVAC units, appliances, dorm room improvements
6	Project Name	<i>Public Facilities- PD Housing Authority</i>
	Target Area	<i>Citywide</i>
	Goals Supported	<i>Enhance public facilities</i>
	Needs Addressed	<i>Low-to-Moderate Income Housing Public Facilities</i>
	Funding	<i>CDBG: \$217,756.47 SA2 \$232,744.11</i>
	Description	<i>Public Facilities Improvements- Parking Lot Upgrades at Public Housing Facility</i>
	Target Date	<i>5/1/2025</i>
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<i>250 Public Housing Authority residents</i>
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	<i>Parking Lot Improvements</i>

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 4 - 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 6 - 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 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City will not undertake activities that address public housing in the program year.

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

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

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

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

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).

NA