



HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

2018/2019

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Executive Summary

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

1.Introduction

As a designated entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Riverside receives an annual allocation of federal funding designated to assist in the development of viable communities by supporting projects that provide decent, safe and sanitary housing that is both affordable and sustainable and expand economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. The City is required to develop a Five Year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) and an Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) for the use of these funds. These Plans, specifically, the Action Plan serves as the means to meet the application and submission requirements for four entitlement formula programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME). The Action Plan must be submitted to HUD by May 15, forty-five (45) days prior to the start of the upcoming program year (July 1, 2018).

Due to the delayed federal appropriations/budget process for fiscal year (FY) 2018 and pursuant to the HUD issued Notice CPD 18-01: Guidance on Submitting Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, the City of Riverside will submit its 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan to HUD within 60 days of the 2018 Allocations announcement, but no later than August 16, 2018.

As the FY 2018 allocations have not been announced, the draft action plan has been developed based on the current year's (2017/2018) allocation. If the final 2018 allocation amount differs from the estimates amounts, no additional public review period will be required; all proposed activities' budgets included in the action plan will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts. Public Services and Administration funding will be adjusted accordingly to meet the 15% and 20% cap thresholds.

2.Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

Priority Needs

The City of Riverside has identified seven priority development areas to meet the greatest needs of residents in the City. Priorities are based on responses to the 2015 Community Survey conducted in the City, information gathered in specific focus groups and interviews with various organizations and service providers in the housing and community development field. Based on these results, the City of Riverside will invest its Fiscal Year 2018-2019 CDBG funding to address needs in the priority areas listed below:

1. Community Services (Public Services)
2. Infrastructure
3. Community Services (Public Facilities)
4. Neighborhood Services
5. Special Needs Services
6. Housing
7. Business and Jobs (Economic Development)

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

The City must also ensure that its HUD-funded activities carried out during Fiscal Year 2018-2019 described in this Annual Action Plan meet the identified priority needs identified in the City's Five Year ConPlan needs assessment. The 2015 Community Survey found that need rankings were rather consistent throughout the City. A uniform system of ranking was assigned according to the following HUD categories: No Need, Low Need, Medium Need and High Need, to describe the relative need for assistance in each category.

Programs Administered

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

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): The primary objective of this program is to develop viable and sustainable urban communities by providing housing that is decent, safe, sanitary and affordable as well as providing economic opportunities, for persons of low- and moderate-income. The Consolidated Plan strategically focuses the use of CDBG funds on public facility and infrastructure in low-and moderate-income neighborhoods. The goal is to create visible impacts that deliver greater efficiencies and bring about positive changes within the community. There is also a need, in various degrees, for services across most categories of special

need. This includes seniors, at-risk youth, working parents, persons with disabilities, individuals with chronic illness, and persons with other conditions affecting their ability to function independently and productively. Potential CDBG activities include: construction or rehabilitation of public facilities and infrastructure, removal of architectural barriers, and public services.

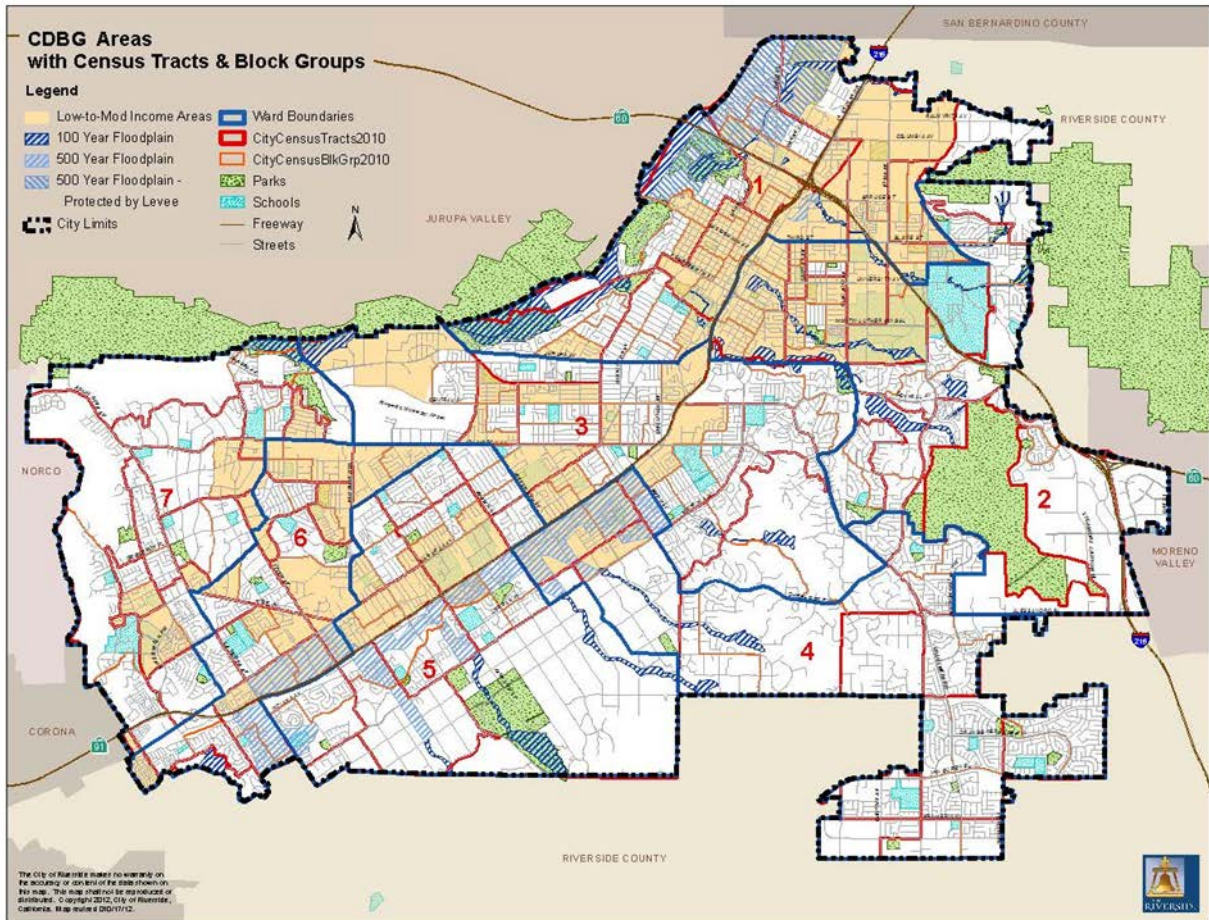
- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program: The HOME Program provides federal funds for the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental and home ownership units for low-income households. HOME funds will be used for activities that promote a suitable living environment that is affordable and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

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

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

3.Evaluation of past performance

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



**Table IV-1:
HUD Table 2B - Priority Community Development Needs**

Priority Need	Priority Need Level	5 Yr. Goal Plan/Act	Dollars to Address Need	Funding Source
D1 Acquisition of Real Property	Medium	0		
D2 Disposition	Medium	0		
D3 Public Facility (General)	High	3	200K	CDBG
D3A Senior Centers	High	2	200K	
D3B Handicapped Centers	High	0		
D3C Homeless Facilities	High	8	500K	CDBG
D3D Youth Centers	High	4	500K	CDBG
D3E Neighborhood Facilities	Medium	0		
D3F Parks and/or Recreation Facilities	High	12	2.5M	CDBG
D3G Parking Facilities	Low	0		
D3H Solid Waste Disposal Improvements	Low	0		
D3I Flood Drain Improvements	High	0		
D3J Water/Sewer Improvements	High	0		
D3K Street Improvements	High	20	3.0M	CDBG
D3L Sidewalks	High	4	1.4M	CDBG
D3M Child Care Centers	Medium	0		
D3N Tree Planting	High	0		
D3O Fire Stations/Equipment	Low	1		
D3P Health Facilities	Medium	2	150K	CDBG
D3Q Abused and Neglected Children Facilities	High	0		
D3R Asbestos Removal	Low	0		
D3S Facilities for AIDS Patients (not operating .costs)	Medium	0		
D3T Operating Costs of Homeless/AIDS Patients Program.	High	4000	600K	CDBG/ESG
D4 Clearance and Demolition 570.201(d)	Low	0		
D4A Clean-up of Contaminated Sites 570.201(d)	Low	0		
D5 Public Services (General)	High	4000	464K	CDBG
D5A Senior Services	High	600	110.5K	CDBG
D5B Handicapped Services	High	0	1.5K	
D5C Legal Services	Low	0		
D5D Youth Services	High	5000	550.5K	CDBG
D5E Transportation Services	Medium	0		
D5F Substance Abuse Services	High	150	93K	
D5G Battered and Abused Spouses	High	2000	0K	CDBG
D5H Employment Training	High	60	12.5K	CDBG
D5I Crime Awareness	Medium	100	200k	CDBG
D5J Fair Housing Activities	High	4000	400k	
D5K Tenant/Landlord Counseling	Medium	0		
D5L Child Care Services	Medium	0		
D5M Health Services	High	250		CDBG
D5N Abused and Neglected Children	High	200		CDBG
D5O Mental Health Services	High	200		CDBG
D5P Screening for Lead-Based Paint/Lead Hazards Poison	Medium	0		
D8 Relocation	Low	0		
I0 Removal of Architectural Barriers	Medium	2	0K	CDBG
I4A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential	High	200	12.5K	HOME/RDA
I4F Energy Efficiency Improvements	Medium	0	50K	
I4I Lead-Based/Lead Hazard Test/Abatement	Medium	0		
I5 Code Enforcement	High	0		
I6A Residential Historic Preservation	Low	0		
I6B Non-Residential Historic Preservation	Low	0		
I7D Other Commercial/Industrial Improvements	Medium	0		
I8A ED Direct Financial Assistance to For-Profits	Low	0		
I8B ED Technical Assistance	Low	0		
I8C Micro-Enterprise Assistance	High	4	150K	
I9C CDBG Non-profit Organization Capacity Building	High	0	1.6M	CDBG
I9D CDBG Assistance to Institutes of Higher Education	Medium	0		
I9F Planned Repayment of Section 108 Loan Principal	High	0	1.0M	
21A General Program Administration	Medium	0	2.9M	
21D Fair Housing Activities (subject to 20% Admin cap)	Low	0		
22 Unprogrammed Funds	Low	0		
B1B Administration - grantee	Medium	0		

4.Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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

The City of Riverside has embraced a process for the development of this Action Plan that included broad participation from the community. At each step in the process care has been taken to ensure that low-and-moderate-income residents, member of minority groups, agencies involved in the provision of services to these populations, and others who are directly impacted by the programs and projects supported by the Consolidated Plan programs have been actively involved. The Community & Economic Development Department staff conducted extensive outreach to engage a wide range of agencies, groups, organizations, and residents in the process of developing the 2015-2020 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2018-2019 One-Year Action Plan. This process included widespread public participation and input through postcards, workshops, community meetings, and public hearings. The following is the Funding Application and Citizen Participation schedule.

- Community Meeting Notices mailed to all Riverside households
- Community Meeting Advertisement published in the Press Enterprise
- Seven Community Meetings held (one in each of the 7 Council Wards) to gather public input on funding priorities for FY 2018/2019
- Letters sent to over 150 community based organizations and agencies inviting CDBG funding proposals for FY 2018/2019
- 2018/2019 CDBG Funding Applications made available electronically via the City website, e-mail, mail, or hard copy pick up at City Hall
- Public Notice-CDBG Funding Availability published in the Press Enterprise
- CDBG Application Workshop conducted for all interested parties

- Application Deadline for submission of CDBG funding proposals from community-based organizations and agencies
- “Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period” on draft Annual Action Plan published in Press Enterprise. Draft Annual Action Plan with funding recommendations made available for public review
- Public Hearing to solicit community input regarding Annual Action Plan and Funding Recommendations and Approval by Council
- 2018/2019 ESG Funding Applications made available electronically via the City website, e-mail, mail, or hard copy pick up at City Hall. The ESG funding application was also emailed to the Riverside County Continuum of Care membership.

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.

A public hearing will be held on May 15, 2018 at the regular City Council meeting. Any comments received at that time will be incorporated into the final 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan.

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

All comments formally submitted have been included with responses in the Comments Received section above.

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
CDBG Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Community & Economic Development Department
HOPWA Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Community & Economic Development Department
HOME Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Community & Economic Development Department
ESG Administrator	RIVERSIDE	Community & Economic Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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

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

1.Introduction

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

As part of the 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan development process, the City undertook an extensive outreach program to consult and coordinate with various departments, housing and community service providers, and other entities with a potential interest in or knowledge of the City's housing and non-housing community development issues. The following sections discuss the methods by which the City consulted with service providers, in addition, to how staff that developed and followed this citizen participation process emphasized the participation of persons of low- and moderate-income.

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

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

The Office of Homeless Solutions will continue the following activities in FY 2018/2019:

- Participate in the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) and its subcommittees, Riverside Homeless Care Network and the County of Riverside Homeless Plan committee to identify solutions to ending homelessness in the City by improving and increasing

availability of services for homeless individuals or individuals that are at-risk of becoming homeless.

- Continue to work with housing developers/sponsors to create affordable housing.
- Continue to attend the Riverside County Housing and Homeless Coalition meetings to evaluate our community's needs and set priorities to ending homelessness.
- Continue to work with the Western Riverside Council of Governments, the Riverside County Executive Oversight Committee on Homelessness and the Deputy County Executive Officer – Homeless Solutions to address homelessness on a regional level.
- Carryout the City's Housing First Strategy Plan to actively pursue the creation of nearly 400 units of housing to meet the needs of the current unsheltered count of 389 homeless persons highlighted in the 2017 Point-In-Time Count. To achieve this goal, the City has committed to Housing First as a best practice approach to address homelessness, and specifically to using the supportive housing intervention that is characterized as deeply affordable housing paired with wrap-around supportive services targeted at hard-to-serve homeless households with a disability.

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

The Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) is the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care and has spearheaded the local effort to ensure compliance with HEARTH Act provisions. Therefore, there is continuous coordination between the Riverside County, the City of Riverside, and the CoC as a whole to address the needs of persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This includes discharge planning, identifying needs and gaps in the community, and researching project models for Permanent Supportive Housing (PHS) and funding sources.

The City of Riverside's Housing Authority Manager is the Chair of the Riverside County Continuum of Care Membership and the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Oversight Committee leading the effort in partnership with DPSS to seamlessly migrate CES into HMIS to ensure that data needed to track performance measurements are incorporated.

In 2016, Riverside County reached functioning zero in ending veteran homelessness. In FY 2018/2019, the City in partnership with the County of Riverside will work on sustaining an end to veteran homelessness and identify goals to end chronic homelessness by graduating PSH program participants into affordable housing and making PSH units available for chronically homeless individuals and families.

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

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

Annually, the City of Riverside releases a Request for Proposals for ESG Program funds. In FY 2018/2019, the City of Riverside received three proposals for ESG Program funds to fund emergency shelter and cold weather shelter operations and supportive services, rapid re-housing, HMIS, Outreach and Administration. The City scored the proposals and recommended funding all of the aforementioned activities. These recommendations were forwarded to the CoC for comments. No comments were received.

The City of Riverside will meet quarterly with other ESG recipients in the County that include the Riverside County Economic Development Agency and the City of Moreno Valley to review adopted ESG Policies and Procedures which were reviewed and adopted by the CoC.

In FY 2018/2019, the ESG recipients will evaluate FY 2017/2018 outcomes of projects and activities, identify new priorities in light of the County of Riverside receiving a direct allocation of ESG Program funds, and ensure that subrecipients are entering client information in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) per the ESG and CoC Interim Rule (24 CFR 576 and 578). HMIS provides an opportunity to document homelessness and helps to ensure coordination between service providers while avoiding duplication of services and client data. The HMIS data system is managed by the Riverside County DPSS.

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

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

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Riverside County Department of Public Social Services	The City's goals of addressing homelessness through rapid re-housing, emergency shelter, Outreach and HMIS are overlapping goals. These services help strengthen the Continuum of Care Strategy.
Riverside County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness	Riverside County Department of Public Social Services	Both plans implement the "Housing First" model.
City of Riverside Housing First Strategy Plan	City of Riverside Office of Homeless Solutions	Implement the “Housing First” model among permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing programs and provides a roadmap for development Housing First units.
General Plan - Housing Element	City of Riverside Community & Economic Development Department	The housing and demographic data was used to determine needs. Some goals proposed in the Housing Element can be funded through the Action Plan.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	City of Riverside Community & Economic Development Department	The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing program provides a vital range of no cost fair housing services to eligible clientele throughout the City that are victimized and affected by illegal housing practices. The value of this study is that it identifies and analyzes the most significant barriers affecting fair housing choices and outlines specific steps to address and overcome the effects of any impediments which were useful for the development of this Five-Year Con Plan.
Annual Plan	Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (HACR)	The Annual Plan is used to express the Public Housing Authority's quantifiable goals and objectives for the 5-Year period. The primary mission of the HACR is to provide affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing opportunities to low and moderate income families including elderly and disabled persons, while supporting programs to foster economic self-sufficiency.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

N/A

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

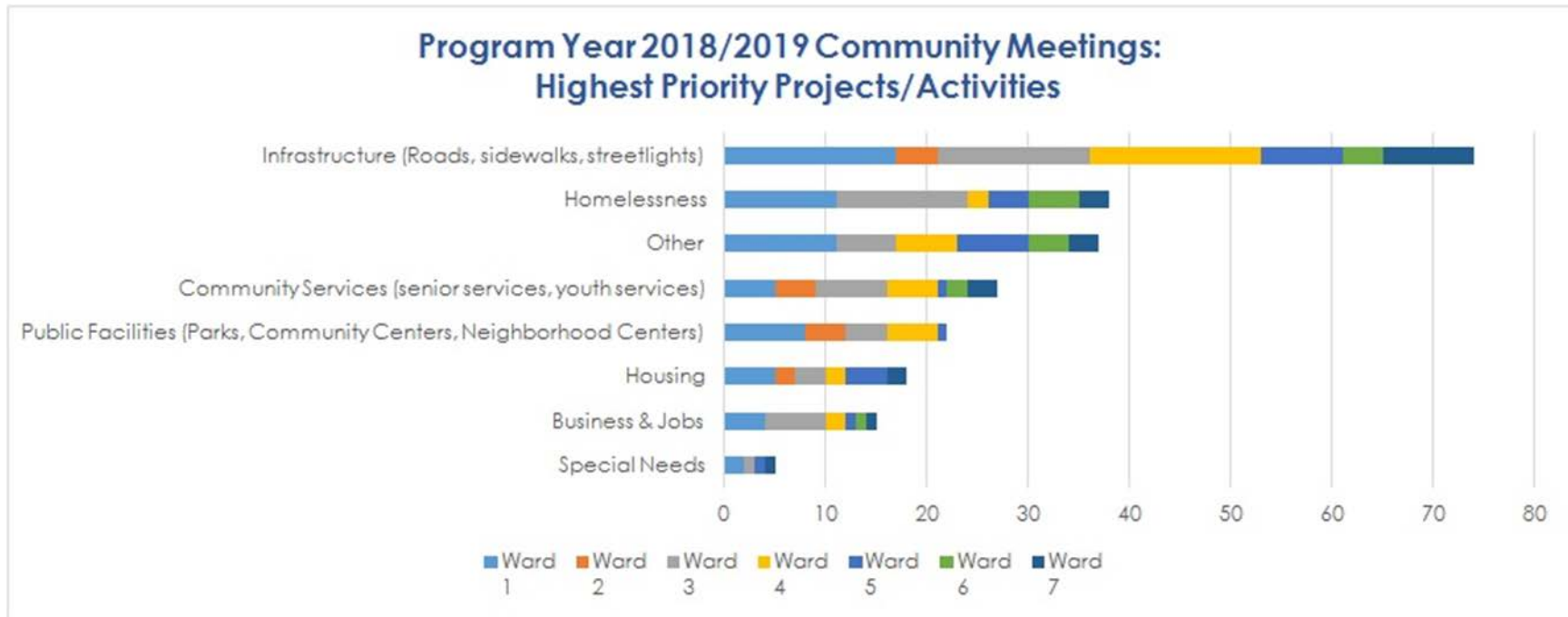
1.Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

As required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rules and Regulations, the City of Riverside complies with regulation 24 CFR 91.105, Citizen Participation Plan for local governments as outlined. The City has adopted a citizen's participation plan that sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen participation. The components of the Citizen Participation Plan discussed above have been designed with the explicit intention of accommodating and encouraging participation by low- and moderate-income residents, residents of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, members of minority groups, persons with limited English skills, and persons with disabilities. In the development of the Annual Action Plan, the City made affirmative efforts to provide adequate information to interested agencies and Riverside residents concerning the CDBG process and availability of funds. During the months of October and November 2017, staff members of the Community & Economic Development Department conducted a public meeting in each of the seven City Council Wards (see Map I-3). The intended purpose of these meetings was to provide the residents with an overview of HUD programs, to obtain information on community needs and priorities that will be included as part of this Consolidated Plan, and to solicit community input regarding any current unmet need. The City Council Ward meetings were held at community centers, public libraries and other venues within the community and involved the participation of City Council members, and area residents in order to gather statistical information, assess the City's housing and community development needs, and receive input on spending plans and priorities for the upcoming program year. The City also conducted extensive outreach to inform local agencies regarding the opportunity to apply for CDBG funds. Outreach included a public notice for availability for funding, a letter mailed to each interested agency, and an Application Workshop to assist those public service agencies with application preparation. Technical assistance was also provided to individuals and organizations throughout the application period. In October 2016, the City of Riverside mailed each resident and property owner a Riverside Community at Home Postcard, which provided an overview of the CDBG Program and invited them to attend the public meeting in their City Council Ward. In an effort to reach low- and moderate-income residents and encourage citizen participation, over 108,000 CDBG postcards were distributed. In addition, the notice was posted on the City's website. Persons unable to attend public meetings were invited to provide input and submit comments and suggestions to the City's Community & Economic Development Department. Bilingual interpretation services were made available at all public meetings.

Pursuant to the City of Riverside's Citizen Participation Plan, a notice was published in the local newspaper, The Press-Enterprise, on May 2, 2018 notifying the public of the 30-day public review/comment period (May 2, 2018 through May 14, 2018) for the 2018/2019

Annual Action Plan and June 5, 2018 Public Hearing for the consideration of adoption of the Plan. The notice included the review/comment period, locations where the document was available, and time/place/location of the scheduled public hearing. A Public Hearing will be held on June 5, 2018 adopting the 2018/2019 Annual Action Plan. Two (2) comments were received during the Public Hearing and are incorporated/summarized within Appendix 1: Program Year 2018/2019: Citizen Participation Comments of the PROGRAM YEAR 2017/2018 ATTACHMENTS Section of the 2017/2018 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	City of Riverside Community At Home	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>All City of Riverside residents</p>	Based on postcard distribution of over 108,000 throughout the community each ward had an approximate attendance of 25 residents.	No comments were received	No comments were received	N/A

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The FY 2018/2019 CDBG allocation is \$3,281,692. Activities eligible for funding under the CDBG program include acquisition of real properties, construction, rehabilitation or improvements to public facilities, housing related services and activities, economic development, public services, and program planning and administration. Eligible activities are required to meet at least one of the three CDBG program National Objectives, which are: 1) to assist low- and moderate-income persons, 2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight, and 3) meet urgent community needs. The City of Riverside will expend its allocation of Program Year 2018/2019 CDBG funding for the following CDBG eligible activities: Public Facilities/Public Improvement Projects, Public Service Activities, Economic Development, Housing Projects, Section 108 Loan Debt Service, and Planning and Administration.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The City of Riverside will receive \$275,223 in ESG funding for FY 2018/2019. Activities eligible for funding under the ESG program include support for the operations and essential services as provided at emergency shelter, rapid re-housing and homeless prevention activities. The ESG program regulations require that the City match its ESG allocation dollar-for-dollar with other funding sources. Consequently, the City places this matching requirement upon the ESG sub-recipients.

The table below summarizes the proposed use of ESG funds during the FY 2018/2019 by general activity, funding amount, and

percentage.

- HMIS: \$14,000
- ESG Administration (7.5% Max): \$20,642
- Riverside Year-Round Emergency Shelter: \$83,684
- Cold Weather Emergency Shelter: \$67,600
- Rapid Re-Housing Program: \$64,447
- Homeless Prevention: \$9,000
- Outreach: \$13,850

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

The FY 2018/2019 HOPWA allocation is \$2,587,369. The City of Riverside has been designated by HUD as the Grantee jurisdiction administering the HOPWA funding designated for the Eligible Metropolitan Service Area (EMSA) encompassing Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. HOPWA funds may be used for housing projects, short-term rental assistance, mortgage payments, utility payments, counseling, clinic-based health care, home care, and program administration. The City of Riverside sub-contracts with the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (HACR) and Foothill AIDS Project to serve as Project Sponsors and facilitate HOPWA activities throughout the region. The City will disperse its allocation of HOPWA funds as follows:

- Housing Authority of the County of Riverside - \$1,474,800
- Foothill AIDS Project - \$1,034,948
- Program Administration - \$77,621

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program

The FY 2018/2019 HOME Program allocation is \$1,218,230. The fundamental purpose of the HOME Program is to preserve and increase the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable rental and owner-occupied housing for low-income persons. The

Program Year 2018/2019 HOME funding will be distributed as follows (per specific HUD program caps):

- Administration: \$ 121,823
- Affordable Housing Program: \$696,407
 - a. Acquisition and Rehabilitation of multi-family residential units; or
 - b. Infill Residential Development
- Housing Rehabilitation Program: \$200,000
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program: \$200,000

HOME Program Subtotals

\$1,218,230

Match Requirement*

\$274,102

Program Income: \$200,000. Funds will be used to fund the Affordable Housing Program.

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16, 2018.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 4				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$3,281,692	0	0	\$3,281,692	\$3,281,692	The City received an allocation of \$3,057,274 for the third year, 2017/18. The City expects an allocation of \$3,281,692 for the fourth year, 2018/19. Anticipating for the remaining 1 year, the City expects a total of \$3,281,692.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 4				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	1,218,230	200,000	1,163,464	2,439,327	3,311,985	In FY 20187/2019, the City anticipates receiving \$200,000 in Program
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	2,587,369	0	0	2,587,369	2,587,369	The City received an allocation of \$2,284,083 for the third year, 2017/18. The City expects an allocation of \$2,587,369 for the fourth year, 2018/19. Anticipating for the remaining 1 year, a total of \$2,587,369.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 4				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	275,223	0	0	275,223	275,223	Grants are awarded to a nonprofit agency to provide essential services and shelter to homeless individuals through the Riverside Emergency Shelter Program. The Outreach Team performs street outreach. Rapid Re-Housing Program funds will be used to provide rental assistance and a housing locator. There are no-prior year carry forward funds due to all funds being allocated to projects.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

City staff, in its funding applications, emphasizes to applicants the need to leverage federal, state and local resources. These efforts have been fruitful and projects funded under HOME and ESG have substantially exceeded accomplishments that could be achieved from federal funds alone. The HOME Program regulations, 24 CFR 92.218, require a 25% match and ESG Program regulations, 24 CFR 576.201, require a dollar for dollar match. Funds set-aside for program administration and for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) technical assistance/capacity building is exempt from this matching requirement. The match must be met by the end of the Federal fiscal year in which the expenditure occurred. This requirement is not project-specific but rather program-wide.

HOME and ESG funded activities will be leveraged, by private agencies and other federal and/or governmental support for their specific type of services. The City in partnership with affordable housing developers will pursue Senate Bill 2 Building Jobs and Homes Act funds, which is a new affordable housing funding source from a fee on recording of real estate documents excluding sales. In the past, Redevelopment Housing funds were the City's primary source for leveraging or providing matching funds for the City's housing activities. With the dissolution of redevelopment in California, the City no longer has access to this funding source. Currently, the City still maintains an excess in match requirement from previous fiscal years. This excess match will fulfill the City's HOME match requirements for many years. The City will comply with applicable Federal regulations for the matching requirements for the HOME and ESG programs. The match for both programs is reported annually in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reporting (CAPER).

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

The City's Housing Authority as Successor Housing Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency has a number of vacant properties that may be used to support additional affordable housing projects over the next two years. These properties must be used to further the goal of developing additional affordable housing units. The City will be working with certified CHDO's such as Riverside Housing Development Corporation and Habitat for Humanity in developing these sites for affordable rentals and homeownership opportunities. These CHDO's are required to be re-certified when they submit an affordable housing proposal and HOME funding

application. The City anticipates funding a minimum of \$118,242 (15% CHDO set-aside requirement) in HOME CHDO funds to increase the supply of affordable housing units in the City of Riverside.

As part of its recently approved General Plan Housing element, the City allowed higher density zoning standards on approximately 58 sites and 250 parcels to accommodate affordable housing development. In addition, the City greatly expanded zoning rights to make Housing First housing a “by right” activity in all commercial and residential zones, which potentially affects thousands of additional parcels. The City also changed the process to make affordable housing development on church sites easier to accomplish through administrative approvals. The City and Housing Authority also actively attempt to utilize owned parcels for affordable housing development, and have recently incentivized five affordable housing developments benefitting very low income and Housing First residents through the write down of City owned property.

Discussion

In addition, the City’s Housing Authority oversees all housing assets and functions acquired or assisted with Redevelopment Housing Funds in February 2012. There is approximately \$4 million of Redevelopment Housing funds available to develop affordable housing. The City's Housing Authority has also accepted the responsibility for the physical housing assets and loan portfolio which may continue to generate income as loans are repaid. The City's Housing Authority has the responsibility for determining the direction and focus of any income generated from original Redevelopment Housing Funds.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

No Goals Found

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Community Services
	Goal Description	An activity that provides services to individuals and/or households, including specific clientele such as Senior Services and Youth Programs.
2	Goal Name	Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Public Improvements that support existing or future community development which benefits an entire area or site.
3	Goal Name	Community Facilities
	Goal Description	The construction or rehabilitation of a structure or facility that houses a public use.
4	Goal Name	Special Needs
	Goal Description	A non-housing activity or facility which provides services exclusively to individuals with special needs.

5	Goal Name	Housing
	Goal Description	An activity that creates or improves residential units (single or multi-family housing), including activities in support of housing such as code enforcement as well as infrastructure development specifically to support housing development.
6	Goal Name	Business and Jobs
	Goal Description	An activity or improvement designed to support, increase, or stabilize business development, as well as to create or retain jobs, or expand the provision of goods and services.
7	Goal Name	Homelessness - DH - 2
	Goal Description	Provide rental assistance to help homeless individuals obtain affordable housing and provide wrap around services to help them become self-sufficient.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

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

In Program year 2018/2019, the City will address the above priorities by funding the following projects:

Projects

#	Project Name

Table 7 - Project Information

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

In this program year, the City began an allocation priority for Housing First (H1) units by utilizing two tools: the integration of H1 units into traditional affordable housing projects funded by the City with a 15% set-aside for all funded affordable units, and the utilization of Tenant Based Rental Assistance paired with additional wrap around services provided by City partners through new Memorandums of Understanding. Second, the City embarked on a long term development strategy revolving around the production of approximately 400 Housing First units disbursed throughout the City, with construction anticipated over the next 10 years. Obstacles involving affordable housing development revolve around costs and the availability of suitable development parcels. Rising development and rental costs in the Southern California housing market have made hard unit development, and TBRA rental assistance subsidies incompatible with H1 unit development, leading to degraded unit production outcomes. Further, as Riverside is a built-out environment, the City must look at commercial and mixed zone areas for the development of new affordable units, as larger residential sites are scarce.

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

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

The City developed its Five-Year Consolidated Plan in 2015. As part of the process for developing

the Consolidated Plan, City staff conducted a survey that was distributed to the following locations seeking community input in establishing priority needs under the CDBG eligibility categories:

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

The results of that survey are as follows: Community Services, Infrastructure, Community Facilities, Neighborhood Services, Special Needs Services, Housing, Business and Jobs.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

As the 12th largest city in California, Riverside has a diverse population of 324,722 covering over 85 square miles. Much of the planning and community development activities in the city are divided geographically based on the seven City Council Wards and the 26 neighborhoods that are formally recognized by the City. A vast majority of the residents with low- or moderate-incomes live in portions of 7 neighborhoods which include Arlanza, La Sierra, Arlington, Casa Blanca, Downtown/Northside, Eastside, and Magnolia Center. These are CDBG Benefit Service Areas (commonly referred to as CDBG Target Areas). The City seeks to direct funds primarily to these areas of the City and to programs and projects.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

In addition to projects and programs available to eligible participant's citywide, specific projects and programs will be targeted to the designated low/moderate income CDBG Benefit Service Areas described above. CDBG Benefit Service Areas are defined as geographic locations within the City of Riverside boundaries where 51% or more of the households residing in those areas are low- to moderate-income. Based on the ACS Census, 41% of the census blocks in the City of Riverside qualify as CDBG Benefit Service Areas.

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

Discussion

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

- 1) Principally benefit (at least 51%) low and moderate income persons;
- 2) Aid in the prevention of slums or blight; or

3) Meet community development needs having a particular urgency.

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

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

In addition to national objectives and performance measurements, the City must weigh and balance the input from different groups and assign funding priorities that best bridge the gaps in the City's service delivery system. The City received input through outreach efforts helping to prioritize funding for community facilities, community services, homeless facilities and services, economic development, and public improvements. In summary, projects are reviewed and funding allocations are made based upon the above criteria, including the projects ability to reach and serve the areas and persons with the greatest need.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Lower-income households continue to pay a higher percentage of their income for housing, compared to other income groups. A large proportion of lower income renter-households also tend to experience other housing problems such as overcrowding and inadequate housing conditions. In order to help provide decent and affordable housing, improve the social and economic status for extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate-income households, and to prevent homelessness in the City of Riverside, the following priorities have been established:

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

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

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

Homeownership may provide many social and financial benefits to families, children, and communities. There is considerable evidence that homeownership experiences result in greater social stability, education completion, civic participation, and improved quality of life, according to “Reexamining the Social Benefits of Homeownership after the Housing Crisis” (Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University, August 2013) and “Social Benefits of Homeownership and Stable Housing” (National Association of Realtors®, April 2012).

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

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

housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	50
Non-Homeless	5
Special-Needs	0
Total	55

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	51
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	4
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	55

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

Discussion

Five-Year Affordable Housing Objectives:

The City's affordable housing objectives for the 2015-2019 period are addressed in the following discussion. The discussion includes the basis for assigning the priority; obstacles to meeting underserved needs, and proposed accomplishments that the City hopes to achieve over the next five years.

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

HOME Program – Multi-family. HOME assistance for the development and construction of affordable rental housing for low income households. Assisted units are restricted by a 20-year affordability covenant. HOME assistance also includes the acquisition and rehabilitation of single and multifamily housing units for very low and low income households.

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

a. Down Payment Assistance Program – CalHOME down payment assistance for low income households that have not had ownership interest in improved upon residential real property within the most recent three-year period.

b. Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) – Tax credit for qualified households to reduce homeowner income tax liability and increase disposable income to allow the homeowner to afford higher housing costs given their income. The City is a participant in this program that is administered by the Riverside County Economic Development Agency.

c. Housing Authority of the City of Riverside (HACR) Infill Housing Program - Obligated redevelopment funds for the development and construction of affordable single-family housing on vacant or blighted lots transferred to the HACR as Successor Agency of the redevelopment housing functions and Neighborhood Stabilization Program land held for resale, zoned for single family residences, and restricted to low-income households.

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

Housing Rehabilitation Program – Offers low interest loans of up to \$50K for single-family properties, senior grants of up to \$5,000, disability grants up to \$5,000, and mobile home grants for seniors of up to \$8,000 to address health and safety issues and code violations on the property. The program is funded with CalHome and HOME funds.

The City is requesting to increase the HOME Homeownerships Value limit/HOME After-Rehab Value limit to \$337,250. Based on the CRMLS Matrix Riverside Closed Median Price report dated April 4, 2017, the number of single-family housing sales in the City of Riverside between January 3, 2017 and April 4, 2017 was 569. The median purchase price is \$355,000 and 95% of the median purchase price is \$337,250. Increasing this limit will allow low income households that own and occupy their property with the ability to address health and safety issues and code violations.

4. Shelter for the homeless.

a. CDBG Public Service Activities. CDBG assistance to non-profit agencies that provide emergency shelters and supportive services for homeless persons.

b. Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Activities. ESG assistance for selected non-profit agencies for emergency shelter and essential services for homeless persons.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

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

The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside has one public housing project in the City of Riverside.

The City and County of Riverside are forming partnerships to share resources where possible and to further leverage funds and increase the supply of affordable housing opportunities. One example is a recently executed Memorandum of Understanding between the City and County Housing Authority to share up to 400 project based vouchers for Housing first clients that will be utilized as new housing units are constructed.

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

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

1. Regular engagement of residents via onsite managers, a resident newsletter, and through specialized self-sufficiency coaches funded through HUD's Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program.
2. Providing outreach and information to all Public Housing residents on community homeownership initiatives and credit counseling agencies.
3. Working collaboratively with local housing organizations like Habitat for Humanity Riverside to provide public housing residents with targeted homeownership opportunities.
4. The implementation of grant funded ROSS programs (noted above) at strategic public housing sites to provide one-on-one coaching to families with the goal of increasing the household's income and assisting the household with attaining homeownership within a three-year period.

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

provided or other assistance

Not applicable. The City of Riverside is not a public housing agency.

Discussion

Refer to above discussion.

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

Introduction

The City (the City), as with other jurisdictions across the country that receive federal funds for homeless assistance, is required to conduct a Point-In-Time Count (PIT) of homeless persons each year. The 2017 PIT count was conducted on January 23, 2017; the results of this count have been published. The PIT Count for the City of Riverside is 354, which is a 37% increase from the previous year and represents 22% of the County's homeless population.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) charges communities that receive funds under the Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Program of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH) with specific responsibilities. The Riverside County Department of Public Social Services is the leading agency for the Riverside County CoC. In FY 2017, the Riverside County CoC was awarded \$9,596,126 in HUD CoC funding.

The Riverside County CoC Governance Board continues to meet to identify gaps in homeless services, establish funding priorities, and to pursue an overall systematic approach to address homelessness. These are public meetings in which the community of providers and stakeholders are welcome to attend and provide comment. The City's Housing Authority Manager is the CoC general membership Chair and the Coordinated Entry Systems Oversight Committee chair. Through regular attendance and participation in the Riverside County CoC meetings, the City consults with the Riverside County CoC to develop cooperative plans and strategies to leverage resources to provide emergency shelter and rapid re-housing services, and is informed of changes in local goals, objectives and performance measures. The recognition of homelessness as a social and economic issue is uniting service providers, the business community, and the public and private sectors in achieving compliance with the HEARTH Act, adopting best practices to end Veterans and chronic homelessness, and improving the system to rapidly re-house individuals and families. During FY 2018/2019 and the remainder of the five-year Consolidated Plan period, the Riverside County CoC will become HEARTH Act compliant by implementing the coordinated entry system in HMIS, adopting policies and procedures and aligning itself with the national efforts of the United States Interagency Council on the Homeless (USICH) 2010 plan, Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End

homelessness and participating in the Built for Zero initiative.

This plan and initiative is focused on four key goals:

1. Sustaining ending veteran homelessness;
2. End chronic homelessness;
3. Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth and children by 2020; and,
4. Set a path to ending all types of 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

During FY 2018/2019, the City anticipates assisting approximately 400 unduplicated individuals in the emergency shelter and 500 unduplicated individuals through the cold weather shelter. The Riverside Homeless Outreach team will engage approximately 250 homeless individuals to assess their needs and connect them to shelters and then housing and supportive services. The Rapid Re-Housing Program will assist 12 homeless individuals and/or families with rental assistance and security deposits. The Riverside County CoC has established a coordinated assessment tool which prioritizes housing for those who are considered the most vulnerable such as veterans and the chronically homeless. The CoC implements a targeted street-to-home outreach program/campaign that covers 100% of its area and takes a housing first approach for chronically homeless households and others with a disabling condition. Non-disabled persons are referred to emergency shelters, and are linked to a housing intervention as quickly as possible. The CoC is in the process of implementing a coordinated entry system (CES) into HMIS to ensure appropriate intervention through program admissions that will be marketed to community groups and outreach providers who coordinate outreach efforts with staff trained to guide households through the process regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, etc. The CES helps people move through the system faster, reduce new entries into homelessness, and improving data collection and quality and providing accurate information on what kind of assistance is needed. The CoC has two outreach teams that cover most county areas. The City of Riverside Street Outreach program conducts daily mobile outreach and provides client services focused on the chronically homeless populations living on the streets to connect them with supportive services and achieve housing stability. The Department of Mental Health has a Veterans Street Outreach team that perform initial field assessments, in depth assessments, referrals to all contacts, linkage to various community organizations, assistance with entitlement questions and problems, linkage to mental health providers for assessment and services if appropriate, and emergency shelter by partnering with community agencies as well as facilitating referrals and other linkages to services. The City of Riverside has recognized the need to strengthen our

partnership with the Riverside Unified Health Systems – Behavioral Health. As a result, the Community Outreach Team was formed, which consists of a City of Riverside Police Officer and a Behavioral Health Clinician to assist with offering mental health services to the homeless population. The Community Outreach Team patrols the City of Riverside on a daily basis to engage homeless mentally ill individuals and respond to community concerns. They will work directly with CoC PSH providers to connect chronically homeless individuals and families to permanent supportive housing through CES.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

To date, there are 178 emergency shelter beds in the City of Riverside. Shelter beds are used as bridge housing for RRH and SHP programs. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) is used to cover the costs of housing while providing case management and support services; providing a period of stability to enable homeless people to transition successfully to and maintain permanent housing within 24 months of program entry. To achieve its goal of ending homelessness, the CoC encourages communities to transform transitional housing programs to permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing. The CoC is working with the City, which administers ESG funding, to integrate CoC and ESG funding to increase the number of families with children who are assisted through rapid re-housing.

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

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

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

The CoC has also:

1. Begun revising intake processes to ensure homeless households are given the appropriate intervention at the time they are admitted to the program to help reduce their stay;
2. Adjusted case management procedures in order to train CoC and ESG case managers to move away from a housing-ready approach to an evidence-based home-based case management

approach;

3. Improved data collection through HMIS by training participants to enter related data correctly and timely; and
4. Generated monthly reports for outcome measurement.

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

The City has sixteen (16) supportive housing units, in which eight (8) units are reserved for chronically homelessness and eight (8) for disabled homeless individuals. In relation to these units, the City has one full-time case manager who provides supportive services, addresses barriers to clients sustaining their housing and helps them achieve self-sufficiency.

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

The County of Riverside CoC Discharge Policy is mandated by the state and followed by the CoC. The CoC is in the process of reconvening the Discharge Planning Committee to update the CoC Discharge Policy. The Discharge Planning Committee is responsible for implementing policies and protocols as well as coordinating with various organizations to ensure that persons being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care are not discharged immediately into homelessness. The goals are to identify discharge needs including housing and supportive services and links the individual with community resources that will include mental health services, substance abuse support, and housing. Representing health care, the Discharge Planning Committee facilitates communication regarding the discharge planning needs of homeless persons from acute care hospitals. Representing mental health, the County of Riverside's Riverside Unified Health Systems -Behavioral Health collaborates with the Department of Public Social Services and the CoC in the coordination and implementation of discharge planning for homeless individuals disabled by a serious mental health and/or substance abuse disorder(s). Foster Care and Extended Foster Care programs help transition dependent youth who are emancipating from foster care to independent living. Representing Corrections - The Department of Public Social Services and the Riverside Sheriff's and Probation Departments support the Continuum of Care's mission of working towards reintegrating persons leaving

correctional facilities to community-based living and self-sufficiency.

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

Discussion

In 2014, the City of Riverside's Mayor Rusty Bailey accepted the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran homelessness. HUD reached out to mayors and other state and local leaders across the country to marshal federal, local and nonprofit efforts to end Veteran homelessness in their communities. Ending Veteran homelessness means reaching a point where there are no Veterans sleeping on our streets and every Veteran has access to permanent housing. Should Veterans become homeless or be at-risk of becoming homelessness, communities will have the capacity to quickly connect them to help they need to achieve self-sufficiency. The City of Riverside identified 86 Homeless Veterans at the start of the Mayor's Challenge to Ending Veteran Homelessness. The City achieved functioning zero in ending veteran homelessness in December 2015 and assisted the County in achieving the same goal in December 2016. The City and County continue to sustain functioning zero among homeless veterans and ending chronic homelessness.

The City of Riverside seeks to expand the Riverside at Work (RAW) program in FY 2018/2019, which is an intensive job-readiness and training program for Riverside residents who are both homeless and out-of-work. The program is designed to empower individuals with the goal of being reintegrated into the workforce, resulting in self-sufficiency, a permanent means to remain gainfully employed, and provide permanent housing. The program's direct involvement in the visual area of improvements and connections with local businesses will inspire the community stakeholders to get involved, promote, stimulate program growth, and contribute to the success of the program.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	126
Tenant-based rental assistance	129

Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	46
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	301

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)

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

Introduction:

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

According to the Southern California Association of Governments, the City had an unaccommodated affordable housing need of 2,739 lower income units for the 2006-2014 planning period. Based on the current housing need (and the provisions of State law AB 1233), the City has identified sites that are appropriately zoned, or will be appropriately zoned to accommodate potential affordable housing projects. These 58 sites, comprised of over 250 parcels, have the potential to accommodate over 10,000 units of new housing development; both accommodating new affordable housing development, and new housing generally to alleviate a cost burdened local housing market.

The City also proposes re-zoning to accommodate the development of new affordable housing units through the development of a Smart Code which will provide capacity for enhanced residential development across an area potentially over 8,500 acres. To accommodate the remaining unmet affordable housing need, the City rezoned over 191 acres to allow for residential

I development at a minimum density of 25 du/ac. Sites must be large enough to accommodate at least 16 units per site. State law requires that at least half of the remaining lower income units be accommodated on sites exclusively for residential uses. Of the 191 acres, a minimum of 95.5 acres will be zoned for residential-only. The City also greatly expanded zoning rights to make Housing First housing a “by right” activity in all commercial and residential zones. The City also changed the process to make affordable housing development on church sites easier to accomplish through administrative approvals.

Discussion:

Not Applicable.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Riverside will continue to take the following actions throughout the 2018-2019 Action Plan period to address the challenges listed below:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

As a part of the consolidated planning cycle for 2015-2019, the City of Riverside will determine where underserved populations are located through results from the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. To reduce the number of obstacles keeping the City of Riverside from meeting the needs of the underserved populations in the community and help improve service delivery, Riverside's Grants and Housing Authority & Homeless Solutions Department will assist with facilitating more city-wide collaborations in coordinating the work of social service organizations, eliminating duplication of efforts, spearheading community-wide solutions to local needs and disseminating information, news, and data that will assist all participant organizations a part of this collaborative effort.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Riverside will continue to invest grant funds into affordable housing projects that provide rental and homeownership opportunities for low-income households, but is embarking on a new focus in the provision of permanent supportive housing units. As part of its recently approved Housing First Plan, the City is forging new collaborations with the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside and Riverside County Behavior Health to offer vouchers paired with supportive services to homeless families; rental assistance that may assist up to 380 tenants over a three year period. Moreover, the City has signed Memorandums of Understanding with local permanent supportive housing developers and service providers such as Step Up on Second and Path of Life to strengthen the City's ability to develop unit concepts and build infrastructure for service provision. The City of Riverside will also continue to seek collaborative partnerships with developers, nonprofit, and private institutions to construct new opportunities for affordable housing, develop the City of Riverside Housing Authority's properties, and acquire vacant properties to make available as affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The County of Riverside's LBP programs serve many communities including the City of Riverside. These programs identify and address LBP hazards. The programs are as follows:

- **Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program:** The Riverside County Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health Office of Industrial Hygiene (OIH) administers the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program. The goal of the program is to

evaluate and control lead hazards in low-income housing units by inspecting, testing, and providing treatment and abatements of lead hazards. The program activities primarily include inspection and testing of housing constructed prior to 1956 in target areas, hazard control treatments and abatement, blood lead screening, temporary relocation of families, and community outreach and education. To identify potential households that may contain lead hazards, OIH conducts various community outreach activities at schools and other community events to grow awareness of the health risk of lead poisoning.

- **Lead Hazard Inspections for County programs:** Lead-based paint containing up to fifty percent lead was in common use and available until the mid-1970's. In 1978, the Consumer Product Safety Commission banned the manufacture of paint for use of interior and exterior residential surfaces and furniture. It is a program goal for the City that all homes identified for rehabilitation under the City's CalHome and HOME funded programs be submitted for lead hazard inspection if: 1) the home was built prior to 1978, and 2) there are children the age of six or younger in the home.
- **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program:** The OIH operates California's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) to test and identify children who are at high potential for lead poisoning based upon the age of the housing stock in the area and any other factors that indicate high risk for lead exposure.
- **Lead Hazard Control Program:** As implemented by Senate Bill 460, grants authority to local health departments to require the enforcement of persons who refuse to abate lead hazards in housing occupied by low-income families with children. The Lead Hazard Control Program is funded under this grant and implements SB 460 which allowed changes to State health and housing laws to make creating lead hazards a crime.
- **Fair Housing Council Lead-based Paint Awareness Hazard program:** The Fair Housing Council of Riverside County also administers a comprehensive lead-based paint awareness hazard program, which includes outreach, education, information dissemination, training, and referrals.
- **Lead Hazard Control Outreach:** The OIH has an MOU and Support Letters with the following agencies: the City of Riverside, the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside, the Desert Alliance for Community Empowerment, the cities of Banning and Corona; and the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. The OIH sub-grants outreach services to the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice and Fair

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

As noted in the ConPlan, poverty is a condition with no simple solutions. Poverty is a persistent situation in which low income results from an inability to enter the mainstream. To the extent possible, the City plans to reduce the number of households with incomes below the Federal poverty level (extremely low-income households earning less than thirty percent (30%) of the AMI) through a combination of direct assistance and indirect benefit from neighborhood improvement activities.

The City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan will focus primarily on supporting programs that raise household incomes and stabilize housing situations by supporting anti-poverty activities through the following:

- Rehabilitate substandard existing single-family or multi-family housing for income qualified owners or to owners who rent to income-qualified tenants;
- Provide increased affordable homeownership opportunities for low income households, including seniors and disabled;
- Rehabilitate or provide new affordable housing units that (1) include handicap accessibility for seniors or the disabled and (2) provide housing opportunities for homeless individuals and households earning less than 30% of AMI;
- Encourage economic development in low- and moderate-income areas;
- Provide comprehensive homeless prevention housing programs;
- Encourage Substance Abuse Recovery and Counseling Programs;
- Provide job training and life skills development; and
- Provide health programs through local health clinics.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City's Community & Economic Development Department (CEDD) will coordinate activities among the public and private agencies and organizations in the area. This will ensure that the goals and objectives of the Five Year Consolidated Plan will be addressed by more than one agency. The CEDD will facilitate and coordinate the linkages between these public-private partnerships and develop new partnership opportunities.

Effective implementation of the Consolidated Plan involves a variety of agencies both in the community and in the region. Coordination and collaboration between agencies is important to ensuring that the needs in the community are addressed. The key agencies that are involved in

the implementation of the Plan, as well as additional resources that may be available are described below.

Public Sector:

- City of Riverside – Community & Economic Development Department (Grants, Housing Authority & Homeless Solutions, and Code Enforcement Divisions)
- City of Riverside - Pubic Works; Parks and Recreation; Police Department
- Housing Authority of the County of Riverside
- Riverside County - Department of Public Social Services; Department of Mental Health; Department of Public Health; Department of Environmental Health Office of Industrial Hygiene; Workforce Development; Economic Development Agency; Veterans Services; Probation; Community Action Partnership
- VA Loma Linda

Non-Profit Agencies:

There are several non-profit agencies that serve target income households in the City of Riverside. The City will collaborate with these essential service providers. Some of them include:

- Advance Enterprises (The Arc of Riverside County)
- Arlington Temporary Services
- Assistance League
- Big Brother/Big Sister of the Inland Empire
- Care Connexus Inc.
- Casa Blanca Home of Neighborly Services
- Church of God of Prophecy Riverside Inc.
- Community Connect 211 Riverside County
- Fair Housing Council of Riverside County
- Feeding America
- Feeding America Riverside/San Bernardino Counties
- Health to Hope
- Inspire Life Skills Training, Inc.
- Janet Goeske Foundation
- Lutheran Social Services
- Mercy House
- Olive Crest
- Operation Safehouse
- Path of Life Ministries
- Riverside Housing Development Corporation
- Second Harvest
- US Vets
- Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation

Private Sector:

The private sector is an important collaborator in the services and programs associated with the Consolidated Plan. The private sector brings additional resources and expertise that can be used to supplement existing services or fill gaps in the system. Lenders, affordable housing developers, business and economic development organizations, and private service providers offer a variety of assistance to residents such as health care, small business assistance, home loan programs, and assisted housing, among others. The City will collaborate with the following private sector organizations:

- Small Business Development Center
- Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)
- Local Financial Institutions
- Private Housing Developers
- Local Realtors

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

The City will continue to strive to increase affordable housing collaborative efforts with public and private sector entities, numerous advisory agencies, Community Housing Development Organizations (“CHDOs”), lending institutions, as well as other service providers including Catholic Charities, Office on Aging, and Code Enforcement. Efforts to increase the participation of the CDBG, HOME, Low-income Housing Tax Credit, Federal, State and other local housing program sources will be directed at:

- Strengthening the housing service delivery system by working more closely with the Housing Authority and by collaborating with non-profit organizations;
- Increasing the involvement of the Riverside Homeless Care Network, and
- Working more closely with identified CHDOs.

Discussion:

Refer to above discussion.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Riverside receives an annual allocation of CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds. Since the City receives these federal allocations the questions below have been completed, as they are applicable.

The City accepts HOME funding applications on a first-come, first serve basis and does not limit the beneficiaries or give preference to a particular segment of the low-income population. HOME program funding information is available on the City's website at www.riversideca.gov/housing.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0

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:

HOME funds will only be used for eligible activities as described in the HOME regulations (24CFR§

92.205).

- Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation (SERAF) Funds: The Housing Authority will be committing approximately \$4 million of the SERAF (former Redevelopment Housing Funds) over the next 2 years towards the development of affordable housing rental and homeownership units and the acquisition and rehabilitation of substandard multifamily properties. Properties assisted will have 45 year affordability and owner occupancy covenants recorded on single-family properties and 55 year affordability covenants on multifamily properties.

- Private funding and grants

- Senate Bill 2: Building Jobs and Homes Act funding for affordable housing

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

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

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

HOME Required Affordability Periods		
Activity	Average Per Unit	Minimum Affordability Period
Rehabilitation or Acquisition of Existing Housing	< \$15,000	5 Years
	\$15,000 - \$40,000	10 Years
	> \$40,000	15 years
Refinance of Rehabilitation Project	Any Dollar Amount	15 years
New Construction or Acquisition of New Housing	Any \$ amount	20 years

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

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

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

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

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

Refer to Appendix 7.

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

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

The County of Riverside CoC has established chronically homeless persons as the highest need priority. The CoC implements a targeted street-to-home outreach program/campaign that covers 100% of its area and takes a housing first approach for chronically homeless households and others with a disabling condition. Non-disabled persons are referred to emergency shelter or rapid re-housing programs and housed as quickly as possible. The CoC

is in the process of implementing a coordinated assessment system in HMIS to ensure appropriate intervention through program admissions that will be marketed to community groups and outreach providers who coordinate outreach efforts with staff trained to guide households through the process regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, etc. The CES policies and procedures were adopted by the CoC in January 2018.

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

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

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

The City solicits proposals for annual ESG allocations. A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is released to invite qualified non-profits, community groups, faith-based organizations, and governmental entities to apply. Pursuant to the City's application review process, an application is reviewed and evaluated for completeness, eligibility, and the project's ability to reach and serve the areas and persons with the greatest need.

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

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

need, recommendations of CoC, and public comments.

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

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

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

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

The City collaborates with sub-recipients to ensure that the homeless participation requirement is met. Sub-recipients include in their policy to extend invitation to previous homeless clients their opportunity to participate on the Board, provide feedback, and participate in survey's regarding services and policies of their facility. Sub-recipients consult with homeless or formerly homeless persons in the considering and making of policies and decisions regarding any ESG-funded facilities, services, or other assistance. An exit interview and survey are offered to exiting clients and a suggestion box and or open-door policy to address any issues related to the operation of the facility and services to clients is available. It is the intent of the City in collaborating with the Continuum of Care and ESG sub-recipients to ensure that the perspective of homeless and formerly homeless individuals and families are incorporated into the City's ESG program and the Consolidated Plan.

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

- Encourage all ESG non-profit sub-recipients to include a homeless or formerly homeless person on their board of directors and/or a policy making committees.
- Assign a higher rating/ranking score to ESG applicants that demonstrate homeless participation.

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

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

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

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

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

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

Performance of ESG recipients include:

- a. Ensure that ESG funds are used effectively to assist homeless individuals and families and

- that the basic ESG program goals are met;
- b. Ensure compliance with ESG regulations and program requirements in the usage of funds and in carrying out program activities; and
- c. Enhance and develop the management capacity of grantees or recipients.

Performance Measures for Homelessness Prevention

- a. A reduction in the number of homeless individuals and families seeking emergency shelter services.
- b. Expected Outcome: At least 35% of participants assisted will remain in permanent housing six (6) months after the last assistance provided under ESG.

Performance Measures for Homeless Rapid Re-Housing

- a. A reduction in the reoccurrence of homelessness for individuals and families who exit the shelter system.
- b. Expected Outcome: At least 35% of participants assisted will remain in permanent housing six (6) months after the last assistance provided under ESG.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program:

As the largest city in the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario Eligible Metropolitan Service Area (EMSA), the City of Riverside has been designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as the grantee for the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) funding for Riverside and San Bernardino counties. According to the 2011 Inland Empire HIV Planning Council, the Riverside-San Bernardino California Transitional Grant Area (TGA), also known as the Inland Empire, is geographically the largest region among the 56 Eligible Metropolitan Service Areas (EMSA) and Transitional Geographical Areas (TGA) in the United States, spanning an area totaling 27,407 square miles. This is comparable to a region slightly larger than the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Delaware combined. San Bernardino County is the largest county (20,164 square miles) in the state of California while Riverside County is the fourth largest (7,243 square miles).

According to the most recent data from the US Census Bureau, the counties have a combined population of 4.22 million residents. Per the Inland Empire HIV Council's 2009-2012 Comprehensive HIV Plan, 8,261 persons were living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in the EMSA. Approximately 62.5% were living in Riverside County and 37.5% were living in San Bernardino County. Both counties are racially and ethnically diverse, with people of color representing approximately 52 percent of Riverside County's residents and 60 percent of San Bernardino County's residents. The overall level of poverty among persons living with HIV/AIDS in the EMSA is profound. The average household income of a person living with HIV/AIDS in Riverside County

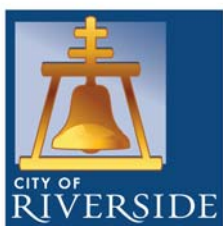
is \$1,078 per month while the average household income of a person living with HIV/AIDS in San Bernardino County is \$1,001.

The HOPWA formula grant program is administered through the City of Riverside's Housing Authority and the CDBG Grants Division which is also responsible for coordinating the City's homeless services as well as CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding. In order to effectively coordinate services in such a geographically expansive EMSA, the City has designated a lead agency also known as a Project Sponsor in each county. This structure also maximizes the leveraging of local resources which are routinely coordinated at the county level. For program year 2017-2018, the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside served as Project Sponsor for Riverside County and Foothill AIDS Project served as Project Sponsor for San Bernardino County.

Project Sponsors:

Traditionally, the City of Riverside has used a more informal project sponsor selection process for the HOPWA Program. The County of Riverside Housing Authority and Foothills AIDS have been returning project sponsors, having years of experience implementing HOPWA related programs/activities/services in the Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino counties). Annually, each of these organizations confirms its interest in continuing to participate as a Project Sponsor in the HOPWA Program, and provides a proposed Program(s) Summary and budget breakdown for the City's consideration/review. A formal subrecipient agreement is executed annually with each Project Sponsor.

The Project Sponsors in turn contract with local service providers through a competitive RFP process to provide HOPWA services within their respective counties, providing access to other organizations to participate in the HOPWA Program.



**CITY OF RIVERSIDE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REVIEW
2018-2019 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

City of Arts & Innovation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Riverside has prepared its draft Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2018-2019. The publication of this notice begins the 30-day public review period required under Federal Regulation 21 CFR 91.105 (b)(2). The public review and written comment period begins May 2, 2018, and runs through June 4, 2018.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the two-year Action Plan will be presented at a Public Hearing held by the City Council for approval on the following date:

DATE: June 5, 2018
TIME: 3 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall, Art Pick Council Chamber
3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

At this meeting, the City Council will receive public comment on the draft 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan that is to be finalized and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Annual Action Plan is part of the City's grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Plan implements the housing and community development priorities for Riverside and allocates funding to specific programs and projects that will help to benefit low- and moderate-income persons and communities for a given year. The Annual Action Plan will appropriate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding to specific programs and projects for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The draft Plan is available for public review at the following locations:

**City Clerk's Office
3900 Main Street, 7th Floor
Riverside, CA, 92522
(951) 826-5557**

**Riverside Main Library
3581 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 826-5213**

**Community & Economic
Development Department
3900 Main Street, 5th Floor
Riverside, CA 92522
(951) 826-5649**

The public is invited to submit written comments on the draft Annual Action Plan. All comments relative to the draft document should be submitted to the City of Riverside, Community & Economic Development Department no later than 4 p.m., June 4, 2018.

Questions and written comments regarding the draft Annual Action Plan may be addressed to Michelle Guzman, Project Manager, at 3900 Main Street, 5th Floor, Riverside, California 92522. You may also call (951) 826-5302 with any questions concerning the draft document.

ACCESSIBILITY TO MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS

It is the objective of the City to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the ADA Amendment Act of 2008, the Fair Housing Act, and the Architectural Barriers Act in all respects. If you require public documents in an accessible format, the City will make reasonable efforts to accommodate your request. If you require a disability-related accommodation to attend or participate in a hearing or meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (951) 826-5557.



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