

City of Riverside

HUD Annual Action Plan 2023-2024



FY 2023-2024
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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 serve 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 Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

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 eight priority development areas to meet the greatest needs of residents in the city. Priorities are based on responses to the City's 2023-2024 Community Survey through Community Ward Meetings, Post Card Surveys, and online. The information was 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 2023-2024 CDBG funding to address needs in the priority areas listed below:

1. Infrastructure
2. Public Facility
3. Homelessness (Public Services)
4. Other
5. Community Services (Public Service)
6. Housing
7. Business and Jobs (Economic Development)
8. Special Needs Services

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 2023-2024 described in this Annual Action Plan meet the identified priority needs identified in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan needs assessment. The 2023-2024 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

Objectives and Outcomes Contd.

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 the 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 needs. 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 the 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 homeownership units for low-income households. HOME funds will be used for activities that promote a suitable living environment that is affordable and sustainable for the household that resides there. Examples of HOME-funded programs are the acquisition and rehabilitation of single-family and apartment communities that will be either rented or sold income-qualified field 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 permanent housing 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 operations, 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, 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.

The City continues to improve its processes and delivery of services to address the housing, community development, and economic development objectives that were identified in the 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan. We are currently in the third year of the plan which will end on June 30, 2023.

Utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds, the City of Riverside promoted Decent Housing, Suitable Living Environments, and Economic Opportunities. During the first two years of the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, the City has expended approximately \$16,391,7285 to assist low to moderate income households through public service activities, provided short-term rent, and funded emergency shelter operations.

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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 outline 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, members 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 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2023-2024 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 were held (one for each of the 7 Council Wards) to gather public input on funding priorities for FY 2023-2024
- Letters sent to over 150 community-based organizations and agencies inviting CDBG funding proposals for FY 2023-2024
- 2023-2024 CDBG Funding Applications made available electronically via the city website, e-mail, and hard mail
- Public Notice-CDBG Funding Availability
- Virtual CDBG Application Workshop offered for 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 Action Plan published in Press-Enterprise. Draft Action Plan with funding recommendations made available for public review
- Public Hearing to solicit community input regarding Action Plan and Funding Recommendations and Approval

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 was held on May 9, 2023, adopting the 2023-2024 HUD Annual Action Plan at the regular City Council meeting.

The following comment was received _____ regarding the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan.

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

All comments formally submitted were accepted.

7. Summary

The City of Riverside will continue to utilize CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG funding allocations to benefit the low- and moderate-income residents in the community. This document includes projects with objectives and outcomes that address priority needs and help meet goals set forth in the Consolidated Plan's Strategic Plan section, which describes how federal funds and other resources will be utilized over the course of a five-year period. The City of Riverside will evaluate past performance and adjust as needed to better serve the needs of the community. As per the City's Citizen Participation Plan, community residents and providers will continue to be informed and invited to participate in the consolidated planning process to ensure projects and activities meet community needs. With declining resources from various sources, the City and non-profit organizations will be unable to serve all persons who need

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services. The FY 2023-2024 projects listed in “AP-35 Projects” have been developed with community input and reflect the needs of the City.

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	City Manager's Office/Housing Authority
ESG Administrator	RIVERSIDE	City Manager's Office/Housing Authority

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Community & Economic Development Department is responsible for the preparation of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The City Manager's Office – Housing Authority staff assists with the preparation of these plans and report and administers the HOME and ESG grant programs.

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

1. Introduction

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))

In the coming year, the city will remain focused on serving vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness through collaboration with other funders and partnerships with essential public and private systems of care including health and behavioral health care; public safety; education; and employment providers. The city will continue to lead efforts in providing outreach to Veterans, seniors, unaccompanied youth, and families with children and other individuals experiencing chronic homelessness through participation in targeted initiatives and support to community-based providers.

The City participates in County Farm Road monthly calls with Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health to discuss performance outcomes of the Arlington Recovery Center, Sobering Center, Emergency Treatment Services and Mental Health Urgent Care and address any community concerns.

The City holds a monthly check-in meeting with Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions and Continuum of Care staff to discuss efforts in addressing the needs of our homeless population. The City, County and its collaborating partners have recently kicked off a goal to end homeless youth and the teams are case conferencing on a weekly basis to achieve this goal.

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 County of Riverside Housing and Workforce Solutions is the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care (CoC) and has spearheaded the local effort to ensure compliance with HEARTH Act provisions. Therefore, there is continuous coordination between 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 and funding sources. The County works closely with Adults Protection Services to provide support for our homeless seniors.

The City receives two direct CoC Permanent Supportive Housing Program grants for 18 dedicated PSH units, which 8 units are dedicated to chronically homelessness individuals, 5 for disabled homeless individuals, and 3 for disabled homeless families. In FY 2022-2023, the city will receive an additional CoC grant to assist 10 homeless individuals with housing through the Rapid Re-Housing Program. The City utilizes the Coordinated Entry System Community Que when referring homeless individuals to the City's rental assistance and permanent supportive housing programs.

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

outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City is to receive \$255,400 of ESG Fiscal Year 2023-2024 grant funds and released a Notice of Funding Availability for these funds. The City of Riverside received four proposals totaling \$515,000 in ESG funding to support emergency shelter operations and case management, rapid re-housing, and administration. City staff is recommending funding all these activities at a funding level not to exceed \$255,400.

Rapid Re-Housing will fund rental assistance and security deposits to homeless individuals and families in the City of Riverside to locate housing units in Riverside County to provide a wider range of housing units for clients to select from. These recommendations were forwarded to the CoC for comments.

The City of Riverside will meet bi-annually with other ESG recipients in the County that include the Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions, and the City of Moreno Valley to review adopted ESG Policies and Procedures which were reviewed and adopted by the CoC.

In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the ESG recipients will evaluate Fiscal Year 2022-2023 outcomes of projects and activities to ensure that funds are being directed to address the greatest needs and ensure that sub-recipients 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 Housing and Workforce Solution.

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside (HACR) is a public agency chartered by the State of California to administer the development, rehabilitation or financing of affordable housing programs and was consulted for information on public housing matters and housing development initiatives. Department was contacted via email for input on the development of the plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Riverside County Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	ESG consultation was conducted with the Riverside County Continuum of Care to discuss characteristics and data needs regarding the homeless needs through correspondences. The following agencies were consulted: ABC Recovery Center, Adult Protective Services, Alternative to Domestic Violence, Catholic Charities, City of Cathedral City, City of Hemet, City Net, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, Community Connect, Community Mission of Hope, Congressman Raul Ruiz's Office, Riverside University Health Systems - Behavioral Health - Whole Person Care - Medical Center, Department of Public Social Services, Foothill AIDS Project, Help for Future Leaders, Inc., His Daughter's House, Housing Authority of Riverside County, IEHP, Jefferson Wellness Center, Jewish Family Services of the Desert, Lighthouse Social Service Center, Lutheran Social Services, Martha's Village and Kitchen, Riverside County Office of Education, Office on Aging, County Workforce Development, Operation Safehouse, P.W. Enhancement, Path of Life Ministries, Riverside Sheriff, Springboard, Step Up on Second, U.S. Vets, Valley Restart Shelter, VA Loma Linda, and Whiteside Manor.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Riverside Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Riverside provided the County of Riverside Housing Authority the opportunity to provide input on the need for affordable housing development, barriers to affordable housing development and homeless services currently provided and barriers to the provision of homeless services.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Homeless Services Division
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through correspondences where funding resources were identified to address the need for homeless programs and services and the development of affordable housing.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Fair Housing was consulted through the Homeless Task Force where members of different sectors discussed the housing market, need for affordable housing for different subpopulations, and provide input on housing barriers and needs based on requests for assistance with housing and discrimination.</p>
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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

N/A

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 Housing, Homelessness Prevention & Workforce Solutions Department	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
Ending Homelessness in Riverside County	Riverside County Department of Public Social Services and the Riverside County Executive Office	Focuses on prevention, collaboration and coordination, and rapid housing placement
City of Riverside of the Riverside Housing First	City of Riverside Office of Homeless Solutions	Implements the model among permanent supportive housing and rapid Re-housing programs and provides a roadmap for the development of Housing First units
General Plan - Housing Element	City of Riverside Community & Economic Development Department	The housing and demographic data were used to determine needs. Some goals proposed in the Housing Element can be funded through the Action 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 is 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 Consolidated Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each 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
The Gap, A Shortage of Affordable Rental Homes	National Low Income Housing Coalition	The Gap, A Shortage of Affordable Rental Homes report analyzes the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) data to determine the availability of rental homes affordable to extremely low-income households with incomes at or below the poverty line or 30% of the area median income (AMI), whichever is greater and other income groups and helps identifying what housing needs should be included in our Housing First Plan.

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 2022, 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 needs. The City Council Ward meetings were held at community and senior centers, public libraries and other venues within the community and involved the participation of City Council members, and area residents 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 September 2022, 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 effort to reach low- and moderate-income residents and encourage citizen participation, over 122,020 CDBG postcards were distributed to all residents and business PO Box included 92501, 92502, 92503, 92504, 92505, 92506, 92507, and 92508. 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. American Sign Language (ASL) and 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 April 8, 2023, notifying the public of 30-day public review/comment period (April 8, 2023, through May 8, 2023) for the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan and May

9, 2023, Public Hearing for the consideration of and 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 was held on May 9, 2023, adopting the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan. No Comments were received during the Public Hearing and are incorporated/summarized within Appendix 1: Program year 2023-2024: Citizen Participation Comments. One Comment was received from Voices for Children during the Public Hearing.

The Community Survey is incorporated/summarized within Appendix 1A, and Comments received in the community ward meeting are incorporated/summarized in Appendix 1B for program year 2023-2024.

Citizen Participation Outreach

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>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>All City of Riverside residents</p>	Based on postcard distribution, over 122,020 throughout the community; each Ward meeting had an approximate attendance of 20-25 participants. Calls and emails were received and responded to further inform about the presentation.	Comments can be found in Appendix 1 Citizen Participation Comments	N/A	

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)
2	Public Meeting	<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>	<p>Each Ward meeting had an approximate attendance of 20-25 residents.</p> <p>Councilmembers from several wards attended individual meetings.</p> <p>Community residents provided input and comments regarding projects and services needed.</p>	<p>Comments can be found in Appendix 1 Citizen Participation Comments</p>	<p>All comments Accepted.</p>	

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)
3	Internet Outreach	<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>	<p>Each Ward meeting had an approximate attendance of 20-25 residents.</p> <p>Councilmembers from several wards attended individual meetings.</p> <p>Community residents provided input and comments regarding projects and services needed.</p>	No comments received.	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The City of Riverside will receive \$255,400 in ESG funding for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Activities eligible for funding under the ESG program include support for emergency shelter operations and case management, outreach, rapid re-housing, and administration. The ESG program regulations require that the City match its ESG allocation dollar-for-dollar with other funding sources. The City's total allocation is listed below. Consequently, the City places this matching requirement upon the ESG sub-recipients. The table below summarizes the proposed use of ESG funds during the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by general activity, funding amount, and percentage.

- ESG Administration (7.5% Max): \$19,155
- Riverside Year-Round Emergency Shelter operations and case management (60%): \$125,000
- Homeless Management Information Systems: \$28,240
- Rapid Re-Housing Program: \$83,005

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program

The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 HOME Program allocation is \$1,243,818. 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 2023-2024 HOME funding will be distributed as follows (per specific HUD program caps):

- Affordable Housing Program: \$1,119,437
 - (a) Acquisition and Rehabilitation of multi-family residential units
 - (b) Infill Residential Development
- Administration: \$124,381
- Anticipated Program Income: \$200,000
 - (a) Funds may be used to fund the Affordable Housing Program and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,243,818	200,000	1,282,413	\$2,726,231	1,243,818	The city received the following HOME allocations: 2020/21: \$1,211,509, 2021/22: \$1,196,252, 2022-23: \$1,282,413HOME-ARP: \$4,335,583 and 2023-24: \$1,243,818. The city expects a similar allocation each year for a further allocation of \$1,243,818 for the remaining of the Consolidated Plan. The City was also awarded \$4,335,583 of HOME-ARP funding.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services	255,400	0	0	255,400	255,400	The city received the following ESG allocations:2020/21: \$280,915, 2021/22: \$271,229, 2022-2023: \$268,894, and 2023-2024: \$255,400. The City expects a similar allocation each year for a further allocation of \$255,400 for the remaining year of the Consolidated Plan. In addition, the City was awarded an additional

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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

		Transitional housing						\$968,672 in CARES Act ESG-CV and \$3,126,622 in ESG-CV2 funds to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

City staff, in its funding applications, emphasizes to applicants the need to leverage federal, state, and local resources. The HOME Program regulations, 24 CFR 92.218, require a 25% match. The City has an excessive HOME match of \$16,802,146.72 to cover the required HOME match.

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.

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

During the program year, the City anticipates entering into a HOME Agreement with two affordable housing developers for the creation of 209 affordable housing senior and family units and 22 permanent supportive housing units. The City's Housing Authority will also rehabilitate a duplex that will be made affordable to very low-income households. The City and Successor Agency will continue to dispose of real property in accordance with Assembly Bill 1486 that requires 25% affordable housing units. If there are no responses to the first disposition notice, the affordable housing requirement is reduced then reduced to 15%.

Discussion

N/A

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Community Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Community Services	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16,252 Persons Assisted
2	Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Infrastructure	CDBG: \$1,424,398	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2,955 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Community Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Community Facilities	CDBG: \$436,836.05	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4,535 Persons Assisted
4	Special Needs	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Special Needs Services/Homlessness	HOPWA: \$4,509,763	HIV/AIDS Housing Operations: ____ Household Housing Unit
5	Expand the Affordable Rental Housing Stock	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Housing	HOME: \$1,119,437	Rental units constructed: 11 Household Housing Unit
6	Homelessness-SL - 1	2020	2024	Homeless	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS	Special Needs Services/Homlessness	ESG: \$236,245	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 29 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 54 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Community Services
	Goal Description	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16,252 Persons Assisted
2	Goal Name	Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Infrastructure Activities to Assist Low/Moderate 2,955 Income persons
3	Goal Name	Community Facilities
	Goal Description	Community Facility to Assist Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4,535 Persons Assisted
4	Goal Name	Special Needs
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Expand the Affordable Rental Housing Stock
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Homelessness- SL - 1
	Goal Description	

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 Action 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 2023-2024, the City will address the above priorities by funding the following:

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Arlington Temporary Assistance
2	Assistance League of Riverside
3	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire
4	Catholic Charities San Bernardino & Riverside Counties
5	City of Riverside – Office of Homeless Solutions Life Skills Classes
6	City of Riverside – Office of Homeless Solutions RAW
7	City of Riverside – PRCS Project Bridge
8	City of Riverside – PRCS Arts Academy Program
9	City of Riverside – PRCS Senior Meals
10	City of Riverside – PRCS Youth Sports Program
11	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County
12	Girls on The Run Riverside County
13	Inspire Life Skills Training
14	Janet Goeske Foundation
15	Junior League of Riverside
16	Mercy House Living Centers
17	Operation SafeHouse Emergency Services
18	Operation SafeHouse Transitional Living
19	Path of Life Ministries
20	Rebirth Homes
21	Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
22	Transgender Health and Wellness Center
23	Voices for Children
24	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 2 Street Improvements
25	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 5 Street Improvements
26	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services – Villegas Park Parking Lot/DG Trail Drainage Improvements
27	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services Nichols Park – Playground Shade Sails/Equipment Improvements
28	City of Riverside Public Utilities – ADA Exterior Path of Travel Improvements at Mission Square Office Building
29	Riverside Unified School District Planning and Development – Project TEAM Shade Structure
30	City of Riverside-CDBG Administration
31	HOPWA Foothill AIDS Project 2022-2025

32	HOPWA Riverside County Housing Authority 2022-2025
33	HOPWA City of Riverside Administration
34	HOME Administration
35	Affordable Housing Program
36	ESG Emergency shelter Operations, Homeless Management Information Systems, Rapid Re-Housing, and Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

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

All allocation priorities support the overall priorities of the Consolidated Plan and address underserved needs of lack of affordable housing, homeless services and housing, supportive housing, and services to build self-sufficiency. The main obstacle in addressing underserved needs is that the needs of the community outweigh the funding available to address the needs.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Arlington Temporary Assistance
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,000
	Description	Continuum of Care Program will target homeless, disabled, and impoverished persons residing within the western areas of the City of Riverside and provide temporary assistance in the form of food, clothing, utility assistance, and referrals to medical/dental/mental health services
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,500 people
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Food distribution for homeless or low-income families in the city of riverside.
2	Project Name	Assistance League of Riverside
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	Snack Attack Program will target low moderate-income youth identified as homeless and/or extremely needy by Riverside Unified School District personnel, and provide nutritious food items for their consumption over the weekend

	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13 schools and 950 students in the city of riverside at eligible schools.
	Location Description	Citywide.
	Planned Activities	Snacks are made available for low to moderate-income children at city of riverside schools.
3	Project Name	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,000
	Description	College Bigs Mentoring Program will provide one-to-one mentoring to low-income youth residing within the City of Riverside by pairing them with a college student to help them with college and career preparation.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	11 high school youth in the City of Riverside
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	College Bigs Mentoring Program will provide one-to-one mentoring to low-income youth residing within the City of Riverside by pairing them with a college student to help them with college and career preparation.

4	Project Name	Catholic Charities San Bernardino & Riverside Counties
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	Outreach Caseworker Services Program will provide casework services including intake and assessments, emergency assistance, case management, and linkages to other community service providers to residents of the City of Riverside
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 400 individuals will be served.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Casework Services
5	Project Name	City of Riverside - Office of Homeless Solutions Life Skills Classes
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The office of Homeless Solution seeks to offer life skills classes to 70 individuals who have been housed through Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). Tasks include cleaning, cooking, home maintenance, emotional control, and conflict resolution. These are life skills necessary to reach housing stability. By

		increasing self-resilience and independence, this project will address the objectives of reducing rates of evictions and improving the length of housing tenures
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	70 homeless individuals
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Life skills to individuals in the TBRA program.
6	Project Name	City of Riverside - Office of Homeless Solutions RAW
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Riverside At Work (RAW) Program seeks to address homelessness by utilizing partnerships between City departments and key stakeholders to provide housing, employment, vocational training, and other critical services to the homeless population
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 homeless individuals
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Job training and readiness services for homeless individuals.

7	Project Name	City of Riverside- PRCS Project Bridge
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,000
	Description	Project Bridge outreach services to at-risk youth 13-22.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 100 at risk youth.
	Location Description	Cesar Chavez community center, citywide.
	Planned Activities	Outreach services to approx. 100 at risk youth.
8	Project Name	City of Riverside- PRCS Recreational Arts Program (RAP)
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Arts Academy Program for low to moderate income youth
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will	Approx. 300 low to moderate income youth.

	benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Riverside School of the Arts Academy, Bobby Bonds Community Center, City of Riverside.
	Planned Activities	PRCS Performing arts education program.
9	Project Name	City of Riverside-PRCS Senior Meals
	Target Area	WARD 1 CDBG TARGET AREA - 02 WARD 7 CDBG TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000
	Description	Senior meals for low to moderate income seniors
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 300 low-income seniors or seniors 55 and over in the City of Riverside.
	Location Description	La Sierra Community Center and Dales Senior Center in the City of Riverside.
	Planned Activities	PRCS Senior Brunch/Lunch Program to provide a meal in a social setting for low-income seniors.
10	Project Name	City of Riverside-PRCS Youth Sports Program
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000

	Description	Youth sports, classes, and activities program.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 2,000 low to moderate income youth in the City of Riverside.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	PRCS Scholarship program for low to moderate income youth participating in sports, cheer, day camp, swimming etc. at a free or reduced fee.
11	Project Name	Fair Housing Council of Riverside County
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,000
	Description	Comprehensive fair housing services to residents of Riverside.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 7,100 low to moderate income persons served.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Anti-Discrimination provided and housing counseling services for Landlord/Tenant and Anti-Discrimination complaints.
	Project Name	Girls on The Run Riverside County

12	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	A physical activity program for girls in the City of Riverside that incorporates activities to build confidence.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 75 low to moderate income girls will be served.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Approx. 75 low to moderate income girls in the City of Riverside will take part in a physical activity program to help build confidence in young girls.
13	Project Name	Inspire Life Skills Training
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Inspiring Hope Program for City of Riverside homeless and/or foster youth.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will	Approx. 18 former foster youth between the ages of 14-18 in the City of Riverside

	benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Affordable housing and mentoring for former foster youth residing within the City of Riverside.
14	Project Name	Janet Goeske Foundation
	Target Area	WARD 3 CDBG TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	Senior Programs and Services for seniors 62 and up in the City of Riverside.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 600 seniors ages 50 and older in the City of Riverside
	Location Description	Janet Goeske Senior Center
	Planned Activities	Nutrition fitness program, interpreter services, and senior advisor for the 50 and up population.
15	Project Name	Junior League of Riverside
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Diaper Bank of the Inland Empire for low-income families in the City of Riverside

	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 500 low to moderate income persons will be served.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Diaper Bank of the Inland Empire will provide low-income families with no cost diapers and wipes on a monthly basis through direct distribution and community partnership.
16	Project Name	Mercy House Living Centers
	Target Area	WARD 6 CDBG TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000
	Description	Home Front at Camp Anza
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 90 low to moderate income veterans
	Location Description	Camp Anza Ward 6
17	Planned Activities	Permanent supportive housing for low-income families and individuals.
	Project Name	Operation SafeHouse Emergency Services
	Target Area	WARD 5 CDBG TARGET AREA

	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000
	Description	Emergency Shelter services for youth in the City of Riverside
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 25 low to moderate income youth in the City of Riverside
	Location Description	9685 Hayes Street Ward 5
	Planned Activities	Emergency housing for 25 homeless youth in the City of Riverside
18	Project Name	Operation SafeHouse Transitional Living
	Target Area	WARD 1 CDBG TARGET AREA - 02
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,000
	Description	Transitional Living Program for youth in the City of Riverside
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 15 youth in the City of Riverside
	Location Description	4509 and 4539 Main Street Ward 1

	Planned Activities	Transitional living program for 24 months for homeless youth.
19	Project Name	Path of Life Ministries
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,000
	Description	Community Shelter Program will provide year-round and cold weather emergency shelter and supportive services to homeless individuals residing within the City of Riverside. Supportive services include, but are not limited to case management, identifying housing opportunities, & behavioral health care
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 46 persons will be served
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Provide year-round and cold weather emergency shelter and supportive services to homeless individuals
20	Project Name	Rebirth Homes
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	Victim to Survivor Job Creation Program
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 2 low to moderate income individuals in the City of Riverside
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Long-term rehabilitation services to homeless victims of human trafficking.
21	Project Name	Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Immediate and aftercare services for victims of sexual assault in the City of Riverside.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Survivors of sexual assault and their families approx. 100 individuals
	Location Description	Citywide
22	Planned Activities	Rape crisis services and aftercare services to victims of sexual assault and their families.
	Project Name	Transgender Health and Wellness Center
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Transgender Navigation Program for health, and mental health care services.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approx. 40 low to moderated transgender individuals in the City of Riverside will be assisted.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Transgender Navigation program will provide aid to help clients access health and mental health care, housing, employment, and other community resources.
23	Project Name	Voices for Children
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program advocacy for foster youth.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Foster children in the City of Riverside approx. 5 foster children in the fiscal year.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) - volunteers to speak up for the interest of children in court and in the community.

24	Project Name	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 2 Street Improvements
	Target Area	WARD 2 CDBG TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	Street Improvement
	Needs Addressed	Community Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$488,450
	Description	Ward 2 Street improvements: Rancho Dr. from Sedgwick Ave. to Kansas Ave. Orly Pl. from Rancho Dr. to End of Street. Alvarez Ct. from Rancho Dr. to Carlton Pl. Carlton Pl. from Alvarez Ct. to Kansas Ave. Argentina Ct. from Rancho Dr. to End of Street. Windsor Rd. from Rancho Dr. to Prince Albert Dr. Pennsylvania Ave. from Sedgwick Ave. to Fourteenth St.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 850 residents of the GEOID: 060650305013 Block Group 3, Census Tract 305.01, of which 445 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 2
	Planned Activities	Ward 2 Street improvements: Rancho Dr. from Sedgwick Ave. to Kansas Ave. Orly Pl. from Rancho Dr. to End of Street. Alvarez Ct. from Rancho Dr. to Carlton Pl. Carlton Pl. from Alvarez Ct. to Kansas Ave. Argentina Ct. from Rancho Dr. to End of Street. Windsor Rd. from Rancho Dr. to Prince Albert Dr. Pennsylvania Ave. from Sedgwick Ave. to Fourteenth St.
25	Project Name	City of Riverside Public Works – Ward 5 Street Improvements
	Target Area	WARD 5 CDBG TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$436,250

	Description	Ward 5 Street Improvements: Dykes Ln. from Magnolia Ave. to End of Street. Acacia St. from Garfield St. to California Ave. Garfield St. from Harrison St. to Van Buren Blvd.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1145 residents of the GEOID: 060650316023 Block Group 3, Census Tract 316.02, of which 600 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 5
	Planned Activities	Ward 5 Street Improvements: Dykes Ln. from Magnolia Ave. to End of Street. Acacia St. from Garfield St. to California Ave. Garfield St. from Harrison St. to Van Buren Blvd.
26	Project Name	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services – Villegas Park Parking Lot/DG Trail Drainage Improvements
	Target Area	WARD 4 CDBG TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Improvements to Villegas Park Parking Lot and DG Trail Drainage Improvements
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1395 residents of the GEOID: 060650313001 Block Group 1, Census Tract 313, of which 740 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 4
	Planned Activities	Improvements to Villegas Park Parking Lot and DG Trail Drainage Improvements

27	Project Name	City of Riverside Parks, Recreation & Community Services Nichols Park – Playground Shade Sails/Equipment Improvements
	Target Area	WARD 3 CDBG TARGET AREA
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	Improvements to Nichols Park – Playground Shade Sails/Equipment Improvements
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1745 residents of the GEOID: 060650310023 Block Group 3, Census Tract 310.02, of which 910 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 3
	Planned Activities	Improvements to Nichols Park – Playground Shade Sails/Equipment Improvements
28	Project Name	City of Riverside Public Utilities – ADA Exterior Path of Travel Improvements at Mission Square Office Building
	Target Area	Ward 1
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$499,698
	Description	Ward 1 Public Facility improvement to the City of Riverside Public Utilities add an ADA Exterior Path of Travel Improvements at Mission Square Office Building
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 960 residents of the GEOID: 060650303004 Block Group 4, Census Tract 303, of which 850 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 1
	Planned Activities	Ward 1 Public Facility improvement to the City of Riverside Public Utilities add an ADA Exterior Path of Travel Improvements at Mission Square Office Building
29	Project Name	Riverside Unified School District Planning and Development – Project TEAM Shade Structure
	Target Area	Ward 3
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$161,836.05
	Description	Ward 3 Public Facility improvement to the Riverside Unified School District Planning and Development adding a shade in the lunch area; Project TEAM Shade Structure
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1395 residents of the GEOID: 060650313001 Block Group 1, Census Tract 313, of which 740 are low- to moderate-income.
	Location Description	Ward 3
	Planned Activities	Ward 3 Public Facility improvement to the Riverside Unified School District Planning and Development adding a shade in the lunch area; Project TEAM Shade Structure
30	Project Name	City of Riverside-CDBG Administration
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS

	Goals Supported	Community Services Infrastructure Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,863,437
	Description	Administration of the CDBG Program for the City of Riverside
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration of the CDBG Program at the City of Riverside
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Administration of the CDBG Program at the City of Riverside
31	Project Name	HOPWA Foothill AIDS Project 2023-2026
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs Services/Homelessness
	Funding	HOPWA: \$2,187,235.06
	Description	Foothill AIDS Project HOPWA Services for Riverside and San Bernardino Counties
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HIV/AIDS patients and their families approx. 401

	Location Description	Riverside and San Bernardino County
	Planned Activities	Housing opportunities for Persons with AIDS program services provided by Foothill AIDS Project
32	Project Name	HOPWA Riverside County Housing Authority 2023-2026
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs Services/Homelessness
	Funding	HOPWA: \$2,187,235.06
	Description	Riverside County Housing Authority HOPWA Services
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HIV/AIDS patients and their families approx. 578
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Housing opportunities for persons with AIDS by the Housing Authority of the County of Riverside.
33	Project Name	HOPWA City of Riverside Administration
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs Services/Homelessness
	Funding	HOPWA: \$135,292.89
	Description	Administration of HOPWA for the City of Riverside
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	City of Riverside's administration of the HOPWA Program for Riverside and San Bernardino County
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	City of Riverside's administration of the HOPWA Program for Riverside and San Bernardino County
34	Project Name	Emergency Shelter Operations, Rapid Re-Housing, Homeless Management Information Systems, and Administration
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Homelessness- SL - 1
	Needs Addressed	Housing Special Needs Services/Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$255,400
	Description	Utilize ESG grant funds to support emergency shelter operations, homeless management information systems, rapid-rehousing, and administration cost.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The grant will provide the city with the ability to assist 83 households through the emergency shelter or rapid re-housing program.
	Location Description	Emergency Shelter: 2840 Hulen Place, Riverside, CA 92507 Rapid Re-Housing Program: scattered sites Administration: 3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522

	Planned Activities	The City proposes to fund emergency shelter operations, rental assistance and security deposits for homeless individuals, homeless management information systems personnel costs, and administration costs with the Emergency Solutions grant.
35	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Expand the Affordable Rental Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$124,381
	Description	Administration costs for operating the HOME program.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will be used to cover staff costs related to overseeing the HOME grant.
	Location Description	3900 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92522
	Planned Activities	Administration of the HOME Grant
36	Project Name	Affordable Housing Program
	Target Area	CITYWIDE ALL COUNCIL WARDS
	Goals Supported	Expand the Affordable Rental Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	\$1,119,437
	Description	Development of affordable housing units.
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will be used to create new affordable housing units for at least 11 households.
	Location Description	Project location has not yet been determined.
	Planned Activities	Creation of new affordable housing units for 11 households.

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

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City's HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding will support the need for affordable housing and rental assistance to assist extremely to low-income households with achieving housing stability and self-sufficiency. The City's rental assistance programs have been expanded to allow clients to locate housing units countywide to support the City's goal of ending homelessness.

Discussion

For an activity or project to be eligible for CDBG 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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	29
Non-Homeless	11
Special-Needs	0
Total	40

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	29
The Production of New Units	11
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	40

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

Discussion

Lower-income households continue to pay a higher percentage of their income for housing, compared to other income groups, particularly in a housing market where market production runs behind need and affordable production is scarce in relation to an expanding pool of eligible clients. According to the National Low-Income Housing Coalition (NLHC), every major metropolitan area in the U.S. has a shortage of affordable and available rental homes for extremely low-income renters. Of the 50 largest metropolitan areas, extremely low-income renters face the most severe shortages in Riverside-San Bernardino-Orange, where there are 20 affordable and available rental homes for every 100 extremely low-income renter households. Based on the NLHC data on rental units and renters in the US matched by affordability and income levels, there is a great need to expand affordable rental housing stock for extremely low- and very low-income households, as well as special needs households including the homeless, elderly, large families, HIV/AIDS, and their families. In conjunction with the City's Housing First Plan, the city is targeting unit production that benefits residents earning 50% of Riverside AMI and below, an effort to target very low-income persons and families.

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, households with disabilities, and their families.

In conjunction with the City's Housing First Plan, the city is now targeting unit production that benefits residents earning 60% of Riverside AMI and below, in effort to target very low-income persons and 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. Residents will continue to refer residents to NPHS apply for the CalHome Down Payment Assistance Program.

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.

In April 2023, the City received the State's ProHousing Designation which provides the City with additional points or other preferences in the scoring of competitive housing, community development and infrastructure programs through the State. The City submitted a ProHousing Incentive Pilot Program application for \$2.5 million to support the development of affordable housing and is waiting for the State to announce the awards.

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 administers and manages several programs to address the housing needs of residents throughout the County. The annual estimated operating budget of \$101 million is allocated to fund Housing Authority projects and programs.

The Public Housing Program, now Rental Assistance Demonstration Program, provides decent, safe, and sanitary housing to low and moderate-income families, seniors, and persons with disabilities. These multi-family developments were constructed or purchased with funding provided by HUD. The property units are operated and maintained by the Housing Authority with funding subsidies from HUD.

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

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

1. Regular engagement of residents via onsite managers and through specialized self-sufficiency coordinators funded through HUD's Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) program and Family Self-Sufficiency Program.
2. Providing outreach and information to all residents on community homeownership initiatives and credit counseling agencies.
3. Working collaboratively with our local Habitat for Humanity to provide public housing residents with targeted homeownership opportunities.

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

The Housing Authority of the County of Riverside has been rated as a HUD High Performer for the past 19 years for the Section 8 (Voucher) Program, and until October 1, 2016, either a HUD High Performer or a

Standard Performer for the Public Housing Program.

Discussion

The City and County of Riverside continue to partner to share resources where possible to increase the supply of affordable housing through Section 8 Project Based Vouchers and No Place Like Home.

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 2022 PIT count was conducted on February 23, 2022; the results of this count have been published. The PIT Count for the City of Riverside is 514 which is a 12% decrease from the previous year and represents 26% 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 Housing, Homeless Prevention and Workforce Development is the leading agency for the Riverside City and Riverside County CoC. In March 2023, the Riverside County Continuum of Care (CoC) received notification from HUD of its 2022 Continuum of Care Program award in the amount of \$13,757,332. The award provides funding to 19 projects including: Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and a CoC Planning grant.

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 a member of the CoC and is the Coordinated Entry Systems 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 2023 Riverside County Homeless PIT Count was conducted on January 25, 2023. The City is waiting

for the numbers to be released from the County of Riverside.

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

During the planning period, the City will be conducting weekly case conferencing with Riverside County staff (behavioral health, housing authority, probation, and outreach), nonprofit agencies and community providers to end homeless youth and how to best assist individuals in the Coordinated Entry System (CES) Community Queue that are waiting for a housing connection. The City will begin implementing its CoC Rapid Re-Housing program to assist 15 homeless individuals with obtaining housing coupled with case management.

The City will begin allocating its allocation of \$8,433,288.22 of State Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 3 (HHAP 3) to assist with rental assistance, homeless prevention, shelter operations, street outreach, services coordination through Project Connect to connect homeless individuals released from jail with resource and support they need, and temporary shelter. The Riverside City and County Continuum of Care HHAP 3 goals include reducing the unsheltered homelessness by 10% and increasing exits to permanent housing by 20%.

In FY 2023-2024, the City anticipates receiving a Standard Agreement from the State for its HHAP4 funding allocation of \$8,860,566.80 to assist with rental assistance, homeless prevention, shelter operations, street outreach, services coordination through Project Connect to connect homeless individuals released from jail with resource and support they need, temporary shelter and creation of permanent supportive housing units. The Riverside City and County Continuum of Care HHAP 4 goals include reducing the unsheltered homelessness by 30% and increasing exits to permanent housing by 30%.

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

In FY 2023-2024, the City will have 17 fulltime Outreach workers engaging homeless individuals on the streets to connect them to shelter and complete Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) to determine risk and prioritization when providing assistance to homeless individuals. The City will also be continuing its partnership with the County of Riverside and adjacent cities to address homelessness in the Santa Ana River bottom.

The city will continue to provide rental assistance to homeless individuals from the City of Riverside on the Coordinated Entry System Community Queue. The Riverside University Health Systems – Behavioral Health oversees the CES to ensure appropriate intervention through program admissions that will be targeted 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 Riverside University Health Systems – Behavioral Health has a mobile crisis team that will be going out in the field to engage and offer services to homeless individuals with mental health conditions.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

To date, there are 221 emergency shelter beds and 26 transitional housing units in the City of Riverside. In the planning period, the City anticipates releasing a new Request for Proposals for the creation of 50 temporary shelter beds to address the need.

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 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, of which eight (8) units are reserved for chronically homelessness and eight (8) units for disabled homeless individuals and families. 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 University 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.

The County in partnership with the City created the HOME program that provides the opportunity for homeless individuals to obtain housing and supportive services in exchange for doing prison time.

Discussion

In addition to the strategies described above, the city is carrying out the following activities to help the city move towards its goal of ending homelessness.

- Working with government, nonprofit, and business partners to allocate additional resources for efforts

to end and prevent homelessness.

- Working with the County of Riverside to allocate Section 8 project-based tenant-based vouchers and NO Place Like Home towards the development of permanent supportive housing units.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)

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

Introduction:

There are several barriers to affordable housing that are continuing to contribute towards the shortage of affordable housing. In the private sector, the demand for affordable housing is larger than the supply, and as per basic economic principles, this is driving housing prices up. There are many more jobs being added to the area than there are housing units being added, further increasing the imbalance between supply and demand.

Funding that had previously been offered through state-funded redevelopment agencies is no longer available since those agencies have been dissolved. All these factors are the reasons why there is a lack of funding for affordable housing in the city.

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

In the 2023-2024 year, the City will be exploring the following policies to lessen the impacts of regulatory, land use, and costs for affordable housing production.

1. Develop an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program that includes standard plans, streamlined processing and educational materials to facilitate ADU development.
2. Prepare a Zoning Code update to streamline the entitlement process and simplify development standards for new housing development.
3. Infill Residential/Small Lot Subdivisions Ordinance to facilitate and encourage infill housing development on underutilized, urban sites in transit-rich areas.
4. Prepare a Zoning Code update to further encourage mixed-use development with transit access that reduces automobile trips, vehicle miles traveled, and associated energy consumption; and
5. Develop design standards that will help reduce housing costs by promoting sustainable and resilient design and construction practices; promoting technological improvements such as increased energy efficiency, net-zero construction, solar, electric transportation; and encouraging reduced water/energy consumption and reduced waste generation.

Discussion:

According to the Southern California Association of Governments, the city had an unaccommodated housing need of 18,458 units for 2023-2028 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.

To accommodate the remaining unmet affordable housing need, the city rezoned over 191 acres to allow for residential development at a minimum density of 25 dwelling units per acre. 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 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. Also, the city has taken an active approach to implement a series of new State laws that make development easier around public transit, and that impose less stringent standards (e.g., parking) for new affordable housing units.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The city will use CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG to meet the needs of the community over the 2022-2023 Plan year. Please refer to the Project Summary in AP-38.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Riverside will determine where underserved populations are located through an update to the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Special attention was given during this planning period to work in rehousing formally homeless by moving them into affordable housing or assisting them with applying and obtaining Section 8 tenant vouchers.

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 Housing Authority & Office of Homeless Solutions will assist with facilitating more city-wide collaborations in coordinating the work of social service organizations with a specific goal to address homelessness both in offering assistance, wrap-around services, and a path to permanent affordable housing and shared housing.

Please also refer to the Project Summary in AP-38 for public services to be funded over the plan year.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Riverside will continue to invest federal and State funds into affordable housing projects that provide rental for low-income households but is continuing a focus in the provision of permanent supportive housing units through the City's approved Housing First Plan. 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 city will help reduce lead-based paint hazards through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program that provides grants and loans to low-income homeowners to assist with home repairs.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

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, and Social Services through Non-Profits granted through CDBG funds.

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: 1) Encourage economic development in low- and moderate-income areas; 2) Provide comprehensive homeless prevention housing programs from overnight shelters, to bridge housing, and paths to permanent housing through TBRA; and 3) Follow nationally recognized Housing First best practices in reducing instances of homelessness in Riverside.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Riverside partners with the business community, other government agencies such as the County of Riverside, the Riverside County Housing Authority, non-profit organizations that provide housing assistance and public services, faith-based organizations, the Continuum of Care, and collaborates interdepartmentally to carry out goals and strategies of the Consolidated Plan. When possible, the City's Housing Authority writes down the land value of properties it owns for the purpose of providing affordable housing units.

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, lending institutions, as well as other service providers including the Riverside County Housing Authority, Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions, Department of Public Social Services, and County Department of Behavioral Health. 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: 1) strengthening the housing service delivery system by working more closely with County housing agencies and by collaborating with non-profit organizations; 2) increasing the involvement of the Continuum of Care for Riverside County, and 3) working more closely with new developers and permanent supportive service providers.

Discussion:

See discussion above.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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	
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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:

To further the development of affordable housing, the City will:

- Dedicate the City's direct allocation of State Permanent Local Housing Allocation towards the development of affordable housing
- Pursue private funding and grants
- Pursue No Place Like Home state funding that has been established for the development of affordable housing for individuals and families experiencing mental illnesses

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 the response under the next section on resale or recapture.

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:

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. The City's Resale-Recapture Policy is attached as Appendix 6 for review.

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(I)(4)

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

See Appendix X.

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 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 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 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 Annual 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 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 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 City 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, the below guidelines have been set as part of the performance standards for evaluating ESG:

Performance of ESG recipients include:

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- 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.