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Executive Summary

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

Introduction

The Community Development Block (CDBG) program is authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which provides eligible entitlement communities with annual grants. The annual grants must be used to provide decent housing, suitable living environments, and expanded economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income persons. The City of Santa Clarita (City) has been receiving entitlement funds since Fiscal Year (FY) 1991-1992 and became a Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) participating jurisdiction in FY 2020-2021.

At the time the FY 2022-2023 Action Plan was developed, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had not yet issued the specific allocation of CDBG or HOME funds. HUD issued CPD Notice 22-05 providing guidance on how to move forward with the public comment and Action Plan approval process without the funding allocations. Based on this guidance, the City has developed this document using the FY 2021-2022 allocations as an estimate and included a Contingency Plan (Attachment B) to this document explaining how the Action Plan will be adjusted when HUD releases the actual FY 2022-2023 allocations.

The City adopted its FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) in 2019 as required to receive federal CDBG funds from HUD. The Con Plan addresses the City's low- and moderate-income housing and community development needs and sets forth a strategic plan of five-year goals, specific objectives, annual goals, and benchmarks for measuring progress. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the passage of the CARES Act, the City amended the Con Plan to include an additional priority - Provide Timely Assistance to Those Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic - and amended the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) to allocate the CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds.

This is the fourth Action Plan of the FY 2019-2023 Con Plan for the City of Santa Clarita. It describes the resources, programs, activities, and actions the City of Santa Clarita will take during FY 2022-2023 to implement the strategic plan found in the 2019-2023 Con Plan. The FY 2019-2023 Con Plan (as amended) for the City of Santa Clarita set forth the following priorities:

- Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
- Provide Supportive Human Services
- Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure
- Provide Timely Assistance to Those Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Planning and Administration

Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City plans to use 20% of the FY 2022-2023 entitlement allocation for Administration and Planning, including funding The Fair Housing Council to provide residents with fair housing services. The City will continue to fund Supportive Human Services to the greatest extent possible subject to the public services cap of 15% of the FY 2022-2023 allocation. The Handyworker Program will be funded to Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing, and the remaining funds will be used to Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure. The City will continue to use funds provided through the CARES Act (CDBG-CV) to Provide Timely Assistance to Those Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The City incorporated Performance Measure Objectives and Outcomes in accordance with the Federal Register Notice dated March 7, 2006, which requires Performance Measure Objectives and Outcomes to be associated with each activity:

Activities will meet one of the following:

- Decent Housing (DH)
- A Suitable Living Environment (SL)
- Economic Opportunity (EO)

Activities will meet one of the following:

- Availability/Accessibility (1)
- Affordability (2)
- Sustainability (3)

Evaluation of past performance

A complete evaluation of the City's second year (FY 2021-2022) in implementing the Con Plan will be provided in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) due to HUD on September 28, 2022, 90 days after the close of the program year. For the first two quarters of FY 2021-2022, the CDBG-funded programs assisted residents as shown below:

CDBG Entitlement Program

- 76 families experiencing homelessness were assisted through two homeless services programs
- 12 disabled children were provided equestrian therapy

- 26 foster or former-foster youth were provided case management and support to reach their higher-learning goals
- 165 older adults were provided assistance with comprehensive assessments, referrals to housing resources, and assistance with forms completion
- 72 single-mother families were provided with mental health services
- 8 severely disabled young adults were provided job readiness and life-skills training

CDBG CV Program

The statistics below represent the first two quarters of FY 2020-2021 only. Prior year CDBG-CV accomplishments were reported in the 2020-2021 CAPER.

- 10 foster or former-foster youth were provided a dedicated study space and on-site lunch so they could continue their studies during the pandemic
- 28 children were provided childcare and afterschool activities in a socially-distanced environment to keep them safe during the pandemic
- 9 families who became homeless due to the pandemic were provide transitional housing
- 140 seniors who were at high risk if exposed to Covid-19, were provided meals and household essentials delivered to their homes

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Citizen participation is an important component of the Annual Action Plan processes. To solicit public input during the development of the Action Plan, the City is providing the required 30-day public review and comment period of the draft Action Plan and will hold a Public Hearing before the Santa Clarita City Council to approve the Action Plan.

Public Review of Draft Documents: A 30-day public review and comment period will be held from March 18, 2022 through April 19, 2022. The final FY 2022-2023 Action Plan will be available for five years at Santa Clarita City Hall and available for viewing on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) page of the City's website.

Public Hearing: A Public Hearing before the City Council will be held on April 26, 2022 to review and approve the Annual Action Plan.

Summary of public comments

Public input, including any comments received during the citizen participation process, are summarized and presented in the Appendix. No comment have been received to date.

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

All comments were accepted.

Summary

The City expects to receive an estimated \$1,494,849 in CDBG funds and \$527,899 in HOME funds for FY 2022-2023. The City also has available \$12,476.17 (\$12,476) in prior year CDBG savings. The total estimated budget available to the City is \$2,035,224.17 and will be allocated for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	SANTA CLARITA	Community Development
HOME Administrator	SANTA CLARITA	Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City’s CDBG and HOME programs are administered by the Community Preservation Division of the City of Santa Clarita Community Development Department.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For matters concerning the City of Santa Clarita’s CDBG and HOME programs, please contact: Michael Villegas, Community Preservation Manager, City of Santa Clarita Community Development Department, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 300, Santa Clarita, CA 91355, (661) 255-4960.

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

Introduction

As part of the development of this Action Plan, the City conducted outreach with non-profit agencies, affordable housing providers, and government agencies in order to consult with them regarding the needs of the low- and moderate-income community. Additional information regarding outreach may be found in the Executive Summary and Citizen Participation sections of this Action Plan.

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

The City of Santa Clarita's outreach efforts include public and assisted housing agencies, as well as governmental and private health, mental health, and other agencies serving the low- and moderate-income residents. Notices of Funding Availability for FY 2022-2023 CDBG funds were mailed to 77 local-serving agencies. The Los Angeles County Development Authority was also contacted to obtain information on public housing and Housing Choice Vouchers available to City residents.

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 Continuum of Care (CoC) is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals. The lead agency for the CoC covering the Santa Clarita area is the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). Through a variety of contracts with direct services providers, LAHSA provides a comprehensive array of housing services, including:

- Outreach, intake and assessment
- Emergency shelter
- Transitional housing with supportive services
- Permanent & permanent supportive housing with services if needed

Bridge To Home, the largest homeless services provider in the City, is linked to LAHSA and various other agencies through the CoC.

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's entitlement allocation does not include ESG funds.

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	Bridge To Home SCV
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	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
	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 contacted by phone on January 27 and February 24, 2022 and was provided information on the City’s CDBG program. The agency provided comments and input on the needs of low/mod foster and former foster youth.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was contacted by phone on February 1, 2022 and was provided information on the City’s CDBG program. The agency provided comments and input on the needs of low/mod foster and former foster youth.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Child & Family Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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 contacted by phone on February 3, 2022 and was provided information on the City's CDBG program. The agency provided comments and input on the needs of the low- and moderate-income community.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Fostering Youth Independence
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services – Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was contacted by phone on January 21 and February 3, 2022 and was provided information on the City's CDBG program. The agency provided comments and input on the needs of low/mod foster and former foster youth.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Public Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs – Chronically Homeless Homeless Needs – Families with Children Homeless Needs – Veterans 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 contacted by phone on February 2, 2022, and was provided information on the City's CDBG program, and had the opportunity to provide comments and input.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was contacted by phone on January 21 and February 1, 2022 and provided input on the needs of the homeless and at-risk of homelessness community, in particular homeless families.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Single Mothers Outreach
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	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
	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 contacted by phone on January 31 and February 3, 2022 and was provided information on the City's CDBG program. The agency provided comments and input on the needs of low- and moderate-income single mothers and their children.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	College of the Canyons Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional Organization Services- Education Services – Homeless Services - Veterans
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs – Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was contacted by phone on February 3, 2022, and was provided information on the City's CDBG program. The agency provided comments and input on the needs of the low/mod community related to the student constituency.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Boys & Girls Club
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Children

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-Poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was contacted by phone on February 3, 2022, and was provided information on the City’s CDBG program. The agency provided comments and input on the needs of the low/mod community.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Salvation Army
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services – Homeless Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs – Chronically Homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homeless Needs – Veterans Anti-Poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was contacted by phone on January 20, 24, and 31, 2022 and was provided information on the City’s CDBG program, and had the opportunity to provide comments and input.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

The City reached out to 77 agencies to inform them of the availability of CDBG funds. In addition, the City conducted telephone interviews with 10 individual organizations representing the social services, education, and healthcare sectors to solicit their input on the needs of the low- and moderate-income community. All applicable agencies and agency types were consulted. No agencies were eliminated from the consultation process.

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	Los Angeles Housing Services Authority	Through the FY 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan outreach process, the City has identified homeless and special needs in the community. These services will complement the Continuum of Care Strategy for transitioning the homeless to permanent housing.
Housing Element	City of Santa Clarita	The City's current Housing Element, which includes the estimate of housing needs from the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, contains over 20 programs and policies designed to address housing needs for low- and moderated-income persons. The City is in the process of updating its Housing Element for the 6th cycle covering 2021-2029.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

Refer to Appendices for a complete outreach list and proof of publications.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of the FY 2022-2023 Action Plan and the proposed use of housing and community development funds. Residents, public agencies, and other interested parties are given the opportunity to receive information and review and submit comments on proposed activities.

Community Needs Assessment: In preparation for the development of the FY 2022-2023 Action Plan, the City undertook a Community Needs Assessment (CNA) process. The CNA was conducted using an on-line survey tool, which was available from November 22, 2021 to December 22, 2021. Notice was sent to 77 local agencies notifying them of the meetings and requesting that they complete the survey and distribute it to their clients. A total of 218 individuals responded to the survey. Eleven percent were seniors, and 89 percent non-seniors. 35 percent were renters and 65 percent were homeowners. The results of the CNA was presented to the Santa Clarita City Council in a Public Hearing on March 9, 2022.

Applications for funding: The City used an open and objective process for the award of FY 2022-2023 CDBG funding for subrecipient grants. For the HOME funds, the City will utilize a separate NOFA process once a sufficient amount of HOME funds are available through multiple years of allocation. For the FY 2022-2023 funding process, the following actions were taken:

- Notified 77 local-serving non-profit organizations by mail of the availability of grant funds and funding opportunity meetings.
- Formed a five-member intra-departmental committee who evaluated, scored, and ranked the proposals submitted.
- Reviewed and scored Risk Assessment Questionnaires to determine the level of risk per CFR 200.331(b)(c).
- Checked debarment status through the System for Award Management (SAM) website.
- Completed a CDBG Activity Type and Eligibility Determination form for all funding requests, ensuring that the proposed program/activities were eligible, met a HUD National Objective, addressed a Consolidated Plan priority, and met a current community need.

The City received 13 applications for Public Service funds and one application for Capital funds. Nine of the Public Service applications were recommended for funding using CDBG Entitlement funds. Four of the applications which were received proposed programs which addressed the impacts of the coronavirus

pandemic. Those four were recommended for funding with available CDBG-CV funds. The proposal requesting Capital funds was recommended for funding as well.

The proposals recommended for funding were those which scored the highest based on addressing a Consolidated Plan priority and a current community need, meeting a HUD National Objective, having clear and adequate goals and objectives, and serving residents of the City. Those proposals demonstrated the proposers' ability to meet the participant eligibility criteria and CDBG Program and reporting compliance.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Not applicable.	No public comments received	There were no comments received that were not accepted.	
2	Press Release	Non-targeted/broad community	Not applicable.	No public comments received	There were no comments received that were not accepted.	
3	Phone Interviews	Non-targeted/broad community	Ten different organizations/agencies representing social services, education, and healthcare were consulted.	All comments were received.	There were no comments received that were not accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The FY 2022-2023 Action Plan is the fourth year of implementation for the FY 2019-2023 Con Plan. A number of housing and community development resources are currently available in the City of Santa Clarita. They include:

- Community Development Block Grant Entitlement (CDBG)
- Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME)
- General funds
- HUD Section 8 Rental Assistance Program (through the Los Angeles County Development Authority)
- State transportation funds

The City also has \$12,476 in prior year unallocated funds to allocate to programs and projects in FY 2022-2023.

Anticipated Resources – the annual allocation of CDBG and HOME funds are estimated.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,494,849	0	12,476	1,507,325	1,494,849	The est. amount of CDBG funds available over the planning period is based on a consistent funding.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	527,899	0	0	527,899	527,899	The estimated amount of HOME funds available over the planning period is based on a consistent annual funding level.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City will continue to pursue all opportunities to obtain additional funding through other federal, state and local funding sources which can help leverage internal resources. The City intends to leverage all available funds to the maximum extent feasible in order to deliver high-quality, creative, and efficient housing programs, neighborhood improvement programs, supportive services and economic development programs.

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

The City does not own any land which would be appropriate to use in addressing the needs identified in the plan.

Discussion

See discussions above.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information – all amounts shown are estimates

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide Decent and Affordable Housing	2019	2023	Affordable Housing		Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing	CDBG EN: \$405,000 HOME: \$475,110	Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 64 Household Housing Unit
2	Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development		Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure	CDBG EN: \$887,010	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted
3	Provide Supportive Human Services	2019	2023	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs		Provide Supportive Human Services	CDBG EN: \$215,315 CDBG-CV: \$124,251	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 916 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide Decent and Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The City will increase, improve and maintain its supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents. This includes activities such as housing rehabilitation, affordable housing construction, and code enforcement.
2	Goal Name	Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Through various capital improvement projects, the City will improve and expand infrastructure and community facilities that benefit low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and residents. These may include activities such as ADA improvements and modifications to government and other community facilities, such as child care centers, special education centers, and homeless shelters.
3	Goal Name	Provide Supportive Human Services
	Goal Description	Improve supportive human services for low- and moderate-income persons in the following areas of concentration service: Health and Mental/Health, Homeless, Legal, Senior, Disabled, Youth, Transportation, Childcare, Victims of Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, Neglected/Abused Children, HIV/AIDS, and Anti-Crime.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This Action Plan outlines the steps that the City of Santa Clarita will use to address housing and community development needs in the City. The plan includes a listing of activities that the City will undertake during FY 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) using CDBG and HOME funds. The City is estimating it will receive \$1,494,849 in CDBG funds and \$527,899 in HOME funds from HUD for FY 2022-2023. The City also has available \$12,476 from prior years' uncommitted funds.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG and HOME Program Planning and Administration and Fair Housing Services
2	Case Management (Fostering Youth Independence)
3	Low/Mod Income Household Support (Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley)
4	Comprehensive Mental Health Services (Single Mothers Outreach)
5	Community Access Services (Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center)
6	Project Special Children of the Valley (Carousel Ranch)
7	Ready to Work! (Carousel Ranch)
8	Handyworker Program (Santa Clarita Valley senior Center)
9	Homeless Services (Bridge To Home)
10	Providing a Hand Up (Salvation Army)
11	West Creek Inclusionary Park Project (City Project – additional funding for FY 20-21 Activity)
12	Shelter Project (City Project – additional funding for FY 20-21 activity)
13	CV – Low/Mod Income Household Support (Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley)
14	CV – The Study Place (Fostering Youth Independence)
15	CV – Scholarship Program (SCV Boys & Girls Club)
16	CV – YMCA Childcare Scholarships (YMCA)
17	HOME Affordable Housing

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The City prioritizes funding projects and programs which address the Consolidated Plan Priorities and community needs identified in the annual Community Needs Assessment Survey. The greatest obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of funding. The City is a new HOME entitlement and must bank the funds until an adequate level can be accumulated to pursue an affordable housing project with a CHDO.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

Information in this section contains both FY 2022-2023 Entitlement Programs and FY 2020-2021 CDBG-CV Programs already authorized under an Amendment to the FY 2020-2021 Action Plan.

1	Project Name	CDBG and HOME Program Planning and Administration and Fair Housing Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Decent and Affordable Housing Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure Provide Supportive Human Services
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$280,000 HOME: \$52,789
	Description	CDBG and HOME Program Planning and Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	The CDBG and HOME programs will be administered from Santa Clarita City Hall and will support the CDBG and HOME programs citywide.

	Planned Activities	Funds will be used for general management, monitoring and oversight of the CDBG and HOME programs, and the provision of fair housing services. In addition to general management activities, staff respond to citizen inquiries and facilitates the services of local non-profit agencies.
2	Project Name	Case Management (Fostering Youth Independence)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Human Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Supportive Human Services Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,890
	Description	This program provides case management, assistance, and advocacy for transition-age foster and former foster youth, aged 16-25 who are pursuing a post-secondary education. Funding pays for a case manager hours and for the Department of Justice fingerprint clearances for volunteer adult allies.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 24 individuals may be assisted.
	Location Description	This program is administered by Fostering Youth Independence and is available to current and former foster youth aged 16-25 citywide.
	Planned Activities	Provide support and assistance to current and former foster youth by pairing them with adult volunteers who help them obtain resources and complete educational goals. Case management will include assistance with setting goals and monitoring progress with monthly check ins.
	Project Name	Low/Mod Income Household Support (Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley)

3	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Human Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Supportive Human Services Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,000
	Description	This program will provide homeless families with case management services, emergency temporary housing through motel vouchers, and transportation costs.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 20 families may be assisted.
	Location Description	This program is administered by Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley and is available to homeless families citywide.
	Planned Activities	Provide a clinical case management approach through clinical counseling to homeless families and their children who are receiving safe and secure temporary shelter in order to address mental health stability and needs. Intervention practices shown to be effective in the clinical counseling field such as motivational interviewing, conflict behavioral therapy, problem solving therapy and play therapy will be used. This will aid in the transition to supportive housing to assure long-term self-sustainability in permanent housing.
4	Project Name	Comprehensive Mental Health Services (Single Mothers Outreach)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Human Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Supportive Human Services Planning and Administration

	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	This program will provide mental health counseling for single mothers and their children.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 150 single mothers may be assisted.
	Location Description	This program is administered by Single Mothers Outreach and is available to lower income single mothers citywide.
	Planned Activities	This program is administered by Single Mothers Outreach and is available to low income single mothers citywide. The program will provide therapeutic counseling services and coordinated case management targeted to the unique mental health challenges single mothers experiencing a deep psychological crisis.
5	Project Name	Community Access Services (Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Human Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Supportive Human Services Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$49,000
	Description	This program provides comprehensive assessments for adults over the age of 50. Individuals are evaluated for their needs in housing, nutrition, legal assistance, financial management, and forms and document completion. Individuals assessed are provided direct services or referred to other agencies.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 450 individuals may be assisted.
	Location Description	This program is administered by the Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center and is available to persons over 50 years of age citywide.
	Planned Activities	Provide case management, comprehensive housing needs assessments, and supportive services. Eligible individuals and their families are advised on the least restrictive housing alternatives and the application process for subsidized housing is facilitated by staff when needed. Staff also provides advocacy services for eligible participants with governmental agencies, private and public assisted living facilities and landlords.
6	Project Name	Project Special Children of the Valley (Carousel Ranch)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Human Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Supportive Human Services Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,710
	Description	This program will provide scholarships to children/adults with special needs for equestrian therapy, a unique service in which disabled children and adults participate in specially designed horseback riding therapy lessons to improve attention span, behavior, social skills, balance, and coordination.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 12 individuals with disabilities may be assisted.

	Location Description	This program is administered by Carousel Ranch located in Agua Dulce and is available to disabled individuals citywide.
	Planned Activities	Provide equestrian therapy services to low- and moderate-income disabled children and adults to help improve vertical and horizontal balance, muscle tone and motor coordination. This program also yields social and psychological benefits such as decreased isolation, effective communication and improved self-esteem to those who would not be able to participate in other circumstances.
7	Project Name	Ready to Work! (Carousel Ranch)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Human Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Supportive Human Services Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,040
	Description	This program will provide scholarships to Severely Disable Adults to participate in a job readiness program.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 8 Severely Disabled Adults may be assisted.
	Location Description	This program is administered by Carousel Ranch located in Agua Dulce and is available to Severely Disabled Adults citywide.
	Planned Activities	Provide job readiness skills, job search assistance, and on-going support to ensure the participants are successful.
	Project Name	Handyworker Program (Santa Clarita Valley senior Center)

8	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Decent and Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$405,000
	Description	This program will provide grants to lower-income homeowners, up to \$5,000 per household, for minor home repairs.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 64 lower income households may benefit from this program.
	Location Description	This program is administered by the Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center and is available to lower income households citywide.
	Planned Activities	Provide home repairs to eligible lower income homeowners. Types of repairs may include, but are not limited to: roofs, windows, floors, walls, doors, heating and air conditioning units and electrical systems. Exterior painting, safety issues, disabled accessibility and municipal code violations may also be addressed. All qualified applicants are notified of lead-based paint hazards and remediation is provided when necessary.
9	Project Name	Homeless Services (Bridge To Home)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Human Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Supportive Human Services Planning and Administration

	Funding	CDBG: \$46,675
	Description	This program pays for staff to conduct intake and assessment for those individuals experiencing homelessness. Those assessed will be connected with the Bridge To Home shelter services and services from other providers.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 250 homeless individuals may be assisted.
	Location Description	This program is administered by Bridge To Home and is available to homeless persons citywide.
	Planned Activities	This program pays for staff to conduct outreach and assessment for those individuals experiencing homelessness. Those assessed will be connected with the Bridge To Home shelter services and services from other providers.
10	Project Name	Providing a Hand Up (Salvation Army)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Supportive Human Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Supportive Human Services Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
11	Project Name	FY 2020-2021 West Creek Inclusionary Park Project – additional funds
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	This project adds additional funding to the existing FY 2020-2021 West Creek Park Project which is creating a new inclusionary play area in West Creek Park. Also included will be associated disabled access improvements to existing bathrooms.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20,164 individuals will benefit from this Project.
	Location Description	This Project is located at West Creek Park in Santa Clarita
	Planned Activities	Reconstruction of an existing park to create inclusionary accessibility.

12	Project Name	FY 2020-2021 Shelter Project – additional funds
	Target Area	Not applicable
	Goals Supported	Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$407,010
	Description	This project adds additional funds to assist in the construction of a year-round homeless shelter
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 100 persons City-wide will benefit from this improvement project.
	Location Description	This project will be undertaken City-wide
Planned Activities	City staff will work with local homeless services providers to determine how best to invest these funds for the maximum benefit to the homeless population.	
13	Project Name	CV – Covid Household Support (Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Timely Assistance to Those Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic
	Needs Addressed	COVID-19 Pandemic Response
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$36,000
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
14	Project Name	CV – The Study Place (Fostering Youth Independence)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Timely Assistance to Those Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic
	Needs Addressed	COVID-19 Pandemic Response
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$19,751
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
15	Project Name	CV – Scholarship Program (SCV Boys & Girls Club)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Timely Assistance to Those Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic
	Needs Addressed	COVID-19 Pandemic Response

	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$26,500
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
16	Project Name	CV – Childcare Scholarships (Santa Clarita YMCA)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Timely Assistance to Those Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic
	Needs Addressed	COVID-19 Pandemic Response
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$42,000
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
	Project Name	HOME Affordable Housing

17	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Decent and Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing Planning and Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$475,110
	Description	This funding will be used to acquire land for affordable housing construction. The City will be actively pursuing partner opportunities with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for affordable housing development.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Increase affordable housing by one unit
	Location Description	To be determined
	Planned Activities	Release NOFA, combining FY 20-21, 21-22, and 22-23 HOME allocations, to purchase land for affordable housing development.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The City has not yet established targeted neighborhoods for investment of CDBG and HOME funds in FY 2022-2023. The City believes residents are best served when services are available city-wide. All public service activities and the Handyworker Program are available city-wide. Specific activities have not yet been identified for the HOME Project or for the FY 2022-2023 Inclusionary Park Project. As those activities are identified the City will evaluate areas of low income and minority concentrations to determine if the activities will be most effective in those areas.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
N/A	N/A

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

In the City of Santa Clarita, areas of low-income and minority concentration tend to be smaller, pocket areas spread out throughout the City. The City believes that making public services and the Handyworker Program available city-wide is the best way to ensure the largest number of eligible residents are able to access the services. As noted above, the specific activities to be undertaken in the Capital Improvement and HOME Projects have not yet been identified. When they are, the City will evaluate the effectiveness of targeting specific areas for those activities.

Discussion

See discussion above.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

For FY 2022-2023, the City will fund the Handyworker Program to provide minor rehabilitation of owner-occupied residences. HOME funds will be used to expand affordable housing by one unit.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	65
Special-Needs	0
Total	65

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	64
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	65

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

Discussion

See discussion above.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The only public housing complex in Santa Clarita is Orchard Arms, which is owned and operated by the Los Angeles County Development Authority.

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

Orchard Arms is a 183-unit apartment building with units which are already modified to serve the target population of disabled and elderly residents. The units are in good condition, and there are no substandard units or rehabilitation needs at the facility. Elevators and covered pathways between buildings were added in the past to improve accessibility.

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

The Los Angeles County Development Authority encourages the participation of public housing residents through Resident Councils. The role of a Resident Council (RC) is to improve the quality of life and residential satisfaction in self-help initiatives to enable residents to create a positive living environment for individuals and families living in public housing. Orchard Arms has an active Resident Council.

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

The Los Angeles County Development Authority has officially achieved "High Performer" status under HUD's Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP); therefore, is not designated as a "troubled" agency. Units are inspected, repaired and maintained on a regular basis.

Discussion

See discussions above.

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

Introduction

The Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA), a Joint Powers Authority (JPA), is the lead agency in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care and coordinates funds for programs providing shelter, housing, and services to homeless persons in Los Angeles County. LAHSA partners with the County of Los Angeles to integrate services and housing opportunities to ensure a wide distribution of service and housing options throughout the Los Angeles Continuum of Care. The City of Santa Clarita is located in the Service Planning Area 2 (SPA2) and will continue to collaborate with LAHSA and other local agencies in providing services for homeless persons.

In July of 2018, the City of Santa Clarita adopted the Community Plan to Address Homelessness to confront the challenges of a growing unhoused population. The City designed the plan to align local resources, both in the non-profit and private sectors, with Los Angeles County investments. The plan facilitated strategic planning sessions among local stakeholders and led to the creation of the Community Task Force on Homelessness (Task Force) - a city-led committee dedicated to streamlining communication, enhancing information sharing, and coordinating projects.

The Task Force is comprised of service providers, government agencies, faith-based organizations, and schools - each member participates in one of the four Task Force sub-committees: 1) Affordable Housing, 2) Direct Services, 3) Increasing Income, and (to be replaced with Advocacy Committee for the new action plan) 4) Coordination and Prevention. The Task Force meets periodically to coordinate action-items related to the plan's priorities including developing a year-round emergency shelter, increasing affordable housing options, enhancing mental health services, and streamlining information sharing and opportunities for collaboration.

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

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

The City uses CDBG funds to support various programs aimed at assisting the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness. Listed below are the agencies funded by the City in FY 2022-2023 to specifically address homelessness. Both agencies reach out to the homeless in the community and provide services based on an assessment of their individual needs.

CDBG Entitlement

- \$407,010 to Bridge To Home to assist in the construction of a permanent year-round shelter on a parcel of land donated by the City. These funds will leverage funds already provided in the FY 2020-2021 Action Plan.
- \$46,675 to Bridge To Home to address homeless needs and/or homelessness prevention through

the Intake Specialist program. This program addresses immediate crisis points by providing food, access to medical or mental health care, shelter, transportation, and eviction prevention funds.

- \$34,000 to Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley to provide case management to homeless families by providing temporary housing through faith-based organizations, motel vouchers, or placement in their transitional housing. They are then able to provide further assistance with transportation costs and referrals to other resources to assist the families in need.

CDBG-CV

- \$36,000 to Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley to provide services to families who became homeless due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The year-round homeless shelter operated by Bridge To Home (BTH) is the only homeless shelter in the Santa Clarita Valley. It is currently housed in modular buildings in an industrial area. The demand for the homeless shelter and its services is out-growing the current space and a larger location is needed. In prior years, the City purchased a property using non-CDBG funds and transferred ownership of this property to BTH. BTH also secured additional funding from the County for the construction of a new permanent shelter on this property. The City allocated \$666,849 in CDBG funding in FY 2020-2021 for the construction of this new shelter. In FY 2022-2023, the City is allocating an additional \$394,534 to this project.

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

Family Promise of Santa Clarita Valley will be funded in FY 2022-2023 to provide a wide variety of services to homeless families, including transitional housing which provides stability and the opportunity to address issues related to employment, mental and physical health, and substance abuse with the goal of moving on to permanent housing. Bridge To Home also assists the homeless make the transition to stable housing through extensive case management, referrals, and housing placement assistance for the homeless.

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 Bridge To Home and Family Promise programs detailed above also provide services to prevent homelessness. In addition, the agencies below, while not direct homeless service providers, do provide services that address some of the critical issues that lead to homelessness:

- Fostering Youth Independence will be funded to provide case management, support services, life skills training, and housing assistance to foster youth and former foster youth with the goal of helping them obtain a post-secondary education. Foster youth have one of the highest rates of homelessness. Supporting them in their effort to gain an education and establish stable housing helps them avoid homelessness.
- Single Mothers Outreach will be funded to provide mental health services to single mothers and their children. Untreated mental illness is a significant factor in becoming homeless. Providing these families with mental health services helps them avoid homelessness.
- The Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center will be funded to provide Community Access Services to assist individuals over 50 years of age with all aspects of housing. Each individual receives a comprehensive assessment to determine housing needs. They are then provided with a wide array of housing related services, which help them maintain independent living in the least restrictive manner possible and avoid homelessness

Discussion

See discussions above.

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

One of the greatest barriers to affordable housing in the City is the lack of funding. In FY 2020-2021, the City became a HOME Participating Jurisdiction for the first time. The dependable annual allocation of funds through HOME will provide additional funds for affordable housing development, but the relatively small allocation of just over \$500,000 per year is insufficient to create affordable housing alone. Other housing funds, including four percent and nine percent Low Income Housing Tax Credits and the Multifamily Housing Program are very competitive and not sufficient to create affordable housing alone, but might be combined with HOME funds in some circumstances. Creating affordable housing requires multi-layered funding and a multi-year planning process. In FY 2022-2023, the City intends to continue to consolidate HOME funds while investigating options for working with a non-profit affordable housing developer or CHDO to produce affordable units in future years.

While developing new affordable housing is important, it is equally important to maintain existing affordable housing. Activities that the City plans to undertake in FY 2022-2023 to help maintain existing affordable housing include:

- Funding the Handyworker Program which provides owner-occupied minor rehabilitation services. The Handyworker Program targets low- and moderate-income homeowners and provides repairs to condominiums, mobile homes, and single-family homes, thus preserving the affordable housing stock.
- Administering Santa Clarita Municipal Code (SCMC) 6.02 and 6.04 to protect residents in mobile home parks. Mobile homes represent a large percentage of the City's affordable housing stock. The following Ordinances and Policies will continue to be in effect in FY 2022-2023 to foster and maintain this critical resource for affordable housing:
 - Manufactured Home Park Rent Adjustment Procedures Ordinance (SCMC 6.02 - Adopted in 1991, and most recently updated in 2017, this City Ordinance protects manufactured home park residents from unreasonable rent increases and provides an appeal process.
 - Manufactured Home Parks - Change in Use Ordinance (SCMC 6.04) - Adopted in 1991, and most recently updated in 2015, this City Ordinance establishes specific requirements for compensation to mobile home park residents in the event of mobile home park closures.
- Funding a contract with The Housing Right Center. Fair housing issues are affordable housing issues since violations of fair housing law disproportionately impact low- and moderate-income residents. The City updated its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) report concurrent with the preparation of the Consolidated Plan. The AI identifies any potential impediments to fair housing in Santa Clarita and establish a Fair Housing Action Plan that outlines steps the City will take to overcome these impediments.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return

on residential investment

The City is in the process of developing the 2021-2029 Housing Element as an update to the 2013 Housing Element. The City's need for affordable housing is quantified in the most recent Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The RHNA projects the housing needs for each jurisdiction in the State in each of four household income categories. The 2021-2029 Housing Element is still in draft form, but contains projects, programs, and policies which ameliorate the negative effects of public policies which serve as barriers to affordable housing including, but not limited to:

- Identifying and maintaining a sufficient inventory of sites suitably zoned for housing at all income levels
- An Expedited Processing for Affordable Housing Projects program
- Maintaining the existing Affordable Housing Density Bonus
- Targeting one-third of housing subsidies to extremely low income households in new affordable development
- Implementing a Flexible Development Standards program designed to encourage the development of new affordable housing
- Limiting code enforcement activities to those which pose an immediate threat to public health and safety

Discussion

See discussions above.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Priority needs established in the FY 2019-2023 five-year Consolidated Plan, which forms the basis for establishing objectives and outcomes in the FY 2022-2023 Action Plan, are as follows:

High Priority

- Improve, Maintain, and Expand Affordable Housing
- Improve and Expand Facilities and Infrastructure
- Provide Supportive Human Services
- Provide Timely Assistance to Those Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Planning and Administration

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to use CDBG funding to support public service agencies that address the special needs of the underserved, including the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, youth, seniors, female headed households, and the disabled. The largest barrier to meeting underserved needs of low- and moderate-income persons is having limited financial resources. Most underserved needs are in the social and human service area. The amount of CDBG funds which may be used to provide social service type program is limited to 15% of the annual allocation. The City proactively seeks additional resources to better meet these underserved needs.

Broadband Internet Access

According to U.S Census data, 92.6% of households in Santa Clarita have a broadband internet subscription. Income appears to be a factor in the absence of internet subscriptions at home. Among households earning less than \$20,000 annually, 25 percent had no broadband subscription. The percentage of in-home subscription increases with income. For households with incomes more than \$75,000, less than two percent did not have in-home broadband subscription. Today, internet access is widely available in urban communities such as Santa Clarita. Many people, especially among the younger age groups, have already discarded land-line services.

Broadband adoption is a measure of households with infrastructure (broadband deployment) having a fixed connection. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has an interactive mapping tool (the California Broadband Mapping Tool) that depicts the served and underserved areas of broadband deployment. The term “served” depends on the internet speed standards and has varying thresholds at the state and federal level. The State’s “served” speed standard is 6 megabits per second (Mbps) downstream/1 Mbps upstream while current Federal Communications Commission (FCC) standards are 25

Mbps up/3 Mbps down.

According to the California Broadband Mapping Tool, most of the City's fixed broadband services meets the State's minimum service standards and is being "served." According to the maps, broadband adoption is between above 80 percent in the most of the City. Broadband adoption is between 60 and 80 percent in limited adjacent portions of Newhall and Valencia and a relatively small pocket of Saugus. There appears to be no overlap between the lower rates of broadband adoption and areas of poverty.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In FY 2022-2023, the City will contribute to the preservation of the existing affordable housing stock through rehabilitation programs. A total of \$405,000 in CDBG funds will be used to fund the Handyworker and Property Rehabilitation Programs to assist low income homeowners, including seniors and disabled homeowners, to address accessibility issues and to correct code violations and unsafe conditions. These activities are expected to provide rehabilitation assistance to 64 households.

The City will also continue to encourage developers, non-profit organizations, and other interested parties to develop new affordable units and will support applications for development funds through the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) and the State of California.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Due to the mean age of the City's housing, the number of units in the City with the potential to contain lead based paint (LBP) is relatively low. Nevertheless, the City will address the problem of LBP hazards by continuing to implement a program for evaluating and reducing lead hazards. Information about the dangers of LBP is available on-line on the City's website and at the City's Permit Center. Having the information available to educate residents the need for testing, clearance, and lead-safe work practices helps to aid in mitigating LBP hazards in the City of Santa Clarita.

Additionally, the City addresses LBP hazards as part of the CDBG funded Handyworker Program. The Handyworker Program assists low- and moderate-income homeowner in correcting substandard conditions, which often contribute to LBP hazards. All applicants eligible for services through the Handyworker Program are provided a most updated version of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) The Truth About Lead Paint Poisoning pamphlet. When a property built before 1978 is approved for grant funded repairs that may disturb LBP above the de-minimus level, an inspection test is ordered. When containment and/or abatement are necessary, the Handyworker Program is required to use a contractor certified in lead safe work practices by the state of California and to ensure a clearance test is conducted after the work is complete.

The City will continue to evaluate and reduce LBP hazards through the following actions and activities:

- Coordinating with a certified consultant when LBP testing and clearance services are needed for

grant funded repairs.

- Providing written information through one on one contact with contractors, building inspectors, code enforcement officers, and the general public at the City's Permit Center. The written publications available are: Contractors, Painters, Landlords!: The "New" Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule Applies to You!, effective April 2010 (for contractors and renovators).

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City supports other governmental, private, and non-profit agencies involved in providing services to low- and moderate-income residents and coordinates efforts with these groups where possible to allow for more efficient delivery of services.

While the City has no control over the majority of the factors affecting poverty, it may be able to assist low- and moderate-income residents through use of CDBG and CDBG-CV funds and through strategic partnerships with other governmental and non-profit organizations.

A branch of Los Angeles County's America's Job Center is located in Santa Clarita and provides no-cost job training assistance, interview training, and specialized services for marginalized populations like the disabled and those exiting institutional settings. The programs are designed to increase employment marketability, household income and housing options, thereby reducing the number of families in poverty.

The City will allocate fifteen percent of CDBG funds to public service agencies that offer supportive services in the fight against poverty, as detailed earlier in this Action Plan. In addition, other special community benefit needs are also addressed through the Community Services Grant Program by providing funding to various local agencies using General Funds.

In FY 2022-2023, the City's Economic Development Division will continue its efforts to aid in the economic growth of the City by fostering and encouraging responsible economic development opportunities that result in: 1) a jobs/housing balance established through quality employment opportunities for residents; 2) an economic base through increased sales tax generation; and 3) economic wealth by attracting external monies to the local economy. Specifically, five targeted industries have been identified where there is a foundation of businesses in Santa Clarita currently and opportunities for growth. These industries include Biomedical and Medical Devices, Aerospace and Defense, Advanced Manufacturing, Digital and Entertainment, and Information Technology. These business clusters offer a variety of high-paying, high-skilled jobs, which can be accessed either through traditional educational routes or through on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

In FY 2022-2023, the City will continue to collaborate with local non-profit advocacy groups and other County, State, and federal organizations to meet and address the various needs of the community. Specifically, the City will use CDBG funds to provide grants to agencies which serve low- and moderate-

income residents with various different needs in the community. The following non-profit organizations will receive CDBG funding in FY 2022-2023 to provide the services noted:

- Single Mothers Outreach will provide mental health counseling to single mothers.
- Fostering Youth Independence will provide case management services to current and former foster youth.
- Bridge To Home will provide a comprehensive array of homeless services, including case management and access to their emergency shelter.
- Carousel Ranch will assist disabled children and adults with equestrian therapy and provide a job-skills program to severely disabled adults.
- Santa Clarita Valley Senior Center will serve lower income homeowners with necessary minor home repairs through the Handyworker Program. Residents over 50 years of age will also be assisted with comprehensive care management services.
- Family Promise will provide case management to homeless families with children. As needed, they will provide temporary and transitional shelter.

The City also utilizes the services of North Los Angeles County Volunteer Center, a local non-profit agency. The North Los Angeles County Volunteer Center programs and services include administration of the City's Court Referral Program.

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

The City's Community Development Department manages all housing-related projects, programs, and functions. Community Development includes an administration component and is comprised of the Planning, Community Preservation, and Economic Development Divisions. The CDBG and HOME programs are managed through the Community Development Division which allows for better communication and a more coordinated effort to address the issues affecting the low- and moderate-income residents of the City. The three Divisions work together to support the development of a clear and comprehensive affordable housing strategy that is consistently reflected in all affordable housing-related documents, and a coordinated economic development strategy.

Actions that the City will undertake during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies include:

- Coordination with the Los Angeles County Development Authority to provide information about Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Coordinating with the County of Los Angeles Health Department, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) to provide information about

LBP hazards.

- Using CDBG funds to contract with The Housing Rights Center to provide fair housing services and landlord/tenant complaint and mediation services to the residents of the City of Santa Clarita.
- Working with the Los Angeles Homeless Service Agency (LAHSA) to provide homeless shelter and services.
- Continuing to collaborate with Bridge To Home to locate and help secure funding to build a permanent shelter.

Discussion

See discussions above.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Of the City's FY 2022-2023 CDBG allocation, twenty percent (20%) is being allocated for eligible planning and administration activities, which will also include a fair housing services contract. These activities are not subject to the low- and moderate-income benefit requirements. Of the remaining 80 percent (80%) of the CDBG allocation, one hundred percent (100%) will be used to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The City does not anticipate generating any program income during FY 2022-2023.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities 0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low- and moderate-income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. 100.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

At this point the City does not plan to limit to a specific segment of the low-income population or give preference based on location of employment or current residency. The City will observe all the nondiscrimination requirements in 24 CFR 92.350.

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:

The City will use the HOME funds to acquire land for the construction of an affordable rental project. Therefore, no resale or recapture applies. As in the Three Oaks Project, the City expects to execute a Disposition and Development Agreement with a non-profit developer for the long-term ownership and management of the affordable rental project, including the requirement that the project be affordable in perpetuity.

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 HOME funds to acquire land for the construction of an affordable rental project. Therefore, no resale or recapture applies. As the City did in the Three Oaks Project, the City expects to execute a Disposition and Development Agreement with a non-profit developer for the long-term ownership and management of the affordable rental project, including the requirement that the project be affordable in perpetuity.

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:

Not applicable. The City is not planning on using HOME funds to refinancing exist debt by multi-family housing rehabilitated with HOME funds. This is the City's third year receiving HOME funds as a Participating Jurisdiction.

APPENDIX A

Proofs of Publication

- **Notice of Funding Availability**
- **Notice of 30-Day Public Comment Period and Public Hearing**

Public Comments Received

- no public comments were received

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT DRAFT 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND DRAFT
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

City of Santa Clarita – City Council Meeting

This Notice serves to amend the Notice of Public Hearing published on March 4, 2022 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) draft 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan (Plan).

Amended Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Clarita (City) will conduct a public hearing for the draft 2022-2023 Plan and a draft Substantial Amendment (SA) to the 2020-21 Plan on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at or after 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, California, 91355. The draft 2022-2023 Plan and draft SA to the 2020-2021 Plan are financial and programmatic documents that provide information on the number, type, and funding of programs and activities to be undertaken with federal CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) funds. Citizens are encouraged to participate and provide comments on this item by attending the public hearing.

The allocation of CDBG Entitlement funds is anticipated to be approximately \$1,494,849. A total of \$12,476.17 in unused CDBG Entitlement funds from prior years has also been identified, for a total of \$1,507,325.17 in estimated available funds which will be allocated in the 2022-2023 Plan. The draft Amendment to the 2020-2021 Plan identifies a total of \$200,000 in 2022-2023 CDBG Entitlement funds to be allocated to an existing 2020-2021 capital project. The allocation of HOME Entitlement funds in the draft 2023-2023 Plan is anticipated to be approximately \$527,899.

The City invites public comment regarding the draft documents during the thirty (30) day public comment period, which begins April 1, 2022. The draft documents will be available for review on the City's website at www.santa-clarita.com/housing, and during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Valencia Blvd, Suite 120, Santa Clarita, CA 91355. Comments may be emailed to kdarabedian@santa-clarita.com, or submitted in person or by U.S. Mail to Karine Darabedian, City of Santa Clarita, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA 91355. Written comments must be received by May 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the City Council meeting agendas will be available 72 hours prior to the meeting date at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, located at 23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 120, Santa Clarita, CA 91355, or online at www.santa-clarita.com/agendas. Further information may also be obtained by contacting Karine Darabedian, Administrative Analyst, at 661.286.4034, or by email at kdarabedian@santa-clarita.com.

If you wish to challenge the action taken on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council, at or prior to, the public hearing.

Para los que hablan español, si usted tiene preguntas o desea más información sobre este producto, por favor póngase en contacto con Karine Darabedian, Administrative Analyst, al 661.286.4034 o por correo electrónico a kdarabedian@santa-clarita.com. Gracias.

Date: April 1, 2022

Mary Cusick, City Clerk Administrator

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APPENDIX B

Contingency Plan