



CITY OF HANFORD

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

FISCAL YEAR **2020-2021**, ACTION PLAN

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

Introduction:

The City of Hanford's 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan constitutes a strategic vision for housing and community development. The goals are to assist low and moderate-income persons, provide decent housing, create suitable living environments, and expand economic opportunities. The Consolidated Plan includes broad five-year objectives and strategies to accomplish these goals. Specific identifiable benchmarks for measuring progress in realizing the City's vision are proposed in the Action Plan for 2020 as part of the strategy.

Objectives and outcomes:

This could be a restatement of items, 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.

- 1) Provide decent, affordable housing.
 - a) The production and conservation, and development of affordable housing opportunities
- 2) Maintain and promote neighborhood preservation.
 - a) To preserve, rehabilitate, and enhance existing neighborhoods and infrastructure.
- 3) Support special needs programs and services.
 - a) Provide support services for the City's residents.

Evaluation of past performance:

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

The program year 2020 Action Plan is the second of the City's 2019-2020 Consolidated Plan. Satisfactory progress has been made to date during the 2019 program year. Further, the City's most recently submitted Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for the program year 2018 demonstrated that the City is nearly meeting, meeting, or exceeding its ConPlan goals in its 5-year plan period.

The following is an overview of the prior year's performance and goals:

- **Housing Rehabilitation:**
 - This project served thirteen households during the FY2019-20 period. Hanford has spent \$68,317 (2018-19) and \$36,070.00 (2019-2020) of the housing rehabilitation funds allocated by the City and is on track to meet the goals identified in the FY18-19 and FY19-20 Action Plans.
- **Public Facility Improvements:**
 - To date, during FY2019-20, Hanford has spent \$249,093 in AP (2017-18) and (AP2018-19) allocated to Pedestrian Improvements.
- **First Time Homebuyers:**
 - To date, during FY2019-20, Hanford has spent \$77,500 (2018-19) allocated to First-Time Homebuyers Assistance.

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process:

Citizen:

By the City's Citizen Participation Plan, elements of the 2020 Annual Action Plan were developed with active citizen input, including a citizen advisory committee that participated in developing the various sections of the Plan.

Public comments:

All public meetings were announced as per the Brown Act. Notices included the process of requesting physical accommodations and documents in alternate formats.

The meetings aimed to inform the community about the Action Plan process and identify opportunities to improve collaborative efforts and eliminate service delivery gaps to develop and sustain decent and affordable housing, suitable living environments, and expanded community and economic opportunities.

The following comments were received during the March 17, 2020, public meeting on the allocation of CDBG funds.

- Ms. Sandra Lerma-Martinez provided an overview of the council regarding the department's applications for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant funding.
- Council Member Brienne asked about the funding for Kings Community Action Organization's budget for housing. Ms. Lerma-Martinez explained the City has not helped with this funding in the past. The Council reached a consensus on allocating \$28,000.00 for KCAO and \$20,000.00 for utility assistance. Ms. Lerma-Martinez will give another presentation in May to follow up on the direction given by the Council for the funding.

A public hearing was announced on May 20, 2020, for a public hearing on June 2, 2020. Citizens were also notified regarding public hearings through the City's social media. **No comments, written or oral, were received during the comment period.** The public hearing notice included information about the locations in which the action plan would be available for review and was published in the *Hanford Sentinel*, which services Hanford and the surrounding areas, in both English and Spanish. Hanford was prepared to provide interpreters for non-English speaking citizens upon request; however, no and the public hearing were held during evening hours at convenient locations that accommodated persons with disabilities. **Please see the attached summary of Public Comments.**

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

All comments are accepted and appreciated. The summary of the comments received is attached.

Summary:

The City of Hanford has undertaken diligent and reasonable faith efforts to outreach to all segments of the community that may benefit from the CDBG programs. The City of Hanford will continue to concentrate its maximum impact and strive to address the needs, priorities, and goals identified in the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and the 2019-20 Action Plan.

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

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

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies:

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	HANFORD	Community Development Housing

The City of Hanford (City) is the Lead Agency for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement programs. In addition, the City's Department of Community Development administers the funds it receives under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

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

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(I))

The City participates in bimonthly Alliance meetings, which comprise various government departments and service providers who share updates on their existing programs and needs. Each meeting also includes a speaker and information on services an agency provides. These collaborative efforts result in enhanced coordination, exchange of best practices, and a better understanding of community needs and how to best achieve them. **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 Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance (Alliance), formerly known as the Continuum of Care (COC), comprises a group of service providers, advocates, public agencies, and homeless individuals to address the homeless population's needs in the Kings and Tulare County regions. The City is an active participant in monthly Alliance meetings, which are intended to enhance coordination, share information on best practices, and develop a better understanding of the homeless population's needs in jurisdictions across both counties. The Alliance recently implemented Every Door Open, a coordinated entry and assessment system to serve Kings and Tulare counties. Every Door Open is designed to help individuals at-risk or currently experiencing homelessness. The coordinated entry and assessment system prioritizes the most vulnerable homeless individuals, including the chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth.

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.

Not applicable. The City does not receive ESG funding. The Alliance submits the application on behalf of the applicants.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated:

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CHAMPIONS RECOVERY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless 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?	
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Kings County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency was invited to participate in public hearings and a 30-day review of plans. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is improved data and planning within the selected sections above.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	KINGS COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Major Employer

	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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency was invited to participate in public hearings and 30-day review of plans. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is improved data and planning within the selected sections above.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Federal Communication Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Other government - Federal Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	BROADBAND INTERNET NEEDS
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	An Internet search for data related to the broadband internet needs for the City of Hanford. https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov Information from the Federal Communications Commission was used to address HUD Refer to Section MA-50.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	FEMA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Federal Major Employer
	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?	Federal Emergency Management Agency Database and maps to help determine flood-prone areas of Hanford. https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Comcast
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Business Leaders Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	INTERNET NEEDS
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consulted with COMCAST, a broadband ISP, concerning the Internet Essentials program they offer to decrease the digital divide. The program allows low-income households to access affordable high-speed internet without a credit check, contract, or installation fee. The City is incorporating the distribution of brochures for the Internet Essentials program for all recipients of Federal housing assistance.

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

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts:

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care		The County of Kings is a Continuum of Care participant and conducts homeless counts, surveys of the homeless population, and strategic planning to end homelessness. Consistent with the goals of the CoC, the City of Hanford's Strategic Plan will provide support to nonprofits that meet the social services needs of the City residents with an emphasis on the homeless.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

Summary:

As part of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan development, the City undertook a comprehensive outreach program to solicit input from residents and beneficiaries of the entitlement programs and to consult with elected officials, City departments, and various organizations, agencies, and service providers to inform and develop the priorities and strategies. The City has continued to keep these lines of communications open during the preparation of the 2020-2021 Action Plan.

A community survey, which assessed the housing and community development needs, was distributed through the community. Paper formats of the survey were made available in English and Spanish. The survey was also made available via Monkey Survey.

A Draft of the Action Plan was available for public review beginning April 1, 2020, to May 1, 2020, and May 22, 2020, to May 29, 2020, with allocation changes.

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach:

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1.	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community		All comments are welcomed and appreciated	N/A	
2	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Twenty people in attendance	All comments are welcomed and appreciated	N/A	
3	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	N/A	All comments are welcomed and appreciated	N/A	
4	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Over forty attendees via Zoom.	Comments are attached.	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)
5	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify another language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	Over forty attendees via Zoom.	<p>comments are attached. All comments are welcomed and appreciated</p>	N/A	

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

Introduction:

For the second year covering **July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021**, the City has planned for the following allocations.

- **\$552,908 in CDBG Funds**
- **\$80,000 in Program Income CDBG**

The City of Hanford does not receive funding under ESG, HOME Entitlement, or Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) Programs. In recent years, the level of CDBG funds has been trending downward.

In terms of program income, the City anticipated an unsteady stream of program income over the course of this Action Plan. Program Income received from the repayment of loans will be reprogrammed to eligible CDBG activities.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table:

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	552,908	80,000	0	632,908	2,010,573	Entitlement funds allocation plus estimated program income is expected. The City received an additional allocation of CDBG funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act for \$325,307 that will be included in the 2019-2020 Action Plan.
Other	Public Federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Public Services	0	0	0	0	0	

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

Federal funds play a crucial role in implementing the Action Plan. Local private and non-federal funds are insufficient to meet the heavy demand for housing and services in our community.

Agencies receiving CDBG funds use those funds to get a commitment from other funding sources and increase their stakeholders. This encourages collaboration and partnerships between agencies and enhances the level of services agencies can provide for low and moderate-income residents **of appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan.**

The City does not have land that can accommodate the uses identified in this plan.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives:

Table 6 – Goals Summary:

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide decent affordable housing	2019	2023	Affordable Housing Homeless	CITY OF HANFORD	To Preserve, Rehabilitate Existing Housing Conservation and development of affordable housing	CDBG: \$218,795	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 13 Household Housing Unit Housing for Homeless added: 10 Household Housing Unit
2	Maintain and promote neighborhood preservation	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development	CITY OF HANFORD	To Preserve, Rehabilitate Existing Housing Neighborhood/Facility Preservation Conservation and development of affordable housing	CDBG: \$222,600	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 13335 Persons Assisted
3	Support special needs programs and services	2019	2023	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Food Relief Program.	CITY OF HANFORD	Provide support services for the City's residents	CDBG: \$65,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 305 Persons Assisted Jobs created/retained: 10 Jobs

Goal Descriptions:

Table 7 – Goals Summary:

1	Goal Name	Provide decent affordable housing
	Goal Description	To preserve, rehabilitate, and enhance existing conservation and development of affordable housing
2	Goal Name	Maintain and promote neighborhood preservation
	Goal Description	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 13335 Persons Assisted
3	Goal Name	Support special needs programs and services
	Goal Description	Provide support services for the City's residents

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction:

The Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Action Plan implements the second year of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan and addresses HUD consolidated requirements for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the City of Hanford.

The plan outlines the action steps that Hanford will use to address housing and community development needs in the City. The plan also includes a listing of activities that the City will undertake during FY2020-21 (July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021) that utilize CDBG funds.

Development of the FY2020-21 Action Plan incorporates the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for CDBG funds. Through this process, funds are awarded to eligible activities that support the needs of community priorities and produce tangible community benefits.

Alternate Projects:

The following projects will serve as other projects in the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan. Projects may be funded from the Alternate Projects List if additional funding is available or if a funded project is canceled or delayed beyond the grant year. Factors to be taken into consideration for selecting from the Alternate Projects list include priority rank on the list, available funding based on the funding caps (ex. Public Service Cap), eligibility of the project for the available funding source, and timeframe for completion concerning the time for expending funds.

- Additional funding for Primary List Public Service Subrecipients (Subject to Cap)
- Housing Rehabilitation \$100,000
- Cornerstone Recovery/Kings Gospel Mission \$75,000
- Self-Help Enterprises Parkside Project \$90,000
- Economic Development - Small Business Assistance Grants
- Housing Interim Assistance

Table 8 - Project Information:

#	Project Name:
1	Emergency Repair Housing Rehabilitation
2	Public Improvements /Longfield Center Improvements
3	Public Improvements / Lacey Park Playground Improvements
4	Public Service / Kings Community Action Organization KCAO
5	Public Service /Kings Tulare Continuum of Care
6	Public Service/ Utility Assistance Program
7	Fair Housing
8	Cornerstone/Kings Gospel Mission Acquisition
9	Administration and Planning

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

All program activities funded with the City's CDBG funds will benefit low- to moderate-income people. The priority of each category was based on the identified needs expressed during the consultation and citizen-participation process. In addition, priorities were determined by information gathered from the Census, a market study, and existing community documents, which include the City of Hanford's 2016 Housing Element.

The primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs is the lack of funding. The City relies on CDBG Entitlement funds, program income, and any state funds it can apply for to conduct the programs identified in this Action Plan.

The above-named projects and their allocations were selected primarily because they were identified as a higher need in the City's Consolidated Plan.

The public-service allocation is limited; therefore, all applicants could not be funded. While all seven applications proposed CDBG-eligible activities, the projects selected for funding are those that 1) ranked the higher need, per recent community outreach, 2) proposed to spend funding timely, and 3) knowledge of CDBG regulations.

AP-38 Project Summary:

Table 9 – Project Summary:

1	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Emergency Repair
	Target Area	CITY OF HANFORD
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing
	Needs Addressed	To Preserve, Rehabilitate Existing Housing Conservation and development of affordable housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$143,795
	Description	The City of Hanford will continue to offer the Emergency Repair Program. Through this program, qualifying residents are offered the chance to finance emergency home repairs. The program offers up to \$10,000 per household. Repairs include, but are not limited to, roof repair or replacement, water meter replacements, heating and/or air repair or replacement, painting of the exterior, and accessibility. It is anticipated that eighteen households will be assisted through the program.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated that fourteen households will be assisted through the program.
	Location Description	City of Hanford Limits
	Planned Activities	The City of Hanford will continue to offer the Emergency Repair Program. Through this program, qualifying residents are offered the chance to finance emergency home repairs. The program offers up to \$10,000 per household. Repairs include, but are not limited to, roof repair or replacement, water meter replacements, heating and/or air repair or replacement, painting of an exterior home, and accessibility modifications
	Project Name	Public Improvements /Longfield Center Improvements
	Target Area	CITY OF HANFORD
	Goals Supported	Maintain and promote neighborhood preservation
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood/Facility Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000
	Description	Improve the flooring and paint at Longfield Community Recreational Center. The center is a recreational center that also serves as a sports facility for the City's youth and is in one of the City's highest LMI areas.

2	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	560 S. Douty St. Hanford
	Planned Activities	Flooring improvements. The center is a recreational center that also serves as a sports facility for City's youth and is in one of the City's highest LMI areas
3	Project Name	Public Improvements / Lacey Park Playground Improvements
	Target Area	CITY OF HANFORD
	Goals Supported	Maintain and promote neighborhood preservation
	Needs Addressed	To Preserve, Rehabilitate Existing Housing Neighborhood/Facility Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$177,600
	Description	The City's Parks and Recreation Department enhances the quality of life of the residents of Hanford by managing park systems and public grounds in a manner that provides residents with safe, clean, and attractive outdoor open spaces. Basketball Court Improvements
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	26415 Low to Moderate families and surrounding neighborhood will benefit
	Location Description	123 E. FLORINDA ST HANFORD CA CENSUS TRACT 000900
	Planned Activities	This project will improve the asphalt basketball courts at Lacey Park with new concrete and surface and adding one additional basketball court. The current surfaces are cracked, creating uneven and unsafe courts for the players. These courts are used by our local youth in the residential area.
	Project Name	Public Service / Kings Community Action Organization KCAO
	Target Area	CITY OF HANFORD
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing
	Needs Addressed	Provide support services for the City's residents
	Funding	CDBG: \$28,000

4	Description	KCAO will use funds to subsidize the client's income, so they are able to gain access to appropriate housing. By providing case management we will be fostering independence, and healthy well-being including, mental and physical health.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Five low to moderate families will benefit
	Location Description	City of Hanford
	Planned Activities	Services include temporary housing to stabilize individuals, case management, three meals a day, hygiene support, mental health assessment, and case management. KCAO plans to develop a Life Plan for getting each homeless off the street.
5	Project Name	Public Service /Kings Tulare Continuum of Care
	Target Area	CITY OF HANFORD
	Goals Supported	Support special needs programs and services
	Needs Addressed	Provide support services for the City's residents
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	The Kings Tulare Continuum of Care (COC) is a non-profit organization that partners with several area agencies to address the homeless needs in Hanford. CDBG funds will be used to help fund a variety of activities, including, but not limited to, the Annual Project Homeless Connect and the Point in Time census.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	An estimated 300 LMI persons will benefit from this activity
	Planned Activities	The Kings Tulare Continuum of Care (COC) is a non-profit organization that partners with several area agencies to address the homeless needs in Hanford. CDBG funds will be used to coordinate the operation of the Hanford Local Initiatives Navigation Center (LINC) as well as to provide emergency outreach services for people experiencing homelessness. LINC will replace the annual Project Homeless Connect event and serve as the primary service site annual Point in Time Count.

6	Project Name	Public Service/ Utility Assistance Program
	Target Area	CITY OF HANFORD
	Goals Supported	Support special needs programs and services
	Needs Addressed	Provide support services for the City's residents
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	The program aims to provide relief to people facing hardship to pay water bills while helping to ensure that water is readily available for all families. To qualify for the program, residents must have an income at or below 80 percent of Kings County Income Limits, provide proof of income, the applicant must prove that they are enrolled in California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) through Southern California Edison or Southern California Gas Companies.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated fifty persons will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	City of Hanford
7	Planned Activities	With the recent authorized water utility rate increases, support was expressed for an emergency assistance program. The program is available for low-income seniors (or people with disabilities) residential utility customers in the City of Hanford.
	Project Name	Fair Housing
	Target Area	CITY OF HANFORD
	Goals Supported	Support special needs programs and services
	Needs Addressed	Provide support services for the City's residents
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000
	Description	Provide Fair Housing Educational Services
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 7-persons will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	City of Hanford
	Planned Activities	An estimated seven (7) persons are expected to benefit from fair housing services

8	Project Name	Cornerstone/Kings Gospel Mission Acquisition
	Target Area	CITY OF HANFORD
	Goals Supported	Provide decent, affordable housing Maintain and promote neighborhood preservation
	Needs Addressed	Conservation and development of affordable housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Purchase one (1) locally sourced, 2-bedroom factory-built residential unit. To shelter two (2) homeless individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 Deficient individuals will benefit from the proposed action.
	Location Description	801-807 West 7th Street, Hanford, CA 93230
	Planned Activities	Purchase five locally sourced, factory-built 2-bedroom residential units. To shelter ten (10) homeless individuals.
9	Project Name	Administration and Planning
	Target Area	CITY OF HANFORD
	Goals Supported	Support special needs programs and services
	Needs Addressed	Provide support services for the City's residents
	Funding	CDBG: \$126,513
	Description	The City of Hanford will utilize up to 20% of the CDBG FY2020-2021 budget to provide administration and oversight of the City's CDBG Funding.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The City of Hanford will utilize up to 20% of the CDBG FY2020-21 budget to provide administration, oversight, and hiring a consultant to assist staff with developing the 2020-21 Action Plan of the City's CDBG Program.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution:

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CITY OF HANFORD	100

The rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically.

The City will use a place-based strategy during the planning period. The geographic distribution of funding is predicated on the nature of the activity to be funded. The City intends to support activities in the areas most directly affected by the needs of low-income residents and those with other special needs. The Annual Action Plan directs investment geographically to an area-benefit neighborhood. The area-benefit category is the most used national objective for activities that benefit a residential community. An area-benefit activity helps all residents in a particular area, where at least 51% of the residents are low- and moderate-income persons. Public infrastructure improvements are an area-benefit activity in a quiet- or moderate-income neighborhood.

Discussion:

The City will use a place-based strategy during the planning period. The geographic distribution of funding is predicated on the nature of the activity to be funded. The City intends to fund activities in the areas most directly affected by the needs of low-income residents and those with other special needs. The Annual Action Plan directs investment geographically to an area-benefit neighborhood. The area-benefit category is the most used national objective for activities that benefit a residential community. An area-benefit activity benefits residents in a particular area, where at least 51% of the residents are low- and moderate-income persons. Public infrastructure improvements are an area-benefit activity located in a low- or moderate-income neighborhood.

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement:

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	24
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	24

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type:

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	5
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	14
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	24

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

This section describes what actions the City will take in the given program year to conduct the public housing portion of the Strategic Plan. The team will identify the plan that will address the needs of public housing during the program year. Suppose the public housing agency is designated as troubled by HUD or performs poorly. In that case, the City will describe how it will provide financial or other assistance to improve the operations of the public housing agency to remove such designation.

Actions planned during the next year to address the need for public housing.

The City of Hanford does not have public housing. The City works in close collaboration with Kings County Housing Authority to provide public housing within the City. Hanford will continue to work independently and closely with the HA and local nonprofits to aid low-income families. As population demographics continue to change, the City will continue to work with the county housing authority and local (and regional) nonprofits to develop public housing projects in Hanford and provide the following Section 8 assistance:

- *Housing Choice Voucher Program.* HCV is the County's Section 8 voucher program, which includes other programs and services available to HA participants, such as Moving to Work.
- *Moving to Work.* Moving to Work (MTW) is a demonstration program supported by HUD created to accomplish three (3) goals: 1) promote self-sufficiency among assisted families; 2) achieve program efficiency and reduce costs; and 3) increase housing choice for low-income households.

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

Kings County Housing Authority (KCHA) encourages resident involvement through various methods, focusing on self-sufficiency and enhancing the quality of one's own life. KCHA connects residents and participants to services, activities, and other organizations that promote that vision. Neighborhood Network Centers (including public computer centers) and community partnerships for residents to utilize. On the Kings County Housing Authority website, residents can locate relevant services and service providers in the resolute "resident" and "resident services" sections. Additionally, Kings County Housing Authority provides newsletters and reports about the status of its programs and residents for current and future participants.

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

KINGS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY is not designated as "troubled."

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

Describe the jurisdiction's one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness, including.

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

This section describes the City's one-year goals and the specific action steps it will undertake in the program year to conduct the homeless strategy outlined in the SP-60 Homelessness Strategy. The City will partner with Kings Tulare Homeless Alliance (Continuum of Care) (COC) and Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO), to accomplish one-year goals objectives. It will also describe the jurisdiction's one-year goals and specify the activities it will undertake to serve the housing and supportive services needs of non-homeless populations who require supportive housing. The City will fund its Emergency Utility Assistance and Emergency Repair programs to assist non-homeless people who require supportive housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Hanford supports and collaborates with local service providers, through the Alliance, to assist homeless individuals and families.

The Alliance has implemented *Every Door Open*, a coordinated entry and assessment system, serving Kings/Tulare counties. This system assists individuals and families who are at risk of or who are experiencing homelessness within the region. Clients seeking assistance can access the system through any provider. Upon submittal and completion of the Kings/Tulare Housing Assistance application, staff/case managers complete a needs assessment to determine the appropriate level of services within 72 hours. By using the Needs Assessment tool, each applicant is evaluated on a variety of criteria, including rental history, criminal history, domestic violence, mental health challenges, disabling conditions, language barriers, educational attainment, employment status, and length of homelessness. Services are then assigned based on the client-level determination. The coordinated intake and assessment system are a best practice for prioritizing people who are homeless and most vulnerable, which includes people who are chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth.

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.

All programs within the Homeless Alliance — emergency, transitional and permanent housing— include supportive services for their clients. Each program designs and implements supportive services, based on their target population and partnerships leveraged within the community. The overarching goal of the supportive services offered is to link individuals and/or families with mainstream benefits and income support, education, employment services, as well as health and life-skills services. These linkages are a critical component in assisting clients in self-sufficiency, reducing episodes of homelessness, and preventing recidivism. Programs that serve these vulnerable subpopulations include:

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) ↓

Programs for chronically homeless individuals and families and/or families with children.

- **Champions** • **Cornerstone** • **KCAO** • **Kings County Behavioral Health**

Veterans & Rapid Re-Housing ↓

Short-term rental assistance (Rapid Re-Housing) RRH and voluntary supportive services.

- **Westcare-RRH** - *Homeless Prevention for veterans and their families through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF).*
- **The Salvation Army-RRH** - *Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention services for homeless individuals and families.*

Transitional Housing ↓

Youth Programs

- **Aspiranet-** *ages 18-24.*

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.

One of the primary goals for the Homeless Alliance and City of Hanford is increasing access to housing for chronically homeless individuals and families, veterans, persons with disabilities, and youth. Obtaining permanent housing for these individuals and families will shorten the length of time spent in emergency shelters and/or transitional housing.

The City of Hanford will continue to facilitate new permanent-housing beds by partnering with the Alliance to provide leadership and technical assistance to agencies interested in the development of homeless housing units. This will be accomplished by partnering with existing, under-utilized programs, as well as innovative programs to promote set-aside units for these target populations.

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

Introduction:

The City's 2016 Housing Element includes an analysis of potential and actual governmental constraints on the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels, including land-use controls, building codes and their enforcement, site improvements, fees and other exactions required of developers, and local processing and permit procedures.

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 provision of affordable housing and the support of existing and new affordable housing are critical to assuring that all households have access to quality housing. The City of Hanford is committed to removing or reducing barriers to affordable housing and has produced a diversity of housing types and has adequate land to support the projected housing needs of lower-income households.

According to the City's 2016 Housing Element, market factors and government regulations can have a significant impact on the cost of new housing. Although market factors are beyond the influence of local governments, Kings County jurisdiction can continue to implement responsive programs to mitigate the impact of market conditions and governmental regulations. To ameliorate this issue, the City plans to do the following:

GOAL 3. Remove or mitigate, to the extent feasible and appropriate, potential governmental constraints to the production, maintenance, improvement, and affordability of housing.

Policy 3.1. Offer regulatory and/or financial incentives, as available and appropriate, to encourage the construction of quality housing.

Policy 3.2. Periodically review local ordinances and building regulations, to ensure that they do not unduly impede housing investment.

Policy 3.3. Utilize planned developments and other creative mechanisms to facilitate the construction of more creative, well-designed, housing projects.

Policy 3.4. Ensure that developments are processed efficiently to minimize holding costs and comply with the Permit Streamlining Act.

Discussion:

Providing affordable housing opportunities and maintaining Hanford's existing housing stock are high priorities in Hanford. The City's strategies to remove barriers to affordable housing include implementing a first-time homebuyer program to assist low- to moderate-income persons with financing, to ensure their housing costs are within the *2020 Action Plan*.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This section will describe the City's planned actions to conduct the following strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan:

- Foster and maintain affordable housing.
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards.
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families.
- Develop institutional structure; and
- Enhance coordination.

In addition, the City will identify obstacles to meeting underserved needs and propose actions to overcome those obstacles.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

The City's strategies to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs includes, but is not limited to, providing information and/or education about the City's programs to the public through forums, workshops, and a continued partnership with nonprofit agencies that provide services to the underserved population; and to leverage their programs and/or projects with CDBG funding to the greatest extent possible.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing.

Providing affordable housing opportunities and maintaining Hanford's existing housing stock are high priorities in Hanford. The City's strategies to foster and maintain affordable housing include:

- Implementing a first-time homebuyer program to assist low- to moderate-income persons with financing, to ensure their housing costs are within their affordability range.
- Implementing an owner-occupied rehabilitation program, to assist low-income homeowners to preserve their homes.
- Implement ongoing code enforcement services.

Continuing to support applications to HCD for rental new construction projects that target low-to-moderate income families.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

The City's strategies to reduce the presence of lead-based paint include:

- Implementing the lead-based paint regulations of 24 CFR Part 92 in all federally assisted City housing programs.
- Enforcing federal laws through the permit process and code enforcement services, by requiring contractors to be certified (if they are doing work that disturbs paint surfaces).
- Providing *Renovate-Right* pamphlets to homeowners, homebuyers, and contractors.
- Offering housing-rehabilitation loans and/or grants to qualifying households to remove/remedy lead-based paint.
- Refer individuals affected by lead-based paint to their doctors or the Kings County Health Department nurse.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

The City will continue its efforts to improve the quality of housing in Hanford, promote safe, decent accommodation for Hanford residents, and support public-services agencies targeting poverty-level families.

The City's strategies are as follows:

- Continue to partner with KCAO, Kings-Tulare Continuum of Care, and other agencies providing services to homeless and low-income persons that do not have access otherwise. Funding has been allocated in this Action Plan for homeless prevention services.
- Continue to fund mortgage-assistance programs that help lower-income households buy in the current market.
- Continue to promote new construction rental activities targeted at lower-income households.
- Continue to fund revitalization programs, such as housing rehabilitation and emergency-repair programs, improving housing conditions for low- to moderate-income homeowners that could not afford to finance the repairs otherwise.

Continue to promote educational services targeted at low-income youth and their families. Funding has been allocated in this Action Plan to provide educational services at Coe Park Center. This center is in a CDBG target area and is primarily frequented by people living in this area.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure.

The primary gap in the institutional structure and service delivery system is the lack of funding to meet all service needs of the special needs and homeless population. The strategy to address these needs has been an aggressive push to acquire additional resources. The City will continue to actively pursue additional state and federal funding to close the gap that currently exists.

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

The City of Hanford maintains a list of the area's public and private housing, including collaborations with social service agencies, and will include these agencies in the development of the Consolidated and Action Plans, notifying them of funding through the City's public-services NOFA.

Discussion:

See the sections above.

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

Introduction:

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 conducted.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Table 13 – Available Program Income:

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

Table 14 - Other CDBG Requirements:

1.	The amount of urgent need activities	0
The estimated percentage of CDBG funds will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate-income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two, or three		
2.	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%

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

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