

City of Bakersfield FY 19-20 Action Plan Amendment #4 CARES Act 2020

CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG Programs

Fifth Year of 2015-20 Consolidated Plan

Substantial Amendment in red.

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Executive Summary

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

Introduction

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Action Plan is prepared for the fifth and final year of the City's 2015-20 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan). The Plan describes eligible programs, projects and activities to be undertaken with anticipated funds made available in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

The total anticipated funds available for fiscal year 2019-20 is \$6,091,610, which represents \$3,722,311 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (including program income of \$8,000), \$1,499,854 of HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds (including program income of \$100,000), \$308,712 of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, and \$560,733 of Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) funds.

The projected use of funds above corresponds to the needs assessment and priorities identified in the ConPlan. General priority categories of housing, homelessness, special needs, and community development (along with their related goals) are addressed in the proposed activities. These activities estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed Plan. The projected "use of funds" identifies proposed accomplishments and target dates for completion.

The Action Plan also provides information related to the proposed geographic distribution of investment, homeless and other community development needs, and other actions to address obstacles in meeting underserved needs and reduce poverty. This Action Plan can be found at the City's Web site at www.bakersfieldcity.us > "Government" > "Departments" > "Development Services" > "Economic & Community Development" > "Grants, Housing, and Public Improvements." Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan.

By combining HUD's recommended three core objectives and outcomes, the City has incorporated nine outcome statements into consolidated planning efforts. These nine outcome statements with specific objectives below reflect the ConPlan goals and objectives for guiding the future planning and funding of the CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA activities over the ConPlan's five-year planning horizon. The specific projects associated with annual objectives are provided in detail in Section AP-35 of this document. Each specific annual objective has been assigned a letter and number code provided by HUD (i.e. DH-1, DH-2, etc.). The City of Bakersfield proposes to address the following objectives for FY 2019-20:

Goal 1: Decent and Affordable Housing.

Availability/Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent housing (DH-1)

With FY 2019-20 funding, accessibility to housing is funded from Rapid Re-housing (ESG) and HOPWA programs. (\$100,332 ESG, \$543,911 HOPWA)

Affordability for the purpose of providing decent housing (DH-2)

Using HOME-CHDO funds, the City of Bakersfield anticipates assistance to construct housing for affordable low- and moderate-income households. (\$1,359,869 HOME)

Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent housing (DH-3)

In 2019-20, the City of Bakersfield will offer sustainability for decent housing by providing funding to the Fair Housing Program for education, intake, screening, counseling, testing and mediation. Community Resource Officers will also be funded to provide increased safety and community engagement in low-mod income areas. (\$430,000 CDBG)

Goal 2: Community and Economic Development.

This goal is not funded in FY 2019-20

Goal 3: Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements.

Sustainability for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment (SL-3)

In FY 2019-20, the City proposes funding seven public improvement projects. These activities will address key community issues through infrastructure improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. (\$2,024,544 CDBG)

Goal 4: Public Facilities and Services for Special Needs.

Availability/Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments (SL-1)

The City of Bakersfield will provide assistance to seven households for the purpose of making those units accessible under the Home Access Grant Program. In addition, public services will be provided for low-income seniors at a senior center. (\$131,000 CDBG)

Goal 5: Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV.

Availability/Accessibility for the purpose of creating suitable living environments (SL-1)

The City of Bakersfield will contract with service providers to assist homeless persons or persons at-risk to become homeless, and provide case management, housing

counseling, information referral services to those individuals and expanded homeless resource services. (\$185,227 ESG, \$35,000 CDBG)

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT:

On March 27, 2020 the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law to assist communities in their efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus COVID-19. The CARES Act included supplemental formula allocations to HUD's CPD programs, including CDBG, HOPWA and ESG for the City of Bakersfield. The additional CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA CARES Act funds allocation to City of Bakersfield was \$2,272,347, \$1,125,407 and \$91,916 respectively.

Evaluation of past performance

Each year, HUD assesses the City of Bakersfield's management of CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA program funds, the City's compliance with the ConPlan and the extent to which the City is preserving and developing decent affordable housing, creating suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities. Over the past year, and moving forward, the City has been working with HUD to improve a number of program components. Examples of those components include:

- **Citizen Participation** – staff has developed and implemented enhanced citizen participation procedures while working toward a goal of connecting with 1,000 persons through the Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), and Fair Housing processes, with an emphasis on ensuring participation from persons with diverse racial/ethnic backgrounds, persons with disabilities, and female heads of households. Economic Development staff attended four outreach meetings, soliciting feedback from 362 community members about their needs and desires for the community. City staff also regularly met with neighborhood groups on a one-on-one basis.
- **Language Access** – The City Housing and Economic Development Division has created a Language Access Plan which has been incorporated into the practices associated with HUD funded activities. The City strives to ensure verbal and written communication is made available to all persons.
- **Accessibility** – The City developed methods by which HUD-funded activities will be actively monitored for accessibility. Likewise, the City updated its Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan for city facilities. Three years ago, the City of Bakersfield developed an ADA self-reporting form for HOME, CDBG and ESG projects to help track the number of ADA units offered within our projects as well as monitoring the accessibilities of our facilities which receive assistance.
- **Fair Housing** - The City has and will continue to enhance the Fair Housing Program, including improving Fair Housing Services. More specifically, the City has contracted with an outside Fair Housing Services provider to increase Fair Housing education, outreach, testing, and referral services, monitoring of unfair/predatory lending practices, training for apartment owner/manager

associations on Fair Housing laws, and local Fair Housing workshops to educate the public about Fair Housing rights.

Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

City staff developed a detailed Citizen Participation Plan that is part of the ConPlan. As required by HUD, citizens, nonprofits and community residents were provided adequate opportunity to review and comment on the original Citizen Participation Plan and on substantial amendments. The purpose of the Citizen Participation Plan is to encourage citizens, particularly low- to moderate-income residents, to participate in the development of the Action Plan, any substantial amendments to the Action Plan and the CAPER. Citizens are engaged through community meetings, surveys, public hearings and individual meetings.

The primary goals of the city's citizen participation process are to:

- Generate significant public participation particularly from extremely low, very low and low income persons, persons with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, persons with disabilities, female heads of households, and groups residing within various areas of the City where program funds will be used.
- Gather data that accurately describe and quantify housing and community development needs and to suggest workable solutions.
- Obtain comments on proposals for allocating resources.

A summary of the Action Plan was published on March 9, 2019 in English in the Bakersfield Californian and on March 8, 2019 in Spanish in the El Popular newspapers for a 30-day review period. The notice identified seven public libraries, City offices and the City website where the proposed Action Plan is available for review. The notice invited public attendance to a community meeting, on March 28, 2019 at the Housing Authority's Baker Street Community Room. CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA programs, the ConPlan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, Citizen Participation Plan, the application process, and proposed activities for fiscal year 2019-20 will be discussed at this meeting.

The City actively encourages participation from low- and moderate-income residents, minorities, those with disabilities and non-English-speaking residents to attend community meetings and hearings. In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, the City will provide translation services to any resident who requires services at all hearings and meetings, to ensure accessibility at meeting locations.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted several waivers to program procedure to expedite the use of these funds. These waivers included an ability to amend the Citizen Participation Plan and allow for a no less than five (5) day public display and comment period, use of the internet to make the Substantial Amendment available to the public and use of virtual meetings to allow for input and comment. Public comments regarding the activities funded were encouraged to be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at City_Clerk@bakersfieldcity.us.

The Plan could be downloaded and viewed from the City of Bakersfield's website at www.bakersfieldcity.us/communitydevelopment.

The City of Bakersfield advertised (in both Spanish and English) and made the Substantial Amendment available for public comment from Friday, May 15, 2020 through Wednesday, May 20, 2020. The City held a public hearing on May 20, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. There were (X) participants in the meeting regarding the amendments.

Summary of public comments

Please see attachment for a list of comments received so far from the City's outreach efforts.

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

All comments were accepted.

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

Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	BAKERSFIELD	Development Services Department
HOPWA Administrator	BAKERSFIELD	Development Services Department
HOME Administrator	BAKERSFIELD	Development Services Department
ESG Administrator	BAKERSFIELD	Development Services Department

Narrative

The City of Bakersfield is the responsible agency for all Housing and Urban Development funding programs described in the Action Plan. The City's Development Services Department staff implements the programs.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For comments and questions related to the City of Bakersfield's Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan, please contact Hayward Cox, Community Development Coordinator at hcox@bakersfieldcity.us, 661-326-3765 or by mail at: City of Bakersfield, Community Development Department, Attn: Hayward Cox, 1715 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

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

Introduction

This section covers consultation with organizations and agencies for the 2015-20 ConPlan and the 2019-20 Action Plan. Further outreach efforts can be found in Section AP-12 of this document.

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))

Consolidated Plan Coordination

In preparing the Consolidated Plan and subsequent Action Plans, the City hosted several community meetings that brought together City leaders, community organizations, service providers, housing providers, and residents in order to gain input on the needs of the City. A list of participants can be found in Tables PR-2 through PR-4 of the ConPlan, and in Section AP-12 of this Action Plan. In conducting meetings, the City had the goal of providing a space where agencies could share needs, as well as create coordinated bonds to accomplish their missions. Input shared at these meetings helped to create the City’s Strategic Plan for the years 2015-20 as well as more detailed activities planned for each Action Plan.

Coordination with the Continuum of Care (CoC)

City staff is an active member of the Kern County Homeless Collaborative (KCHC) which serves as the local Continuum of Care. The KCHC is a network of nonprofit service providers, private and public housing providers, healthcare providers, policymakers, businesses, charitable and faith-based organizations, volunteers and homeless or formerly homeless individuals working together to put an end to homelessness in Kern County. The City collaborates closely with the KCHC to create priorities and outcome measures that directly affect projects included in the ConPlan and Action Plans.

In serving the homeless population, the City supports the Kern County Homeless Collaborative Coordinated Entry and Assessment approach. This approach is a standardized plan for the entire KCHC which incorporates tools, processes, policies and HUD CoC and ESG requirements to maximize efficient and ethical intervention, and service provider connectivity. Service providers share one point of entry for services, ensuring people who are homeless or who are at risk for homelessness are served and/or housed as quickly and efficiently as possible. Participants in the City’s ESG grants participate in the KCHC and the Coordinated Entry and Assessment approach.

The Kern County Homeless Collaborative utilizes the data collection system HMIS to collect, analyze and report on homeless programs and projects. In this shared system, homeless service providers collaborate to ensure the best approach to meeting client needs. KCHC’s HMIS lead agency is the Kern County Mental Health Department who provides members of the collaborative with HMIS training and data analysis. All ESG grantees are required to use the HMIS data collection system in coordination with the

KCHC. ESG grantees extract ESG data from HMIS to use in the City of Bakersfield's yearly CAPER.

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

The City is an active member of the Kern County Homeless Collaborative, (KCHC) which serves as the local Continuum of Care. The City and the KCHC work collaboratively to assess the needs of homeless persons through data collection, community input, priority setting for ESG grants, and performance evaluation of ESG sub-grantees.

City ESG Sub-grantees are required to be part of the KCHC and participate in the Coordinated Entry Process and HMIS data collection system. It is the policy of City's Community Development Department to regularly have staff representation at KCHC meetings. The KCHC is a valuable source of community outreach, and the City works with the collaborative to distribute Notice of Funding Availability of City HUD funds, Action Plan and CAPER notices, community input surveys, and public outreach flyers including postings at homeless shelters and public/private housing providers. To ensure proper representation in decision-making, the KCHC Governance Committee includes at least one representative from the Homeless or Formerly Homeless Population; one Veterans Affairs/Homeless Veterans Service Provider Representative; and one McKinney-Vento Liaison/Local Education Agency Representative/or Educational Services to Homeless Children & Youth Representative.

In addition, the City of Bakersfield's Consolidated Plan relied on input from the KCHC, the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and the 2017 Homeless Census Report to document the needs of chronically homeless individuals, families, veterans, and unaccompanied youth, as well as persons at risk of becoming homeless. These needs became part of the City's Strategic Plan and are reflected in the way the City awards ESG funds. City ESG Sub-grantees are required to be part of the KCHC and participate in the Coordinated Entry Process and HMIS data collection system.

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

Allocating Funds

The City consults with the Continuum of Care annually to determine funding priorities. This year, surveys were distributed to members of the CoC in the winter of 2018 to obtain input regarding the most effective use of ESG funds. More specifically, recipients were asked to rank listed ESG-eligible activities based on how each organization felt funding would most effectively be spent. Survey results indicated that responding CoC agencies felt Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach activities would be the most effective use of ESG funding.

Developing Performance Standards and Evaluations

Outcomes and performance measures of ESG grantees are developed and evaluated in coordination with the CoC Planning and Performance Committee of the Kern County Homeless Collaborative. Together, the City and the CoC Planning and Performance Committee examined the performance of previous years' ESG activities in order to make a determination regarding the approximate number of individuals that could reasonably be served by the program; funds are then allocated accordingly. The City of Bakersfield will continue to work with the CoC regarding the development and standardization of ESG performance indicators.

HMIS

The Kern County Homeless Collaborative utilizes HMIS to collect, analyze and report on homeless programs and projects. The KCHC's HMIS lead agency is the Kern County Mental Health Department who provides members of the collaborative with HMIS training and data analysis. All ESG grantees are required to use the HMIS data collection system in coordination with the KCHC. ESG grantees extract ESG data from HMIS and provide it to the City to include in the yearly CAPER.

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

See following table.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Kern County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government – County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City coordinated with the Housing Authority regarding the provision of affordable housing.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Kern County Homeless Collaborative
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy

	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 the Kern County Homeless Collaborative as the area Continuum of Care regarding coordination efforts to transition people from homelessness.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Planning organization
	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?	The City consulted GBLA regarding the provision of Fair Housing Services and ways to assess and affirmatively further fair housing.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Kern County Public Health Services Department - Health Assessment and Epidemiology
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment HOPWA Strategy
	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 Kern County Public Health on the approach to effectively provide housing stability for persons with HIV/AIDS.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Bakersfield Senior Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consulted with Bakersfield Senior Center regarding providing services to local seniors.

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

The City did not intentionally omit any particular group or organization from consultation.

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	United Way of Kern County	The City's approach to eliminating chronic homelessness includes supporting the Kern County Homeless Collaborative in its strategy to prevent homelessness, develop increased housing resources, and provide early, intensive intervention for people who are chronically homeless. The City is an active member and regularly attends CoC meetings. The City also collects valuable input from collaborative members on ESG funding priorities and evaluation of ESG programs.

The City of Bakersfield makes grant funding opportunities available to all interested parties. A Notice of Funding Availability is published each September regarding the availability of grant information, and notice is sent to a list of known service providers, community based organizations, individual City departments, and any other person or entity that has expressed interest in the program. Staff is available year-round to provide technical assistance to interested parties regarding the completion and submittal of project applications, information on City entitlement programs, and to meet about current needs in the community. All applications, including those submitted by City departments, are reviewed, qualified, and scored by Community Development staff on an equal basis for consideration by the Budget and Finance Committee of the City Council for inclusion in the Annual Action Plan for project funding. Additional outreach can be found in Section AP-12 of the Action Plan.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

City staff developed a Citizen Participation Plan that is part of the ConPlan 2015-20. As required by HUD, citizens, nonprofits and community residents were provided adequate opportunity to review and comment on the original Citizen Participation Plan and on substantial amendments. The purpose of the Citizen Participation Plan is to encourage citizens, particularly low- to moderate-income residents, to participate in the development of the Plan, any substantial amendments to the Plan and the performance report. Citizens were engaged through community meetings, surveys, public hearings and individual meetings.

The primary goals of the City citizen participation process are to:

- Generate significant public participation particularly from extremely low, very low and low-income persons, persons with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, persons with disabilities, female heads of households, and groups residing within various areas of the City where program funds will be used.
- Gather data that accurately describe and quantify housing and community development needs and to suggest workable solutions.
- Obtain comments on proposals for allocating resources.

As a part of aligning with our Citizen Participation Plan goals, a summary of the Action Plan was published on March 9, 2019 in English in the Bakersfield Californian and on March 8, 2019 in Spanish in the El Popular newspapers for the 30-day review period. The notice identified seven public libraries, City offices and the City website where the proposed Action Plan was available for review. The notice invited community attendance to a public meeting, which was held on March 28, 2019. In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, the City provided translation services to residents who request such services at the meeting and public hearing, while ensuring meeting locations are accessible.

At the March 28, 2019 meeting, staff was available to discuss the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA programs, the ConPlan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, Citizen Participation Plan, and proposed activities for next fiscal year. As part of our commitment to reaching the residents we serve, the City of Bakersfield hosted the outreach meeting at the Baker Street Village Community Room. This event space is located within one of our HOME-assisted housing projects and is surrounded by multiple qualifying low-mod census block groups, providing convenient access for the clientele served by our funds to be engaged in the Action Plan process and provide input on the most impactful use of HUD funds.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT:

The City of Bakersfield under the provision of the CARES Act held a 5-day public comment period from May 15, 2020 to May 20, 2020. The Plan could be downloaded and viewed from the City's website at www.bakersfieldcity.us/communitydevelopment.

A public hearing was held May 20, 2020 to inform the public of the substantial amendment to the 2019 AAP and Citizen Participation Plan. HUD provisions allows grantees the option to hold virtual online hearings.

Citizen Participation Outreach

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
1	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Staff presented the Draft Action Plan to the Bakersfield City Council on April 10th, 2019. Community members who provided input through our outreach efforts were notified of the hearing and encouraged to come and provide additional input. Comments received from community members were addressed by staff and considered when reviewing all funding decisions.	No comments received	No comments received

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
2	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Homeless Individuals</p>	<p>The City held a meeting to discuss the Annual Action Plan on March 28, 2019 at Baker Street Village. Staff was available to discuss the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA programs, the ConPlan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, Citizen Participation Plan, and proposed activities for next fiscal year. All comments received from the community were reviewed and responded to prior to submitting the Final Action Plan to HUD.</p>	<p>Comments from the audience included:-inquiry about the subcontracting process for capital improvement projects-if any projects would give special opportunity to MBE/WBE/SBE enterprises who apply-how to apply for funds in the coming year</p>	<p>All comments were accepted.</p>
3	Newspaper Ad	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	<p>A Notice of availability to review and comment on the Draft Annual Action Plan was published in the Bakersfield Californian newspaper on March 9, 2019 and El Popular Spanish language newspaper on March 8, 2019.</p>	<p>No comments received</p>	<p>No comments received</p>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
4	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Homeless Service Providers</p>	<p>Notice of availability to review and comment on the Draft Annual Action Plan was sent to the Kern County Homeless Collaborative, local Chambers of Commerce, local Non-Profits and to participants of City HUD Outreach events through established email lists. Responses will be reviewed and responded to prior to publishing the final Action Plan.</p>	<p>-inquiry into whether it was possible to eliminate taxes by investing 100 percent of CDBG funds and only using returns on investment to fund projects</p>	<p>All comments accepted.</p>
5	Flyers	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>Homeless Individuals and Service Providers</p>	<p>Flyers (both English and Spanish) containing a summary of this year's Action Plan and information regarding upcoming meetings and hearings to discuss City HUD Programs were posted at various locations in order to reach the diverse population of the City including: minorities, persons with disabilities, residents of public assisted housing, and the homeless community.</p>	<p>No comments received</p>	<p>No comments received</p>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
6	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The City of Bakersfield's staff attended four outreach events since the 18/19 Action was submitted to HUD for review and approval. Between the four meetings, staff received feedback from 362 residents. Community residents were presented with a chart of programs that our HUD funds could be used for and were asked to select their top 5 priorities for the use of those dollars. Responses were received from a wide range of community clientele, included racial/ethnic minorities, non-English speaking residents, female heads of households, and persons with disabilities. Community input and preference can be seen on the Citizen Participation Attachment.	In review of the general public comments received throughout the year, the most common needs that were prioritized were as follows:- Homeless Facilities/services - Youth Centers- Street Improvements- Street Lighting- Affordable Housing	All comments accepted.
7	5 Day Public Comment Period	Non-Targeted/broad community	The City of Bakersfield under the provision of the CARES Act held a 5-day public comment period from May 15, 2020 to May 20, 2020. The Plan could be downloaded and viewed from the City's website at www.bakersfieldcity.us/communitydevelopment .	TBD	TBD

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
8	Public Hearing	Non-Targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held May 20, 2020 to inform the public of the substantial amendment to the 2019 AAP and Citizen Participation Plan. HUD provisions eliminate in-person public hearings, but allows grantees the option to hold virtual online hearings.	TBD	TBD

Expected Resources

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

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG-CV	public - federal	Economic Development Public Services	\$2,272,347	0	0	\$2,272,347	0	CARES Act funding to address effects of COVID-19
ESG-CV	public - federal	Homeless Prevention Administration	\$1,125,407	0	0	\$1,125,407	0	CARES Act funding to address effects of COVID-19
HOPWA-CV	public - federal	Rental Assistance Public Services Administration	\$91,916	0	0	\$91,916	0	CARES Act funding to address effects of COVID-19
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	3,714,311	8,000	0	3,722,311	3,722,311	Accounts for actual anticipated HUD award. Assumes \$8,000 annual program income over the five-year period. Prior year resources are being reviewed for availability in FY19/20.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,399,854	100,000	0	1,499,854	1,499,854	Accounts for actual HUD award. Assumes \$100,000 program income for the current action plan year. Prior year resources are being reviewed for availability in FY19/20.
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	560,733	0	0	560,733	560,733	Accounts for actual HUD award.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	308,712	0	0	308,712	308,712	Accounts for actual HUD award.

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

Applicants for CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds are rated on the percentage of assistance they are requesting from the City of Bakersfield. The City of Bakersfield gives preference to applicants that have other funds available to complete the project; and preferably, federal funds comprise less than 50 percent of the total project budget. The lower the percentage required from federal funds, the more points the proposal receives.

The CDBG Program does not require matching funds, although, in most instances, additional funds are required to make a project feasible to implement. Both the HOME and ESG programs require a match.

There is no federal match requirement for HOPWA; however, project sponsors report leveraged funds. Due to the nature of the program, leveraged funds are typically nominal.

In the five-year period of the 2010-15 ConPlan, the City reported leverage of \$2.21 to every \$1 of HUD funds. To date, the City has leveraged approximately \$2.75 for each dollar of HUD funding during the 2015-2020 ConPlan cycle.

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

Streets, curb, gutter, sidewalks and drainage systems are part of the City's infrastructure that require improvements for FY 2019/20. This Action Plan has identified the following five right-of-way infrastructure improvement projects funded through the CDBG program:

- Baker Street/Old Town Kern Area Street Reconstruction: Project area generally bounded by Beale Ave., Flower St., Owens St., Pacific St., Haley St., Monterey St., Brown St., Niles St., Virginia St., and Kentucky St.
- Union-Brundage Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk Reconstruction: project area generally bounded by Brundage Lane, Union Avenue, 4st Street, and the Kern Island Canal.
- Castro Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Reconstruction: Project area generally bounded by Hughes Lane, Wilson Rd., Ming Ave., and Benton St.
- Oleander Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Reconstruction: Project area generally bounded by California Avenue, Chester Avenue, Verde Street, and A Street.
- La France Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Reconstruction: Project area generally bounded by Project area generally bounded by South H St., Ming Ave., El Toro Dr. and Hwy 58.

In addition to public infrastructure improvements, the City will perform the following improvements at Beale Park: replace outdated pole lights and fixtures with modern efficient lighting; and demolish the deteriorating restroom building and construct a new one.

In addition, debt service will be paid on two Section 108 Loan Repayments. The first is for street improvements in Southeast Bakersfield. The second is for improvements to two swimming pools, construction of a wet play area, and construction of a downtown swimming pool.

Discussion

In addition, the City of Bakersfield anticipates funds to be leveraged from other non-entitlement resources that include, but are not limited to:

- Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) – New housing construction or residential rehabilitation programs funded in part with City of Bakersfield entitlement funding may leverage LIHTC. Federal 4 percent and 9 percent LIHTC are a likely principal source of funding in the construction or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing units, and are a dollar-for-dollar credit against federal tax liability for the tax credit investor.
- Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers – the Housing Authority of the County of Kern administers the Section 8 program within the City of Bakersfield. Section 8 funds provide rent subsidies to assist in housing affordability within the rental housing market.
- Continuum of Care Funding (CoC) – The Kern County Homeless Collaborative, acting as the Continuum of Care for Kern County, receives funding directly from HUD to support efforts to end homelessness by providing housing and support services to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. In February 2019, HUD awarded the CoC \$5.92 million in funding.
- State of California Affordable Housing Programs – In response to the affordable housing crisis in California the State government has opened up multiple funding sources for affordable housing development. These sources provide leveraging opportunities to create more affordable housing units with our HOME funds. Sources such as No Place Like Home (NPLH), Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC), and Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) are a few examples of funding sources which the City intends to leverage with its HOME allocation in order to create more affordable housing units.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Table 5 – Goals Summary

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Decent and Affordable Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Bakersfield	Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Hsg	CDBG: \$430,000 HOPWA: \$543,911 HOME: \$1,359,869 ESG: \$100,332	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 48360 Persons Assisted Rental units constructed: 8 Household Housing Unit Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 46 Households Assisted
3	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Bakersfield	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve	CDBG: \$2,024,544	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 22055 Persons Assisted
4	Public Facilities and Services for Special Needs	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Bakersfield	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Hsg	CDBG: \$131,000 CDBG-CV: \$25,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1400 Persons Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 7 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Bakersfield	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & HIV/AIDS	CDBG: \$35,000 ESG: \$185,227 ESG-CV: \$1,115,407 HOPWA-CV: \$89,158.52	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 881 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 800 Beds Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 135 Household Housing Unit 10 households Households served, Homeless Prevention: 100

Goal Descriptions

Table 6 – Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Decent and Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Preserve existing decent, accessible and affordable housing, increase the supply of affordable housing and provide homeownership and rental opportunities for lower-income residents in the City.
2	Goal Name	Community and Economic Development
	Goal Description	Support community and economic development opportunities by creating, retaining and attracting businesses and jobs that will improve the economic health of low-and moderate-income areas.
3	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Goal Description	Improve and expand the City's existing public infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, curb/gutters, street fixtures, drainage systems, and sewer/water systems) and public facilities (parks and recreational facilities, community centers, public healthcare centers) in low-and moderate-income areas.
4	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Services for Special Needs
	Goal Description	Improve and increase facilities and services to create suitable living environments for non-homeless persons with special needs. These include facilities and their programs that service the young, seniors, large families, persons with disabilities and farmworkers.
5	Goal Name	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV
	Goal Description	Providing emergency shelters and transitional and supportive housing opportunities. Improve and increase public services to end chronic homelessness and treat persons with HIV/AIDS.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

In FY 2019-20, the City of Bakersfield will provide affordable housing, as defined by HOME 91.215(b) to a minimum of seven households. Affordable housing shall be available to two extremely low-income households, three low-income households, and two moderate-income households. See Table 11 and 12 for one-year Affordable Housing goals by support type.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#	Project Name
1	Bakersfield Senior Center Public Services
2	Fair Housing Program Services
3	Bakersfield Police Officers
4	Mission at Kern (Operations at HEAP Funded Expansion)
5	Section 108 Loan Repayment for \$800,000 of Public Facilities
6	Section 108 Loan Repayment for \$4.1 Million of Public Facilities
7	General Management and Oversight
8	Home Access Grant Program
9	Union-Brundage Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk, Drainage and Reconstruction
10	Oleander Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Reconstruction
11	La France Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Reconstruction
12	Castro Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Reconstruction
13	Baker/Old Town Kern Area Street Reconstruction
14	Beale Park Lighting Upgrades
15	Beale Park Restroom Replacement
16	New Construction Assistance
17	CHDO Set Aside
18	HOME Administration
18	HESG19 Projects
20	2017-2020 City of Bakersfield CA18F013 (BKF)
21	2017-2020 City of Bakersfield CA18F013 (BKF)
22	CDBG-CV Small Business Assistance Loans
23	CDBG-CV Start-Up/Covid-19 Response Grants

#	Project Name
24	CDBG-CV Small Business Technical Assistance
25	CDBG-CV Senior Services & Operations
26	ESG-CV Homeless Prevention
27	ESG-CV Administration
28	HOPWA-CV Rental Assistance and Services
29	HOPWA-CV Administration

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

The ConPlan identifies five goals to address the housing and community development needs during the five-year period (2015-20). General priority categories of housing, homelessness, special needs, and community development needs and their associated goals are addressed in the activities to be undertaken. These activities estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities, including special local objectives and priority needs. In addition, the City takes into account consultation made with organizations, agencies, and residents to further refine priorities.

In anticipation of the next year's funding cycle, a Notice of Funding Availability is published each September regarding the availability of grant information, and notice is sent to a list of known service providers, community based organizations, individual City departments, and any other person or entity that has expressed interest in the program. All applications, including those submitted by City departments, are reviewed, qualified, and scored by Community Development staff on an equal basis for consideration by the Budget and Finance Committee of the City Council for inclusion in the Annual Action Plan for project funding.

Amendment:

Project categories were selected based on urgent need as well as needs analyses conducted through the 2020-25 Consolidated Plan and Homeless and Housing Assistance Program Gaps Analysis conducted by the Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative. The City will use CARES funds to address the COVID-19 crisis. *During a declared emergency, the City may implement a limited application process or identify potential qualified applicants through an informal process to carry out specific activities that address community needs related to the emergency.*

Projects

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Project Summary Information

Table 7 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Bakersfield Senior Center Public Services
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Services for Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Improve/Expand Public Facility & Services Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,000
	Description	Funds for public services for low-income seniors at the Bakersfield Senior Center located at 530 4th Street.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,000 low-income seniors will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Bakersfield Senior Center - 530 4th Street
	Planned Activities	Operation and Maintenance for Senior Center located at 530 4th Street.
2	Project Name	Fair Housing Program Services
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Decent and Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Public services provided by Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance to affirmatively further fair housing choice, including education, intake, screening, counselling, testing and mediation.
	Target Date	4/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 low/moderate income people will be assisted with this activity; a portion of those served may be disabled.
	Location Description	615 California Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93304
	Planned Activities	Public services provided by Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance to affirmatively further fair housing choice, including education, intake, screening, counselling, testing and mediation.
3	Project Name	Bakersfield Community Relations Officers
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield

	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Create/Retain/Attract Community & Economic Develop/Homelessness/Non-Housing Services and Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$330,000
	Description	Community Relations Officers in Central and Southern Bakersfield.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	48,160 low/moderate income persons will be served by this project.
	Location Description	Area 1: Area generally bounded by Highway 99, Highway 58, Cottonwood Road, Martin Luther King Drive, Haley Street, Columbus Avenue, Manor Street, and the Kern River between Manor Street and Highway 99. Area 2: Area generally bounded by Highway 99, South H Street, White Lane, and Ming Avenue.
	Planned Activities	Project funds will be utilized to increase the compliment of Community Relations Officers. Officers will be assigned to the target footprint exclusively, to provide services that will enhance the quality of life for the residents.
4	Project Name	Mission at Kern (Operations at HEAP Funded Expansion)
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & HIV/AIDS
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	Funds for homeless shelter operations and services.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	588 homeless individuals will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	800 Baker Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305
Planned Activities	Funds for homeless shelter operations and services to serve the homeless community.	
5	Project Name	Section 108 Loan Repayment for \$800,000 of Public Facilities
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,922
	Description	Principal and interest on an \$800,000 loan for street improvements in Southeast Bakersfield.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Principal and interest on an \$800,000 loan for street improvements in Southeast Bakersfield.
6	Project Name	Section 108 Loan Repayment for \$4.1 Million of Public Facilities
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve
	Funding	CDBG: \$301,383
	Description	Principal interest on \$4,100,000 loan to improve two swimming pools, construct a wet play area in the southeast and build a downtown swimming pool.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Principal interest on \$4,100,000 loan to improve two swimming pools, construct a wet play area in the southeast and build a downtown swimming pool.
7	Project Name	General Management and Oversight
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Decent and Affordable Housing Community and Economic Development Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements Public Facilities and Services for Special Needs Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Housing Create/Retain/Attract Community & Economic Develop Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve Improve/Expand Public Facility & Services Special Needs Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & HIV/AIDS
	Funding	CDBG: \$744,462
	Description	Costs associated with overall program management, coordination, and monitoring of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A

	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Costs associated with overall program management, coordination, and monitoring of the CDBG program.
8	Project Name	Home Access Grant Program
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Services for Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Housing (Note: Omitted Improve/Expand Public Facility & Services Special Needs from Needs Addressed due for consistency with first two action plans)
	Funding	CDBG: \$41,000
	Description	Grants up to \$3,500 for handicapped accessibility improvements to privately or publicly owned residential structures in neighborhoods.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 7 households will be assisted.
	Location Description	City Wide
	Planned Activities	Grants up to \$3,500 for handicapped accessibility improvements to privately or publicly owned residential structures in neighborhoods.
9	Project Name	Union-Brundage Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk, Drainage and Reconstruction
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve
	Funding	CDBG: \$307,544
	Description	Install sidewalk, curb/gutter, handicap ramps, cross gutters to improve drainage and street rehabilitation in the area generally bounded by 4th St., Union Ave., Brundage Lane, and Kern Island Canal.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1290 low/moderate income persons will be served.
	Location Description	Area generally bounded by 4th St., Union Ave., Brundage Lane, and Kern Island Canal.
	Planned Activities	Install sidewalk, curb/gutter, handicap ramps, cross gutters to improve drainage and street rehabilitation in the area generally bounded by 4th St., Union Ave., Brundage Lane, and Kern Island Canal.
10	Project Name	Oleander Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Reconstruction
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve

	Funding	CDBG: \$357,000
	Description	Install sidewalk, curb/gutter, handicap ramps, cross gutters to improve drainage and street rehabilitation in the area generally bounded by A St., California Ave., Chester Ave., and Verde St.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3185 low/moderate income persons will be assisted with this project
	Location Description	Area generally bounded by A St., California Ave., Chester Ave., and Verde St.
	Planned Activities	Install sidewalk, curb/gutter, handicap ramps, cross gutters to improve drainage and street rehabilitation in the area generally bounded by A St., California Ave., Chester Ave., and Verde St.
11	Project Name	La France Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Reconstruction
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve
	Funding	CDBG: \$306,000
	Description	Install sidewalk, curb/gutter, handicap ramps, cross gutters to improve drainage and street rehabilitation in the area generally bounded by South H St., Ming Ave., El Toro Dr., and Highway 58.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1810 low/moderate income persons will be served by the project.
	Location Description	Area generally bounded by South H St., Ming Ave., El Toro Dr., and Highway 58.
	Planned Activities	Install sidewalk, curb/gutter, handicap ramps, cross gutters to improve drainage and street rehabilitation in the area generally bounded by South H St., Ming Ave., El Toro Dr., and Highway 58.
12	Project Name	Castro Area Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk Reconstruction
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve
	Funding	CDBG: \$204,000
	Description	Install sidewalk, curb/gutter, handicap ramps, cross gutters to improve drainage and street rehabilitation. Area generally bounded by Benton Rd., Wilson Rd., Ming Rd., and South H St.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1115 low/moderate income persons will be served by the project.
	Location Description	Area generally bounded by Benton Rd., Wilson Rd., Ming Rd., and South H St.
	Planned Activities	Install sidewalk, curb/gutter, handicap ramps, cross gutters to improve drainage and street rehabilitation. Area generally bounded by Benton Rd., Wilson Rd., Ming Rd., and South H St.
13	Project Name	Baker/Old Town Kern Area Street Reconstruction
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve
	Funding	CDBG: \$157,000
	Description	Street rehabilitation in the area generally bounded by Beale Ave., Flower St., Owens St., Pacific St., Haley St., Monterey St., Brown St., Niles St., Virginia St., and Kentucky St.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,735 low/moderate income persons will be assisted with this project
	Location Description	Area generally bounded by Beale Ave., Flower St., Owens St., Pacific St., Haley St., Monterey St., Brown St., Niles St., Virginia St., and Kentucky St.
	Planned Activities	Street rehabilitation in the area generally bounded by Beale Ave., Flower St., Owens St., Pacific St., Haley St., Monterey St., Brown St., Niles St., Virginia St., and Kentucky St.
14	Project Name	Beale Park Lighting Upgrades
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve
	Funding	CDBG: \$336,000
	Description	Replace outdated lighting system with upgraded system throughout Beale Park.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,960 low/moderate income persons will be assisted with this project
	Location Description	Beale Park. 500 Oleander Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93304
	Planned Activities	Replace outdated lighting system with upgraded system throughout Beale Park.
15	Project Name	Beale Park Restroom Replacement
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield

	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve
	Funding	CDBG: \$357,000
	Description	Demolition and replacement of existing restroom facility at Beale Park.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4,960 low/moderate income persons will be served by the project
	Location Description	Beale Park. 500 Oleander Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93304
	Planned Activities	Demolition and replacement of existing restroom facility at Beale Park.
16	Project Name	New Construction Assistance
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Decent and Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$1,149,891
	Description	Housing development costs associated with the acquisition and/or construction of affordable housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Minimum of 6 low-income households.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Gap financing associated with the development of affordable housing.
17	Project Name	CHDO Set Aside
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Decent and Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$209,978
	Description	Loans and/or grants to develop, acquire, rehabilitate, and/or construct affordable single or multi-family housing. Project to be implemented by a qualified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A minimum of 2 low-income households.
	Location Description	City-wide

	Planned Activities	Gap financing associated with the development of affordable housing.
18	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Decent and Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$139,985
	Description	Costs related to overall management & coordination of the HOME program.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administrative costs associated with the management and coordination of the HOME Investment Partnership Program.
19	Project Name	HESG19 Projects
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Decent and Affordable Housing Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Hsg Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & HIV/AIDS
	Funding	ESG: \$308,712
	Description	Includes Admin, Outreach, Shelter, and Rapid Re-Housing activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	800 homeless persons will be provided with Shelter Services, 80 homeless persons will be provided with Outreach Services, and 20 homeless persons will be provided with Rapid Re-housing Services.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Includes Administration, Outreach, Shelter, and Rapid Re-Housing activities associated with assisting homeless persons.
20	Project Name	2017-2020 City of Bakersfield CA18F013 (BKF)
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Decent and Affordable Housing Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Housing Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$543,911
	Description	Rental assistance, emergency assistance, housing counseling and related services to ensure safe and stable housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The FY 2019-20 HOPWA funding will provide: Short-term Rent, Mortgage and/or Utility assistance (STRMU) to a minimum of 115 persons; Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to 26 persons/households; Facility-Based Housing - Leasing costs for hotel/motel assistance to 20 persons/households; Housing Information Services (including housing counseling, referral, and outreach) to 161 persons/households; and Supportive Services (to address transportation, links into treatment and care for HIV/AIDS and associated medical issues) to assist 140 persons/households.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Activities include: Short-term Rent (STRMU), Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Facility-based Housing, Housing Information Services, and Supportive Services.
21	Project Name	2017-2020 City of Bakersfield CA18F013 (BKF)
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Decent and Affordable Housing Community and Economic Development Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements Public Facilities and Services for Special Needs Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Expand Decent, Accessible, Affordable Hsg Create/Retain/Attract Community & Economic Develop Improve Public Infrastructure & Facilities Improve Improve/Expand Public Fac & Services Special Needs Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$16,822
	Description	Administrative costs related to oversight of HOPWA Program activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administrative costs related to oversight of HOPWA Program activities.
22	Project Name	Small Business Assistance Loans
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Create/Retain/Attract Community & Economic Develop
	Funding	\$2,090,000 CDBG-CV
	Description	Short-term working capital assistance such as rent, payroll, utilities, services & supplies. (\$5,000-\$50,000)
	Target Date	9/1/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 jobs retained
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Short-term working capital assistance such as rent, payroll, utilities, services & supplies. (\$5,000-\$50,000)
23	Project Name	Start-Up/Covid-19 Response Grants
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Create/Retain/Attract Community & Economic Develop
	Funding	\$70,000 CDBG-CV
	Description	Micro-Business Start-Up or Business Expansion Grants addressing COVID-19 pandemic (Up to \$5,000)
	Target Date	9/1/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	14 businesses assisted
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Micro-Business Start-Up or Business Expansion Grants addressing COVID-19 pandemic (Up to \$5,000)
24	Project Name	Small Business Technical Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Community and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Create/Retain/Attract Community & Economic Develop
	Funding	\$87,347 CDBG-CV
	Description	Mentorship, Technical Assistance and initial loan/grant underwriting
	Target Date	9/1/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 businesses assisted
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Mentorship, Technical Assistance and initial loan/grant underwriting
25	Project Name	Senior Services & Operations
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Services for Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Improve/Expand Public Facility & Services Special Needs
	Funding	\$25,000 CDBG-CV

	Description	Senior Services/Operations, including but not limited to food and food storage, to address COVID-Specific needs
	Target Date	9/1/2022
	Target Date	400 persons assisted
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Citywide
	Location Description	Bakersfield Senior Center - 530 4th Street
	Planned Activities	Citywide
26	Project Name	Homeless Prevention
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & HIV/AIDS
	Funding	\$1,115,407 ESG-CV
	Description	Homeless Prevention: Rental and Utility assistance to prevent families from becoming Homeless.
	Target Date	9/1/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 households
	Location Description	City of Bakersfield
	Planned Activities	Homeless Prevention: Rental and Utility assistance to prevent families from becoming Homeless.
27	Project Name	ESG-CV Administration
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & HIV/AIDS
	Funding	\$10,000 ESG-CV
	Description	City of Bakersfield administrative costs associated with ESG-CV project implementation.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	City of Bakersfield administrative costs associated with ESG-CV project implementation
28	Project Name	HOPWA CV – Rental Assistance and Services
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV

	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & HIV/AIDS
	Funding	\$89,158.52 HOPWA-CV
	Description	Rent/Utility assistance and Services for persons living with HIV/AIDS (Kern County Department of Public Health).
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 households
	Location Description	City of Bakersfield
	Planned Activities	Rent/Utility assistance and Services for persons living with HIV/AIDS (Kern County Department of Public Health).
29	Project Name	HOPWA-CV Administration
	Target Area	City of Bakersfield
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & AIDS/HIV
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities/Services for Homeless & HIV/AIDS
	Funding	\$2,757.48 HOPWA-CV
	Description	City of Bakersfield administrative costs associated with HOPWA-CV project implementation.
	Target Date	9/1/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	City of Bakersfield administrative costs associated with HOPWA-CV project implementation

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

CDBG/CDBG-CV. There are no targeted areas for CDBG investments within the City. Programs funded with CDBG funds are available city-wide to low- and moderate-income residents. Fair housing program services are also provided city-wide. Supportive services are available city-wide to low- and moderate-income residents and person with special needs. Debt service on Section 108 public improvement projects are located in low- and moderate-income areas. Public infrastructure and facility improvements are in predominately low- and moderate-income areas.

HOME. No HOME projects have been selected for funding; however, staff is expecting several applications for affordable housing during the fiscal year. Consideration of the area in which new construction projects are proposed will be a selection criterion for new applications. A HUD directive requires the City of Bakersfield to give special consideration to affordable housing outside the Racial/Ethnic Concentrated Area of Poverty (RECAPs).

ESG. Supportive services are available city-wide to the homeless.

ESG-CV. Homeless Prevention for households impacted by COVID-19

HOPWA/HOPWA-CV. HOPWA assistance will be available City-wide.

Geographic Distribution

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Bakersfield	94

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

There are no specific geographic target areas in Bakersfield; however all public service programs funded with CDBG funding will be available city-wide to eligible persons. The City will also allocate CDBG funds for public facility and public infrastructure projects located in eligible low- and moderate-income areas. HOME funds will be targeted within the City of Bakersfield limits and preference will be given to projects outside of RECAP areas. ESG funds are targeted within the City of Bakersfield corporate limits, and HOPWA funds are available City-wide. **CDBG-CV, ESG-CV and HOPWA-CV will be used Citywide.**

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City's 2015-20 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) ranks the need for decent, accessible, and affordable housing as a high priority for the community. Surveys from the community and market studies on affordable housing established the ranking. In addition, the Housing Authority of the County of Kern and other low-income housing providers have long waiting lists from potential tenants for available affordable housing units. These lists continue to grow as the State's affordable housing crisis increases. Currently, the Housing Authority of the County of Kern's reports 15,620 households on its waiting list, an increase from 13,740 households from the last year.

Adopted in 2016, the City of Bakersfield's Housing Element includes programs to:

- Provide housing opportunities and accessibility for all economic segments of the City;
- Provide and maintain an adequate supply of sites for the development of affordable new housing;
- Preserve, rehabilitate, and enhance existing housing and neighborhoods;
- Ensure that all housing programs are available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, household composition or size, and any other arbitrary factor; and
- Encourage and enhance intergovernmental, public, and private coordination and cooperation to achieve an adequate supply of housing for all economic and social segments of the community.

The City of Bakersfield continues to actively pursue its goal of creating decent, accessible and affordable housing. The City's ConPlan states that the City will develop, construct, or rehabilitate 220 affordable housing units during the five-year period.

ConPlan 2015-20:

- Residence at Old Town Kern (new construction) – 50 units
- Park 20th (new construction) – 56 units
- Millcreek Courtyard (new construction) – 62 units
- Millcreek Village (new construction) 63 units
- Parkview Cottages (down payment assistance) – 9 units
- Monterey Street (rehabilitation) – 16 units
- Villa San Dimas (rehabilitation) – 20 units
- Green Gardens (rehabilitation) – 102 units

Broken down into one-year goals the City shall prioritize its funding to develop, construct, or rehabilitate 42 affordable housing units. In addition to the 42 affordable units per year, the City plans to provide home accessibility improvements for seven households and provide rental assistance to 46 homeless individuals and persons living the AIDS.

Affordable Housing

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	20
Non-Homeless	44
Special-Needs	33
Total	97

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	46
The Production of New Units	42
Rehab of Existing Units	9
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	97

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of the County of Kern (Housing Authority) administers Bakersfield's Public Housing programs and the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. Currently, the Housing Authority operates and maintains 20 low-income public housing or other affordable housing complexes, totaling 1,260 units, in Bakersfield. The Housing Authority offers many different programs within these complexes to ensure self-sufficiency and success by its tenants. In the past year, the Housing Authority housed over 334 homeless households in permanent supportive housing.

The Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers program is overseen by the Housing Authority. Currently, the Housing Authority has 3,288 participants in its voucher programs within the City of Bakersfield. The program provides rental subsidies to low-income families who spend more than 30% of their gross income on housing costs. These recipients are able to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and are not limited to those units, which are provided in subsidized housing projects.

The Housing Authority reports that in 2019 all public housing units are occupied or committed. The demand for affordable housing still exceeds the inventory with 15,620 households currently on the public housing waiting list.

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

The City and the Housing Authority will continue to look for funding to construct additional low-income housing and provide self-sufficiency programs for clients. Currently, the Housing Authority is applying for tax credits as the final financial commitment to develop Residences at East Hills, which was supported by the City of Bakersfield in its Fiscal Year 18/19 Action Plan and funding from earlier years. Additionally, City of Bakersfield is collaborating with the Housing Authority's Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) arm to develop two four-plexes in Central Bakersfield, and collaborating to look at affordable housing sources from the State of California to support future projects and leverage with HOME funds. In addition to working with the Housing Authority and other service providers, the City will increase Fair Housing education, outreach, testing, and referral services, monitor unfair/predatory lending practices, ensure training for apartment owners/managers on fair housing laws, and host or partner with service providers to hold Fair Housing workshops to educate the public about fair housing rights and housing laws.

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

The Housing Authority operates under the accountability of a seven-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Kern County Board of Supervisors. Two of the seven commissioners, referred to as "Tenant Commissioners," must live in public housing or participate in the voucher program. The Housing Authority employs 170 employees under an administrative structure headed by an Executive Director who reports to the Board of Commissioners. The mission of the Housing Authority is to improve the quality of life for low-income residents of Kern County by providing safe, affordable housing and by assisting residents to become self-sufficient and to achieve home ownership. In FY 2018-19, the Housing Authority assisted 20 families to become first-time homebuyers.

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

Not applicable. The Housing Authority of the County of Kern is Bakersfield's PHA and is not designated as troubled.

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

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

The City of Bakersfield's ConPlan shows a 5 year goal of serving 3,000 homeless persons with shelter assistance and 100 households with Rapid Re-housing assistance. This year, the City anticipates serving 800 of the 3,000 homeless persons with shelter assistance and 20 of the 100 households with Rapid Rehousing assistance. In addition, 80 people are anticipated to be served through homeless outreach. These goals will be accomplished through the City's Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which will fund the following agencies in FY 2019-20.

- Bakersfield Homeless Center – Shelter (\$67,438 ESG)
- Bakersfield Homeless Center – Rapid Re-Housing (\$100,332 ESG)
- Bakersfield Rescue Mission – Shelter (\$66,000 ESG)
- Flood Bakersfield Ministries – Street Outreach (\$23,625 ESG)
- Alliance Against Family Violence – Shelter (\$28,164 ESG)

Additionally, through FY 2019-20 HOPWA funding, the City of Bakersfield will work with Kern County Public Health to reach out to and address the needs of the homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS.

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

Assessing the Needs of Homeless Persons

The Kern County Homeless Collaborative (KCHC), who serves as the local Continuum of Care (CoC), is a valuable source of outreach to the homeless community. It is the policy of City's Development Services Department to regularly have staff representation at CoC meetings in order to gain input from the collaborative on homeless needs, priorities, and ESG project performance. As homeless subgroups each have unique needs, the CoC Governance Committee includes at least one representative from the Homeless or Formerly Homeless Population; one Veterans Affairs/Homeless Veterans Service Provider Representative; and one McKinney-Vento Liaison/Local Education Agency Representative/or Educational Services to Homeless Children & Youth Representative. The City also participates in the yearly Homeless Census Count conducted by the KCHC and was part of the process in developing the Mayor's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Kern County.

The City will work with KCHC to gather input throughout the Action Plan process from the homeless community. The City works with the collaborative to distribute Notice of Funding Availability of City HUD funds, Action Plan and CAPER notices, community input surveys, and public outreach flyers. The City will work to include postings at homeless shelters, homeless outreach providers, public housing providers, and common areas within the City. Needs collected in collaboration with the KCHC directly impact projects included in the 2019-20 Action Plan.

In addition, the City will continue to support the ongoing funding of assessment and outreach activities as well as the expansion and creation of additional outreach activities provided by existing homeless and social service organizations throughout the City. Flood Bakersfield Ministries has been selected to receive \$23,625 in ESG funds for the 2019-20 Action Plan year and is anticipated to serve 80 individuals with outreach services.

Supporting the Coordinated Entry and HMIS Systems of the Homeless Collaborative

In serving the homeless community, the City supports the Kern County Homeless Collaborative Coordinated Entry and Assessment approach. This approach is a

standardized plan for the entire KCHC which incorporates tools, processes, policies and HUD CoC and ESG requirements to maximize efficient and ethical intervention. Service providers share one point of entry for services, ensuring people who are homeless or who are at risk for homelessness are served and/or housed as quickly and efficiently as possible. This approach increases service provider connectivity, and the ability to properly assess the individual needs of homeless persons. Data is collected through the HMIS System, and helps providers assess the needs of participants more accurately. Participants in the City's ESG grants participate in the KCHC HMIS and Coordinated Entry System.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Though prioritizations established through collaboration with the Kern County Homeless Collaborative, the City will use its Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), to fund the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter, the Mission at Kern County Shelter and the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault Shelter. As detailed above, these funds will be used to improve the quality of emergency shelters for the homeless, operating cost of such shelters, provide essential social services, homeless prevention services, and other assistance to the homeless community.

In response to requests from mayors of California's 11 largest cities, Senate Bill 850 was passed in 2018, creating the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). This program provided significant state funds to address the urgent need of cities to address the homeless issues in their municipalities. City of Bakersfield is utilizing its allocation (approximately \$1.247 million) to increase emergency shelter beds, provide a community resources center for homeless persons, and increase housing opportunities for homeless youth and youth at-risk of becoming homeless.

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

Using Entitlement Funds

During the Action Plan year, the City will use ESG, CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA funds to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. The City will use its ESG grant to provide funds to three homeless shelter providers, a Rapid Re-housing program (providing homeless persons with funds to pay for rent, and deposits), and will use both CDBG and ESG for a Homeless Outreach program (providing outreach to smooth the transition from homelessness into independent living). In addition, the City anticipates using HOME funds to support new construction and rehab of affordable housing projects within the City (See Sections AP-55, AP-90). Through FY 2019-20 HOPWA funding, the City of Bakersfield will also work with Kern County Public Health to address the needs of the homeless persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Supporting the Kern County Homeless Collaborative

The City of Bakersfield is an active member of the Kern County Homeless Collaborative (KCHC) and supports its strategy to prevent homelessness. KCHC members use a Coordinated Entry approach, collect data using a centralized HMIS system, and take into account the unique needs of homeless sub-groups (such as chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth).

The KCHC uses a Coordinated Entry approach which is a standardized plan for the entire KCHC which incorporates tools, processes, policies and HUD CoC and ESG requirements to maximize efficient and ethical intervention. Service providers share one point of entry for services, ensuring people who are homeless or who are at risk for homelessness are served and/or housed as quickly and efficiently as possible. This approach increases service provider connectivity, and the ability to properly assess the individual needs of homeless persons. Data collected by the KCHC is entered into the HMIS System (including the resources each participant has attained, the period of time a participant has remained homeless, and other important data that helps the service providers assess and deliver the proper services). This data collection approach has been set up with the goals of helping homeless persons 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. Participants in the City's ESG grants participate in the KCHC Coordinated Entry approach, and the HMIS System.

Helping Specific Sub-Groups

The KCHC maintains a by-name list and participates in prioritizing chronically homeless individuals and families to ensure beds are utilized. Thirty-six (36) Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) per year are designated by our local Public Housing Authority for the most vulnerable chronically homeless. In addition, the KCHC participates in the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Community Plan responsible for planning and coordinating efforts to prevent and end homelessness among veterans. The SSVF group meets monthly through the CoC Housing Committee and reviews the veterans awarded vouchers by HUD-VASH, the number of open vouchers in the community, and the numbers of veterans served. In addition, the KCHC has implemented a homeless youth working group that strategizes and builds awareness of this population of the homeless community. The group works with Bakersfield College, Kern County Superintendent of Schools and the Kern High School District to partner in the work of assisting unaccompanied homeless youth.

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 Kern County Homeless Collaborative has created a Discharge Planning Policy Task Force and has conducted a countywide Strategic Planning session. The purpose of the

session was to develop and implement strategies that involve political leaders, governmental agencies, homeless service providers, homeless consumers, and other stakeholders to prevent individuals from immediately becoming homeless, and to end general and chronic homelessness in Kern County. One of the many areas that was addressed was the issue of discharging persons into homelessness, regardless of whether the institution receives HUD McKinney Funds. The final discharge policy has become part of the Mayor's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. The Discharge Planning Committee of the KCHC meets regularly to keep up to date with changes within the community.

The Kern County Mental Health Department has developed and implemented policies for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care. The Department of Mental Health works in conjunction with health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions to help prevent the discharge of individuals resulting in homelessness.

The Kern County Department of Human Services expedites discharged individuals' applications for general-aid, Food Stamps and other entitlements so that they do not experience gaps in coverage that can contribute to or exacerbate medical, psychiatric or financial crises and homelessness. In addition, Kern County will connect individuals who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless to permanent housing and a case manager prior to discharge. Finally, the County Department of Human Services will work with the California Department of Corrections and the Kern County Jail to facilitate recently released individuals' transition from incarceration to community living.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals – 91.220 (I)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	115
Tenant-based rental assistance	26
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	20
Total	161

City of Bakersfield’s HOPWA Program, administered by Kern County Health Department, provides critical emergency assistance to persons living with HIV/AIDS to prevent loss of housing and becoming homeless while addressing social, economic, health and mental health challenges. The program assists eligible clients throughout Kern County with case management services, food, and transportation assistance with the goal of achieving housing stability and access to care. Other partners in service delivery are Housing Authority of the County of Kern and Clinica Sierra Vista. Together these agencies work to minimize the effect that living with HIV/AIDS has on housing stability.

In February 2019, City staff met with staff from the County of Kern and the State of California to discuss the possibility of relinquishing control over funds of the HOPWA program from the City of Bakersfield and returning them to the state. Prior to the City of Bakersfield taking over administrative duties of HOPWA in Fiscal Year 2016-17, the State of California managed the program. If successful, the transition would take place in Fiscal Year 2019-20, and would be effective for the duration of the program. City staff will consult with City Attorney and City Manager’s office before proceeding with the matter.

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

Introduction

The City of Bakersfield has instituted actions aimed at reducing the impact of the public sector role in housing costs and affordability.

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

To preserve affordability, the City allows and encourages developers to "piggyback" or file concurrent applications (i.e. rezones, tentative tract maps, conditional use permits, variance requests, etc.) if multiple approvals are required, and if consistent with applicable processing requirements. The City will continue to have staff available to assist low-income housing developers through permits, approvals, plan checks, inspections, etc. in order to make the approval process smoother and faster.

The City provides cost reductions to developers through the Density Bonus Ordinance when low and very-low income housing units are proposed. Further cost reductions occur in the form of increased densities and concessions such as flexibility in site development standards and zoning code requirements, reductions in development fees and dedication requirements, financial aid, and/or accelerated plan check.

Cost reductions occur through the more efficient use of land in the Commercial/Residential land use zone, SRO conversions, reduced parking requirements for the downtown area, granny units, accessory units and the Planned Unit Development (PUD) program. For example, the PUD residential districts of the zoning code allow design flexibility through, but not limited to, small lots, zero lot line, cluster developments, mixed unit types and high-rise apartments.

These housing policies and programs are included in the City's Housing Element, as required by State law. Further, the City of Bakersfield, in accordance with SB 35, began a procedure for streamlining the approval of affordable housing. This process allows for faster review and approval times for affordable housing projects in an effort to increase the City of Bakersfield's affordable housing production. The 2015-2023 Housing Element includes policies and programs to accommodate the City's fair share of the regional housing needs of extremely low, very low, low, moderate and above moderate-income households.

As previously mention in the Action Plan, with the adoption and implementation of the Bakersfield 2015-23 Housing Element, the City will be able to accommodate approximately 15,500 lower-income units between 2013 and 2023, which averages about 1,550 units per year. The City's Housing Element includes policies and programs to:

- Provide housing opportunities and accessibility for all economic segments of the City;
- Provide and maintain an adequate supply of sites for the development of affordable new housing;

- Preserve, rehabilitate, and enhance existing housing and neighborhood;
- Ensure that all housing programs are available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, household composition or size, and any other arbitrary factor;
- Encourage and enhance intergovernmental, public, and private coordination and cooperation to achieve an adequate supply of housing for all economic and social segments of the community.

Additionally, as described previously in this document, the City of Bakersfield will continue to seek partnerships to create or preserve affordable housing by providing financial assistance through the City's entitlement programs.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Through the needs assessment and market analysis, as well as information derived from consultation with service providers and community input from the City's outreach efforts, the five-year ConPlan establishes the following priority needs:

1. Decent, accessible and affordable housing
2. Community and economic development
3. Public infrastructure and facilities improvements
4. Public facilities and services for the non-homeless special needs population
5. Public facilities and services for the homeless and persons with HIV/AIDS

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The ability of the City to address underserved needs depends on the availability of resources. The City will continue to use CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds to support projects that improve and expand the affordable housing stock, expand community and economic development, improve infrastructure and public facilities for non-homeless special needs and for homeless persons and persons living with HIV/AIDS. This year's CDBG funding will focus on public infrastructure improvements to improve access for residents in their neighborhoods, improve one City-owned park, provide increased police services to create safer communities for residents, provide services to senior citizens, and fair housing services to victims of housing discrimination. Likewise, HOME funds will be used to provide affordable housing options through the support of a future housing project that has not yet been determined. ESG funds will be used to provide emergency shelter and rapid re-housing services, and HOPWA will provide services to individuals with HIV/AIDS. Additionally, the City will seek other federal and state funding sources to better meet these underserved needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Providing decent and affordable housing is a high priority and goal of the City. In FY 2019-20, the City will implement programs that directly help increase the availability and accessibility of affordable housing units. Under the proposed Action Plan, the City of Bakersfield is proposing to allocate \$1,149,891 of its funding allocation to a future affordable housing project to be determined. An additional \$209,978 in HOME funds will be set aside for future affordable housing projects, by a certified Community Housing development Organization (CHDO). In addition, \$100,332 of ESG funds will be used to assist households who are recently homeless to re-establish permanent housing for the household, and HOPWA funds will be used to help foster and maintain affordable housing for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The ConPlan discussed the City's strategy for implementing lead-based paint mitigation in qualified residential units. Assessment of hazards can be better accomplished while housing is being inspected or evaluated. On a project-by-project basis, funds will be made available to test for and mitigate lead-based paint hazards occurring in housing units that receive HUD Program funds for rehabilitation.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

To address the issue of poverty in FY 2019-20, the City plans to focus on efforts in the areas of affordable housing, job retention, supportive services, infrastructure, and economic development. Implementation of Section 3 will encourage contractors and material suppliers working on HUD funded projects to seek low income new hires to work on those projects. Additionally, staff will encourage economic development in our Economic Opportunity Zones, and seek developers to complete projects on City-owned property where a percentage of jobs produced will be earmarked for low income citizens.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Bakersfield continues to assess institutional structure to effectively implement the City's entitlement programs and meet the goals of the Consolidated Plan. The City will continue to cross-train staff and take advantage of training and educational opportunities to improve capacity in administering HUD-funded programs. Additionally, the City will continue to explore opportunities to partner with other City departments and external organizations to fund vital community investments to improve the quality of life for our underserved residents.

City of Bakersfield staff will continue to pursue training opportunities and technical assistance where available. Where all staff cannot attend pertinent training opportunities, staff members who receive technical assistance will cross-train as appropriate. Staff members attended multiple HUD sponsored trainings in 2018, to improve their capacity and knowledge, while also taking advantage of current and past webinars to continue to improve their understanding of the CBDG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA programs. Likewise, the City maintains a division "Desk Guide" which is updated regularly with departmental policies and procedures for HUD-funded programs. In addition to this Desk Guide, staff members are currently working on other internal materials to provide cross training and procedural protocols for co-workers for HOPWA, Home Access, and Davis-Bacon activities.

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

The City will continue to collaborate with public and private housing and social service agencies to meet the goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan. Currently, the City is a participating member of the Kern County Homeless Collaborative, and the Affordable Housing Collaborative of Kern. Staff members are assigned to attend monthly board meetings to stay abreast of developing needs in the homeless and affordable housing communities and to be ready to render or ask for assistance when funding for special programs comes available. Additionally, when requested, staff will meet with social service agencies as well as public and private housing entities to discuss HUD program funding guidelines, available resources, and program opportunities to serve our underserved residents.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The following section provides detailed information on the City of Bakersfield's four Action Plan Grants: CDBG, HOME and ESG. This Action Plan covers the fiscal year 2019-20.

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	8,000
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:	8,000

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.	80.00%

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:*

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds are not used by the City of Bakersfield beyond the forms of investment identified in Section 92.205.

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:*

In order to meet the affordability requirements of the HOME program, the City intends to use the recapture provision. For the City of Bakersfield's Down payment assistance program, the City will utilize HOME funds to be furnished to low-income persons as a deferred loan with 0% interest up to \$100,000 to assist with down payment and closing costs. Upon reaching the tenth year of the term, one-half of the assistance amount may be forgiven if owner maintains the home as his/her principal residence. The balance of the loan shall be due and payable in 5 to 30 years. In the event of sale or foreclosure, the recapture amount will be based on the net proceeds available from the sale or foreclosure rather than on the entire amount of the HOME investment. All down payment loans shall have an affordability covenant recorded on the property. These requirements will apply to loan programs where the City of Bakersfield is directly involved with the buyers and no sub-recipient, developer, or Community Housing Development Organization is managing a program or developing the units and utilizing those HOME funds to assist buyers (via a construction subsidy or direct financial assistance).

At this time, no homebuyer project is being proposed for the HOME funds contained within this Action Plan. However, in the event a homebuyer program is proposed to utilize funding covered within this Action Plan, project specific requirements will be amended in this section to cover their guidelines and a description delineating those requirements will be added

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:*

All HOME assisted activities are enforced by a deed of trust, note, agreement, and affordability covenant for the property. The period of affordability will be determined by the amount of HOME subsidy (and other potential funding sources) and shall be between 5 and 15 years. The City of Bakersfield permits the sale of HOME-assisted units to qualifying eligible households at the time of review and approval. In the event a HOME assisted unit is sold to a non-low income which is under the requirements of the recapture provision, those funds will be recaptured in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)(1). If, at any point, a project is added to the Action Plan which intends to use the resale provision, All HOME-assisted units will be required to be sold to a qualified low-income household and be owner-occupied and affordable to a low-income family for the minimum affordability

period, as defined in 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4). These requirements will be enforced through a property covenant, which will be carried on the property through the period of affordability. The City of Bakersfield will also utilize a deed of trust, promissory note, and agreement to enforce these requirements. All HOME-assisted projects are monitored annually to determine compliance with affordability requirements.

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

The City does not anticipate using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing. The City monitors each HOME assisted project annually for compliance.

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

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

Attachment, *Grantee Unique Appendices*, includes the Written Standards for Providing ESG Assistance.

In addition, selection of ESG recipients are outlined in the Funding Handbook and Notice of Funding Availability made available each October to potential applicants.

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

The Kern County Homeless Collaborative is made up of organizations that represent a broad scope of the homeless community including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth. In serving the homeless population, the City supports the KCHC Coordinated Entry and Assessment approach when providing services. This approach is a standardized plan for the entire KCHC which incorporates tools, processes, policies and HUD CoC and ESG requirements to maximize efficient and ethical intervention, and service provider connectivity. Service providers share one point of entry for services, ensuring people who are homeless or who are at risk for homelessness are served and/or housed as quickly and efficiently as possible. Participants in the City's ESG grants participate in the KCHC and the Coordinated Entry and Assessment approach.

In addition, the KCHC utilizes the data collection system HMIS to collect, analyze and report on homeless programs and projects. In this shared system, homeless service providers collaborate to ensure the best approach to meeting client needs. KCHC's HMIS lead agency is the Kern County Mental Health Department who provides members of the collaborative with HMIS training and data analysis. All ESG grantees

are required to use the HMIS data collection system in coordination with the KCHC. ESG grantees extract ESG data from HMIS to use the City of Bakersfield's yearly CAPER.

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

The City of Bakersfield conducts an open Request for Proposal process. Eligibility requirements are described in the City of Bakersfield's Funding Handbook which can be found in the Grantee Unique Appendices. In order to best determine the allocation of ESG funding, the City of Bakersfield assessed both the community needs expressed by the CoC, the City's current ConPlan priorities, and the amount of ESG funding available to the City. As part of the development of the FY2019-20 Action Plan, surveys were distributed individually to the members of the CoC in the winter of 2017 to obtain input regarding the most effective use of ESG funds. More specifically, recipients were asked to rank listed ESG-eligible activities based on how each organization felt funding would most effectively be spent. Survey results indicated that responding CoC agencies felt Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention, and Rapid Re-Housing activities would be the most effective use of ESG funding.

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

To ensure proper representation in decision-making, the KCHC Governance Committee includes at least one representative from the Homeless or Formerly Homeless Population; one Veterans Affairs/Homeless Veterans Service Provider Representative; and one McKinney-Vento Liaison/Local Education Agency Representative/or Educational Services to Homeless Children & Youth Representative. The City will work with the KCHC/CoC and partnering homeless service providers to ensure that information on ESG activities is distributed to homeless and formerly homeless individuals in order to provide the opportunity for involvement in decision/policy making. More specifically, the City works with the collaborative to distribute Notice of Funding Availability of City HUD funds, Action Plan and CAPER notices, community input surveys, and public outreach flyers including postings at homeless shelters and public/private housing providers.

- 5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.*

In determining programmatic performance indicators for ESG activities staff examined the recent performance of similar ESG-eligible activities. Specifically, staff examined the performance of previous years' Shelter activities and made a determination regarding the approximate number of individuals that could reasonably be served by the program. The approximate amount of people served through ESG Shelter programs is 800. Likewise, staff examined the Rapid Re-Housing and Outreach components of the ESG program, and projected that 20 households could be reasonably served through Rapid Rehousing, and 80 persons could be served through Outreach. Funds were then allocated accordingly. City staff works regularly with the CoC Planning and

Performance Committee to review outcomes and provide guidance and if needed refine performance standards. The City of Bakersfield is currently working with the committee to align performance measurements more closely with those of the CoC.

Housing Opportunities for People with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA)

The HOPWA program provides critical emergency assistance to persons living with HIV/AIDS prevent loss of housing and becoming homeless while addressing social, economic, health and mental health challenges. The program assists eligible clients throughout Kern County with case management services, food, and transportation assistance with the goal of achieving housing stability and access to care.

Agencies and personnel delivering HOPWA services to the citizens of Bakersfield and Kern County are:

- City of Bakersfield Community Development Department – HOPWA Contact: Hayward Cox, Community Development Coordinator
- Sponsor Agency - Kern County Health Department - HOPWA Contact: Denise Smith, Director Disease Control
- Sub-recipient – Clinica Sierra Vista – HOPWA Contact: Juan Garcia, Program Director
- Housing Authority of the County of Kern – HOPWA Contact: Mardi Sharples, Housing Management Director

One-year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA activities are as follows:

- Short-Term Rent, Mortgage, and Utility assistance payments (STRMU) to prevent homelessness of the individual or family - provide housing for 20 clients
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) - assist 26 households
- Supportive Services – provide supportive services for 115 clients
- Housing Information Services – provide housing information services for 161 individuals

In prior years, the City of Bakersfield transferred its HOPWA entitlement to the State of California, who In prior years, the City of Bakersfield transferred its HOPWA entitlement to the State of California, who served as Grantee for Kern County. Recently, the State of California declined to serve in that capacity, so it was necessary for the City to resume its Grantee duties for Fiscal Year 2016-17, and beyond. Kern County is the foremost provider of services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the Kern County area, partnering with various agencies and nonprofit/faith-based organizations. City of Bakersfield is considering a recent State of California request to resume administering the Bakersfield's HOPWA entitlement.