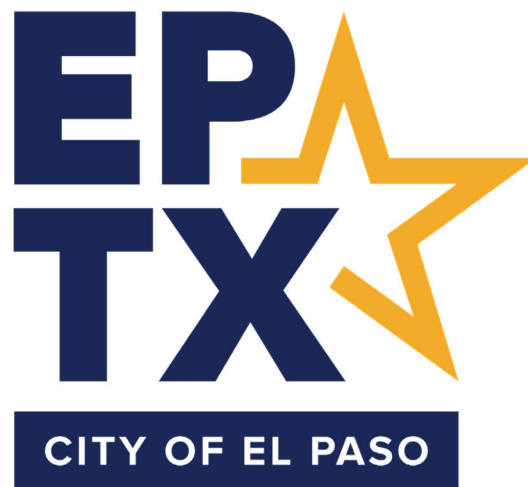


**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
2023-2024**



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of El Paso, Department of Community + Human Development (DCHD) is wholly committed to ensuring equity, resilience and sustainability for the most vulnerable El Pasoans by giving voice to the underrepresented, supporting a strong system of human services, and investing in El Paso homes, families and neighborhoods. All projects within this 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP) will achieve resilient community outcomes by serving the most vulnerable populations in El Paso, with an overarching goal of advancing equity, building sustainability, and reducing poverty.

The projects and activities funded under this Plan are a result of a Community Needs Assessment conducted in the Fall of 2022. During that needs assessment process, DCHD hosted numerous conversations, public meetings, and public hearings to identify community strengths and challenges, as well as resource and service gaps. That needs assessment identified the following priorities for investment of the HUD Entitlement grants:

- Homelessness
- Mental Health
- Resident Empowerment
- Food Security
- Affordable Housing

Those priority needs are addressed through the projects and activities in this Plan which will empower and provide support for the most vulnerable El Pasoans including:

- Low income children and youth
- Persons and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness
- Persons with disabilities
- Seniors
- Victims of domestic violence
- Low to moderate income households in need of affordable housing options

The City realizes that the HUD Entitlement Grants are not sufficient to address all community needs, nor are they intended to. For that reason, this plan is focused on best leveraging funding

sources to provide the greatest impact for, and benefit to, low and moderate income El Pasoans.

The 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, and thereby this AAP, is also informed by the City of El Paso's Strategic Plan, the El Paso Regional Housing Plan, Resilient El Paso (the City's resilience strategy), and a Financial Empowerment Blueprint.

The 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan is the fourth of what will be five annual plans under the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. Funding of specific projects under the following grant resources are identified in this Plan:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

Nearly 1 in 5 El Pasoans live in poverty, and many more, who may not meet that definition, still struggle to provide their households with stable housing and other opportunities and benefits that higher-income households enjoy (United States Census Bureau, ACS 2020 5-Year Estimates, Table S1701). It is primarily this population that the City seeks to assist in achieving housing stability, family resilience, and overall increased opportunity and quality of life. This population tends to experience more housing cost burden, less financial capacity, are more likely to live in aging housing requiring repair and/or rehabilitation, and have less than equitable access to educational services, healthcare, childcare, and employment.

25% of El Paso households are housing cost burdened, meaning they spend more than 30% of their household income on housing costs (i.e. rent, mortgage, utilities, insurance). Of particular concern is the prevalence of severe housing cost burden for households at or below 30% AMI. 52% of these extremely low income households expend more than half of their income on housing costs. These individuals and families are likely forced to make difficult choices to meet their basic needs for food, shelter and warmth.

Homelessness in El Paso is currently at a manageable level, but may increase as a result of a growing housing affordability gap for households who can afford a rental or mortgage payment

of no more than \$600/month. Rents in El Paso have increased drastically over the last 18 months and rental assistance that was made possible through Federal COVID response and recovery funding will be fully expended in the next few months. This portends a possible spike in homelessness and requires strategic deployment of these limited HUD Entitlement dollars to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness and preventing those at-risk of homelessness from losing their homes.

El Paso is also challenged with an aging housing stock in need of repair and rehabilitation. More than half of all housing units in El Paso were built before 1980 and are more likely in need of major repairs and lead paint abatement. However, these older units tend to be more affordable for lower income households who are more likely to require assistance in order to afford needed repairs. Lower income El Pasoans also present financial capacity issues in terms of bankability and credit worthiness, further limiting their access to quality housing choices.

It is for the preceding reasons that the City of El Paso prioritizes the following issues in this Plan above all others: • Ensuring quality, affordable housing choice for all El Pasoans • Preventing and responding to homelessness • Empowering El Paso households to become more resilient in the face of financial challenges

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The figures in the table below for 2022-2023 are projections based on the actual projects being implemented under the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan. The figures for 2022-2023 are projections based on the projects to be funded under this current Annual Action Plan.

<u>2020-2025 Consolidated Plan Goals</u>							
Decent Housing Goals (DH)	5-Yr Goal	Annual Performance					Progress Towards Completion
		2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	
DH 1.1 FTHB Counseling & Education	600 persons	104	100	-	-		34%

DH 1.2 Fair Housing Education	500 persons	-	60	-	-		12%
DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services	600 persons	69	68	69	90		49%
DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance	250 households	102	106	78	77		145%
DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers	75 units	-	-	-	50		67%
DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs	24 units	-	30	-	4		142%
DH 3.1 TBRA/Homeless Prevention	500 households	152	118	87	114		94%
DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing	125 households	68	58	27	34		150%
DH 3.3 First Time Homebuyer Assistance	70 households	1	62	15	12		129%
Economic Opportunity Goals (EO)							
EO 1.1 Financial Empowerment	500 persons	195	132	-	-		65%

EO 1.2 Microenterprise Technical Assistance	500 businesses	137	110	-	-		49%
Suitable Living Environment Goals (SL)							
SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter & Housing	7,500 persons	9,244	1,840	1,189	3,908		216%
SL 1.2 Street Outreach	1,000 persons	277	100	102	102		58%
SL 1.3 Mental & Medical Health Services	6,000 persons	2,882	1,420	1,812	-		102%
SL 1.4 Food Infrastructure & Access	10,000 persons	-	7,500		-		75%
SL 1.5 Children & Youth Services	7,500 persons	1,780	1,328	596	427		55%
SL 1.6 Seniors & Persons w/ Disabilities	2,000 persons	195	408	455	70		56%
SL 2.1 Public Facilities - Homeless Shelters	500 persons	-	-	-	2,000		400%
SL 2.2 Public Facilities -	10,000 persons	-	5,100	2,355	-		75%

Mobility Infrastructure							
SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood	50,000 persons	16,682	7,065	3,260	71		54%
SL 2.4 Public Facilities - Healthcare	5,000 persons	-	2,126	-	2,000		83%
SL 2.5 Public Facilities - Mental Health	500 persons	-	-	-	-		0%
SL 2.6 Public Facilities - Parks & Open Space	60,000 persons	11,410	7,970	6,255	-		43%
SL 2.7 Public Facilities - Abused/Neglected Children	100 persons	-	933	-	-		933%
SL 2.8 Public Facilities - Senior Centers	1,000 persons	-	-	-	-		0%

Successful implementation of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan will result in significant progress towards meeting the goals of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). Nearly all goals show progress towards completion. Those goals that remain unaddressed may be included in future annual plans if quality proposals are received by the Department of Community and Human Development from potential subrecipients.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City of El Paso, Department of Community + Human Development (DCHD) undertook two significant outreach and consultation initiatives to receive input and determine priority needs and gaps to be addressed through this Annual Action Plan. The first was a State of Homelessness Work Session and the second was a Community Needs Assessment.

DCHD conducted a half-day work session on Thursday, January 6th, 2022 to discuss the state of homelessness in El Paso. The intention of the work session was to convene key stakeholder partners in homeless service provision so that the City of El Paso can have a better understanding of the need for resources to fill gaps in the homeless service provider system and identify resources available to fill those gaps and create opportunities. This work session served as a key component of the upfront HOME-ARP allocation plan consultation process.

An agency pre-work session survey was sent out to the participant list. Responses from the survey were used to frame the discussions during the work session. Respondents were comprised of agencies and organizations that assist families and individuals experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness. 20 organizations responded to the survey.

In September of 2022, DCHD launched a Community Needs Assessment process. The purpose of the CNA was to obtain viewpoints from community members regarding housing and community development needs and proposed activities that support identified community vulnerabilities.

This process was led by the DCHD Civic Empowerment team. The DCHD Civic Empowerment team's primary objective is to advance equity, build sustainability and improve community outcomes through equitable programming volunteerism, and education designed to empower residents and strengthen their relationship with local government. In order to provide objective findings and conclusions, members of the CNA team do not administer or oversee DCHD grants, nor do they influence annual DCHD policies or procedures. A CNA survey was deployed across community stakeholders and 120 individual survey responses were received. The key takeaways from these responses indicated the greatest need for: 1) Programs that support those experiencing homelessness, 2) Assistance with Mental Illness, and 3) affordable housing assistance.

Also in September 2022, DCHD began hosting a series of roundtable events to acquire valuable responses from the community regarding housing and community development needs. Roundtable discussions, which resulted in a total of 96 participants, were offered in a variety of platforms ranging from a hybrid model, allowing individuals in an in-person setting to collaborate with those who selected to contribute virtually. Of those 96 participants, 31 community members were graduates of the City of El Paso's Neighborhood Leadership Academy, resulting in two Advanced Neighborhood Leadership Academy sessions. Participants within these exclusive sessions are actively involved community members that share a unique perspective to include solutions, on issues facing the community.

In addition to community residents, stakeholders from various community organizations, were present to discuss key issues within the sectors of Housing and Homelessness, Health and Wellbeing, Food Security and Family Stability; subject matter experts from El Paso Coalition for the Homeless, The Opportunity Center, YWCA, Project Amistad, United Way, The El Paso Community Foundation were among the organizations represented.

The 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan was presented in draft form to City Council on April 25th, 2023, and following a 30-day public comment period was brought back to Council on June 6th, 2023 for final adoption.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Input from the community is summarized in the above section and can be found in detail at <https://www.elpasotexas.gov/assets/Documents/CoEP/Community-Development/Forms-and-Notices/2023-NOFA/CNA-Report.pdf>

Additional comments may be added as a result of the 30-day public comment period.

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

All comments received were accepted and considered in the formulation of the Plan.

7. Summary

The previous sections are an all-encompassing summary of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for the City of El Paso.

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

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	The City of El Paso, Texas	Community and Human Development
HOPWA Administrator	The City of El Paso, Texas	Community and Human Development
HOME Administrator	The City of El Paso, Texas	Community and Human Development
ESG Administrator	The City of El Paso, Texas	Community and Human Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of El Paso’s Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) consults with community residents, multiple organizations, and community representatives in preparation to submit the Annual Action Plan as the City's application for HUD funding. The Draft Annual Action Plan was made available on the City's website at <https://www.elpasotexas.gov/community-and-human-development/forms-and-notice/>. Following the distribution of the Draft Annual Action Plan, the City provided a 30-day public comment period to allow for its citizens to provide their views and feedback. After this 30-day comment period, another public hearing was held at City Council where the final version of the Annual Action Plan was ultimately approved. The City also regularly communicates with various state and local groups, departments and organizations as part of the planning process. The projects and activities funded under this Plan are a result of a Community Needs Assessment conducted in the Fall of 2022. During that needs assessment process, DCHD hosted numerous conversations, public meetings, and public hearings to identify community strengths and challenges, as well as resource and service gaps.

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

The City of El Paso’s Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) consults with various service agencies throughout the process of developing the Annual Action Plan, including the Housing Opportunity Management Enterprises (HOME). The local Department of Public Health is the service provider for HOPWA programming and was coordinated to establish goals and benchmarks for that program. The projects and activities funded under this Plan are a result of a Community Needs Assessment conducted in the Fall of 2022. During the needs assessment process, DCHD hosted numerous conversations, public meetings, and public hearings to identify community strengths and challenges, as well as resource and service gaps. That needs assessment identified the following priorities for investment of the HUD Entitlement grants: Homelessness, Mental Health, Resident Empowerment, Food Security and Affordable Housing.

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 of El Paso coordinates with the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless (EPCH), lead entity for the El Paso Continuum of Care (CoC). EPCH provides technical assistance to applicant agencies and coordinates monthly meetings of the CoC which is comprised of homeless assistance providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental, behavioral and primary health entities, universities, veterans' services and housing assistance providers. The City participates in monthly meetings of the CoC and is represented on numerous CoC committees to include the Planning Committee, Coordinated Assessment Oversight Committee, the Performance and Benchmark's Committee and the HMIS oversight committee. This year, the City of El Paso is also actively participating in Technical Assistance spearheaded by the CoC's Lead Agency.

The City of El Paso and the CoC coordinate to utilize resources to support chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth, and persons who are at-risk of homelessness.

The Department of Community and Human Development, in collaboration with the City of El Paso Veterans Advisory Committee, and the CoC, coordinate with the American GI Forum, Endeavors, Texas Veterans Commission, and the El Paso Veteran Affairs (VA) Homeless Program to ensure the needs of the local veterans receive quality services.

This year, the City of El Paso, in collaboration with the City of El Paso Veterans Advisory Committee and the CoC's Veterans Committee, was able to continue to fund through local dollars, a veterans housing program that provided a housing option to veterans who are primarily chronically.

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

The projects and activities funded under this Plan are a result of a Community Needs Assessment conducted in the Fall of 2022. During that needs assessment process, DCHD hosted numerous conversations, public meetings, and public hearings to identify community strengths and challenges, as well as resource and service gaps to which the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless, the lead agency for the Continuum of Care attended and participate.

The City of El Paso consults with the Continuum of Care to gather input regarding proposed funding distributions in the policies and procedures that guide funding recommendations for its plans. DCHD considers the CoC's recommendation in the development of Performance Standards and Evaluation of Outcomes.

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Opportunity Management Enterprises (HOME)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Public Housing Authority
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	AP-60 Public Housing
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Numerous conversations with HOME informed the Public Housing section of the annual plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	El Paso Continuum of Care (CoC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Local Continuum of Care Board
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	AP-55 Affordable Housing AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities AP-90 Program Specific Requirements
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The CoC board was consulted to arrive at the projected percentage allocations for all ESG components.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	More than 20 service provider agencies
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	AP-35 Projects AP-38 Project Summary AP-55 Affordable Housing AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Need Activities

<p>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>These agencies submitted funding proposals that established the programs to be funded under this Plan.</p>
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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

The City of El Paso has made every reasonable effort to consult with agencies of all types through direct outreach, needs assessments, surveys, and public meetings and hearings.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
City of El Paso Strategic Plan	City of El Paso	The City’s Strategic Plan specifically calls for supporting affordable, high quality housing options especially for vulnerable populations, and developing solutions to increase access and services for El Pasoans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
El Paso Regional Housing Plan	City of El Paso	All affordable housing strategies were informed by the El Paso Regional Housing Plan.
Financial Empowerment Blueprint	City of El Paso	Economic and workforce development strategies are aligned with the Financial Empowerment Blueprint.
Resilient El Paso	City of El Paso	Resilient El Paso addresses the physical and social well-being of the community and our ability to withstand unexpected shocks as a community and as individual households. Many of the social service and public facility goals were informed by Resilient El Paso.

PHA 5-Year Plan	Housing Opportunity Management Enterprises	goals to increase the local stock of decent and affordable housing are aligned with the PHA 5-Year Plan.
Strategic Plan to Prevent, Reduce and End Homelessness	El Paso Continuum of Care	Goal SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing aligns with the Continuum of Care Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The City of El Paso encouraged its residents to provide input throughout the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan process. Through its adopted Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), the City sets forth policies and procedures to engage with low-and moderate-income individuals and residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. That engagement provides the City with vital feedback on housing, infrastructure, public facilities and public service needs that are then addressed in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

As required by the CPP, a minimum of two public hearings were held at different stages in the planning process. Furthermore, going beyond established requirements, DCHD held several other public meetings, events and workshops training sessions (see below for more detail). Lastly, as required by HUD, the City holds a final 30-day public comment period to collect any residual feedback from the public before the Final Annual Action Plan is approved by City Council and then submitted to HUD.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1.	Community Needs Assessment Roundtables and Surveys	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	120 (Individual Survey Responses) 96 (Roundtable Participants)	Please refer to Community Needs Assessment Summary	All comments accepted	https://www.elpasotexas.gov/assets/Documents/CoEP/Community-Development/Forms-and-Notices/2023-NOFA/CNA-Report.pdf

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2.	Policies and Procedures Adopted by City Council 12/6/2022	Non-Targeted/Broad Community	N/A	No comments received	N/A	
3.	Newspaper Ad	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	N/A	No comments received	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4.	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking – Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	N/A	No comments received	N/A	
5.	Public Facilities Application Training 2/1/2023	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	50 attendees	No comments received	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6.	Public Services Application Training 2/7/2023	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	64 attendees	No comments received	N/A	
7.	Volunteer Housing Rehabilitation Application Training 2/8/2023	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	8 attendees	No comments received	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
8.	Public Services Technical Advisory Review Panel Training 2/22/2023	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	6 attendees	No comments received	N/A	
9.	Public Facilities Technical Advisory Review Panel Training 2/27/2023	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	7 attendees	No comments received	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
10.	Public Facilities Presentations to TARP 3/13/2023	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	21 attendees	No comments received	N/A	
11.	Public Services Presentations to TARP 3/16/2023	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	24 attendees	No comments received	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
12.	Public Services Presentations to TARP 3/16/2023	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	7 attendees	No comments received	N/A	
13.	Introduction Draft Annual Action Plan to City Council 4/25/2023	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	N/A	No comments received	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
14.	Newspaper Ad	Non-Targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	N/A	No comments received	N/A	
15.	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking – Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/Broad Community Other: City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	N/A	No comments received	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
16.	Approval Final Annual Action Plan by City Council 6/6/2023	Non-targeted/Broad Community	N/A	No comments received	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$6,569,063	\$500,000	\$0	\$7,069,063	\$7,069,063	The City will receive \$6,569,063 in CDBG entitlement funding, and expects to receive \$500,000 in CDBG RLF for the 2023-2043 Program Year. This program year will be the 4th year of the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$3,162,143	\$1,800,000	\$17,818,590	\$22,780,733	\$4,962,143	The 2023-2024 Program Year will be the 4th year for the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. The City has been allocated a HOME entitlement allocation of \$3,162,143, and expects to receive \$1,800,000 in program income. The prior year resources are entitlement and PI on hand and will be utilized for multi-family construction

								of affordable housing, rehabilitation of single-family homes, and FTHB programming.
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	\$1,099,772	\$0	\$0	\$1,099,772	\$1,099,722	The City will receive \$1,099,772 in HOPWA Entitlement funding for the 2023-2024 Program Year, which will be the 4th year for the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	\$540,889	\$0	\$0	\$540,899	\$540,899	The City will receive \$540,899 in ESG Entitlement funding for the 2023-2024 Program Year, which will be the 4th year for the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan.

Other	Public - Federal	Public Services and Facilities	\$9,686,577	0	0	\$9,686,577	12,300,761	This amount reflects the required project match and other leveraged funds that are bestowed through a variety of sources: other federal, state, local, private and in-kind.
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Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The HOME Investment Partnership Program funds may be leveraged with private, state and local funds including 4% and 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). HOME funds will also be leveraged through a competitive NOFA process for investors and CHDO’s.

Required ESG match is provided by subrecipients as a requirement under subaward agreements.

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

For the 2022-2023 Program Year, the City accepted applications from City departments, non-profit agencies and non-municipal government entities for public facilities improvements that benefit low-to-moderate income residents and/or individuals. Improvements to publicly owned land will occur when public facilities funding is awarded to either a City department or other government entity. For year 4 of the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, the City of El Paso will deploy \$4,270,703.55 of CDBG funding to public facilities improvements. From this amount, \$200,000 will be used to address accessibility and other critical repairs to ensure the health and safety of residents. The City will also be funding the renovation of a homeless shelter and healthcare center. Another project, will include the new construction of an inclusive learning center.

Discussion

See above.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1.	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services	HOPWA: \$252,200	Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 90 Persons Assisted
2.	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance	CDBG: \$200,000 CDBG RLF: \$352,903 HOME: \$1,000,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 77 Household Housing Units
3.	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers	HOME: \$1,091,607 HOME PI: \$1,400,000	Rental Units Constructed: 50 Household Housing Units
4.	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs	HOME: \$474,322	Rental Units Constructed: 4 Household Housing Units
5.	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Prevention	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide Countywide- HOPWA	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Prevention	HOPWA DPH: \$746,133 ESG The Salvation Army: \$46,254 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$579,413	Tenant-based rental assistance: 90 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 24 households (72 Persons) Assisted
6.	DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing	ESG: \$174,960	Tenant-based Rental Assistance/Rapid Rehousing: 24 Households and 37 Persons served Rental Assistance: 10 households, 3 months each (30 individuals)

7.	DH 3.3 First Time Homebuyer Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	DH 3.3 First Time Homebuyer Assistance	HOME: \$280,000 HOME PI: \$220,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 12 Households Assisted
8.	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing	ESG: \$171,275 CDBG : \$554,120	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 3908
9.	SL 1.2 Street Outreach	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	SL 1.2 Street Outreach	ESG: \$107,900.00	Public Service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 102 Persons
10.	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services	2020	2024	Children and Youth	Citywide	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services	CDBG: \$256,239.45	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 427 Children Assisted
11.	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services	2020	2024	Seniors and Disabled	Citywide	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services	CDBG: \$175,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70 Persons Assisted
12.	SL 2.1 Public Facilities – Homeless Shelter	2020	2024	Public Facilities	Citywide	SL 2.1 Public Facilities – Homeless Shelter	CDBG: \$1,637,819.55	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2,000 Persons Assisted
13.	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood	2020	2024	Public Facilities	Citywide	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood	CDBG: \$1,000,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 71 Persons Assisted

14.	SL 2.4 Public Facilities – Healthcare	2020	2024	Public Facilities	Citywide	SL 2.4 Public Facilities - Healthcare	CDBG: \$1,432,884	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2,000 Persons Assisted
15.	CDBG Program Administration	2020	2024	Administration	Citywide	CDBG Program Administration	CDBG: \$1,313,000.00	Other: 1 Other
16.	ESG Program Administration	2020	2024	Administration	Citywide	ESG Program Administration	ESG: \$40,500	Other: 1 Other
17.	HOPWA Program Administration	2020	2024	Administration	Citywide	HOPWA Program Administration	HOPWA: \$32,900	Other: 1 Other
18.	HOPWA Sponsor Administration	2020	2024	Administration	Countywide	HOPWA Sponsor Administration	HOPWA: \$68,539	Other: 1 Other
19.	Housing Program Administration	2020	2024	Administration	Citywide	Housing Program Administration	CDBG RLF: \$50,000 HOME: \$316,214 HOME PI: \$180,000	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1.	Goal Name	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services
	Goal Description	A total of \$252,200.00 HOPWA will be used to provide supportive services to benefit 90 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
2.	Goal Name	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
	Goal Description	A total of \$552,903 CDBG and \$1,000,000 HOME funds will be used to assist 77 units under the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Housing Rehabilitation: 50 Units; \$200,000 (CDBG) • Single-Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program: 27 Units; \$352,903 (CDBG) and \$1,000,000 (HOME)
3.	Goal Name	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers
	Goal Description	A total of \$2,491,607 HOME funds will be used to construct 50 units through this activity. And a total of \$13,468,895 in HOME PI and prior year entitlement will be used to construct at least 250 additional units, However, many of these units may not be completed in the 2023-2024 cycle.
4.	Goal Name	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs
	Goal Description	A total of \$474,322 HOME funds will be used to construct 4 units through this activity.
5.	Goal Name	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Prevention
	Goal Description	A total of \$746,133 HOPWA and \$46,254 ESG will be used to benefit 114 households, and 162 persons through the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of El Paso Department of Public Health, TBRA \$ 746,133.00 (HOPWA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 90 individuals/households • The Salvation Army, Red Shield Family Center: \$46,254.00 (ESG, HP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 72 persons, 24 households

6.	Goal Name	DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing
	Goal Description	<p>A total of \$174,960.00 ESG will be used to benefit 29 households through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Paso Human Services, Rapid Rehousing; \$145,650 (ESG, RRH) RRH = 37 persons, 24 households • The Salvation Army, Red Shield Family Center: \$29,310.00 (ESG) RRH = 30 persons, 10 households
7.	Goal Name	DH 3.3 First Time Homebuyer Assistance
	Goal Description	A total of \$500,000 HOME funds will be used to assist 12 units under this activity.
8.	Goal Name	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing
	Goal Description	<p>A total of \$554,120.00 CDBG funds and \$171,275.00 ESG Funds will be used to benefit 3,908 persons through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity Center for the Homeless, Resource Center and Emergency Shelter: \$454,120 (CDBG) • El Paso Human Services: \$100,000 (CDBG) • La Posada Home, Inc., La Posada Home Program; \$136,478 (ESG, ES) • The Salvation Army, Red Shield Family Center; \$34,797.00 (ESG, ES)
9.	Goal Name	SL 1.2 Street Outreach
	Goal Description	<p>A total of \$107,900.00 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 102 persons through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergence Health Network: \$107,900 (ESG, SO) SO = 102 persons, 102 households
10.	Goal Name	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services

	Goal Description	A total of \$256,239.45 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 427 persons through the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Crisis Center of El Paso, Respite and Urgent Residential Care for Children; \$150,000 • CASA of El Paso, Court Appointed Special Advocates; \$80,000
11.	Goal Name	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services
	Goal Description	A total of \$175,000 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 70 persons through the following activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Amistad, Money Management and Social Services; \$175,000
12	Goal Name	SL 2.1 Public Facilities – Homeless Shelter
	Goal Description	A total of \$1,637,819.55 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 2,000 persons through the following shelter improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity Center for the Homeless, 1208 Myrtle Emergency Shelter Renovations: \$1,637,819.55
13.	Goal Name	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood
	Goal Description	A total of \$1,000,000 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 71 persons through the following activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paso del Norte Children’s, Inclusive Learning Center East Campus: \$1,000,000
14.	Goal Name	SL 2.4 Public Facilities - Healthcare
	Goal Description	A total of \$1,432,884 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 2,000 persons through the following activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centro San Vicente, Medical Space Renovation: \$1,432,884
15.	Goal Name	CDBG Program Administration

	Goal Description	Funding is for 2023-2024 activities to provide program management and coordination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Administration: \$1,075,024.00 • Indirect Costs: \$172,976 • PHIX – Housing and Homelessness Data Performance Dashboard: \$65,000
16.	Goal Name	ESG Program Administration
	Goal Description	Funding is for planning and management of 2023-2024 ESG projects: \$40,500.00
17.	Goal Name	HOPWA Program Administration
	Goal Description	Funding is for administration of 2023-2024 HOPWA program: \$32,900.
18.	Goal Name	HOPWA Sponsor Administration
	Goal Description	A total of \$68,539.00 HOPWA will be used to support sponsor administration to benefit persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
19.	Goal Name	Housing Program Administration
	Goal Description	Funding is for 2023-2024 projects to provide planning and management for the HOME and CDBG RLF program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOME EN: \$316,214.00 • HOME PI: \$180,000.00 • CDBG RLF: \$50,000.00

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This section lists the projects that will be funded during the 2023-2024 Program Year with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Grant, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services
2	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
3	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers
4	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDO's
5	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance & Homeless Prevention
6	DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing
7	DH 3.3 First Time Homebuyer Assistance
8	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing
9	SL 1.2 Street Outreach
10	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services
11	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services
12	SL 2.1 Public Facilities – Homeless Shelter
13	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood
14	SL 2.4 Public Facilities - Healthcare
15	CDBG Program Administration
16	ESG Program Administration
17	HOPWA Program Administration
18	HOPWA Sponsor Administration
19	Housing Program Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Allocation priorities are based on the results of a housing market and demographic analysis and survey conducted for the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan, citizen requests, community housing needs, and Community Needs Assessment recommendations. The main obstacle in addressing underserved needs is reduced funding, increased costs relating to public service programming and construction, and increased housing costs. The City of El Paso encourages its sub grantees to seek additional resources from other public and private sources to more robustly leverage

limited federal entitlement funds.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1.	Project Name	DH 1.3 HOPWA Supportive Services
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services
	Needs Addressed	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$252,200
	Description	Provision of supportive services including, but not limited to, case management, counseling, referral services and resource identification for housing, health and mental health services.
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	90 low-to-moderate income families will receive supportive services.
	Location Description	City of El Paso Department of Public Health, 701 Montana Ave., El Paso, TX 79902
Planned Activities	Enable low- and moderate-income persons living with HIV/AIDS, and their families, to establish or better maintain a stable living environment in housing that is decent, safe and sanitary by providing supportive services, such as case management, counseling and resources identification for housing, health and mental health services.	

2.	Project Name	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
	Needs Addressed	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000 CDBG RLF: \$352,903 HOME: \$1,000,000
	Description	Projects will provide safe, affordable and decent housing through the rehabilitation of existing single-family, owner-occupied dwellings.
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	77 households (20 HOME, 7 CDBG RLF, and 50 CDBG EN) will be assisted through single-family owner-occupied rehabilitation.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Owner-occupied single-family housing rehabilitation for homeowners at 60% AMI or below.
3.	Project Name	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers
	Needs Addressed	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers

	Funding	HOME: \$2,491,607
	Description	This project will provide loans to construct safe, affordable and decent housing to increase and maintain the affordable rental housing stock.
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 households earning under 60% Annual Median Income (AMI) will be supported through this project.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Construction of rental units available for low-income households.
4.	Project Name	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs
	Needs Addressed	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs
	Funding	HOME: \$474,322
	Description	This project will provide loans to construct safe, affordable and decent housing to increase and maintain the affordable rental housing stock.
	Target Date	8/31/24

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 households earning 60% Annual Median Income (AMI) or less will be supported through this program.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	New rental units to be constructed by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for low-income households.
5.	Project Name	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance & Homelessness Prevention
	Target Area	Countywide (HOPWA) and Citywide (ESG)
	Goals Supported	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance & Homelessness Prevention
	Needs Addressed	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance & Homeless Prevention
	Funding	HOPWA: \$746,133 ESG: \$46,254 (plus match)
	Description	This project will provide affordable decent housing for people at risk of experiencing homelessness.
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	114 (90 HOPWA + 24 ESG)
	Location Description	HOPWA: City of El Paso Department of Public Health, 701 Montana Ave., El Paso, TX 79902 ESG: The Salvation Army, 4300 E. Paisano, El Paso, TX 79905

	Planned Activities	HOPWA: Enable persons living with HIV/AIDS, and their families, to establish or better maintain a stable living environment in housing that is decent, safe and sanitary by providing long-term housing assistance through tenant-based rental assistance and permanent housing placement. ESG: The Salvation Army will provide up to two months of rental assistance to 24 households.
6.	Project Name	DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing
	Needs Addressed	DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing
	Funding	ESG: \$174,960 (plus \$174,960 match)
	Description	This project will move people experiencing homelessness into safe, decent housing.
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Salvation Army: 30 persons, 10 households El Paso Human Services: 37 persons, 24 households
	Location Description	The Salvation Army, 4300 E. Paisano, El Paso, TX 79905 El Paso Human Services, 1001 Montana Ave, El Paso TX 79902
Planned Activities	This project will provide rental assistance to people experiencing homelessness. The Salvation Army will provide short-term rental assistance to 30 individuals, 10 households. El Paso Human Services will provide short- and medium-term rental assistance specifically to 37 individuals, 19 households, ages 18-24.	

7.	Project Name	DH 3.3 First Time Homebuyer Program
	Target Area	Citywide/Priority Housing Area
	Goals Supported	DH 3.3 First Time Homebuyer Assistance
	Needs Addressed	DH 3.3 First Time Homebuyer Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$500,000
	Description	This project will provide safe, affordable and decent housing for first time homebuyers.
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 Households will be assisted through this project
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Provide first time homebuyers with loans for down payment and closing cost assistance.
8.	Project Name	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing
	Needs Addressed	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing

	Funding	ESG: \$171,275 (plus \$171,275 match) CDBG: \$454,120
	Description	These projects will increase availability and accessibility to a suitable living environment through homeless, emergency shelter and housing activities.
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,908 presumed benefit individuals will benefit from four activities.
	Location Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Salvation Army, 4300 E. Paisano, El Paso, TX 79905 • La Posada Home, 1020 N. Campbell, El Paso, TX 79902 • Opportunity Center, 1208 Myrtle Ave., El Paso, TX 79901 • El Paso Human Services, 1001 Montana Ave., El Paso, Texas 79902
	Planned Activities	Agencies will assist individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness by providing emergency shelter services. Emergency shelter services from these agencies include safe shelter, job readiness training, GED instruction, case management, financial assistance and housing navigation. The ultimate goal of these activities is to help clients achieve stable, permanent housing and/or become economically independent. La Posada Home will specifically serve individuals and families fleeing domestic violence.
9.	Project Name	SL 1.2 Street Outreach
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SL 1.2 Street Outreach
	Needs Addressed	SL 1.2 Street Outreach

	Funding	ESG: \$107,900
	Description	This project will address housing and homelessness, and mental health by providing street outreach services to individuals experiencing homelessness.
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A total of 102 individuals will be assisted through this program.
	Location Description	Emergence Health Network, 1600 Montana Ave., El Paso TX 79902
	Planned Activities	Street Outreach is intended to link individuals on the streets to services that will help them become self-sufficient and find permanent housing.
10.	Project Name	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services
	Needs Addressed	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services
	Funding	Child Crisis Center of El Paso, Respite and Urgent Residential Care for Children; \$150,000 (CDBG) CASA of El Paso, Court Appointed Special Advocates; \$80,000 (CDBG)
	Description	These programs will provide improved access to suitable living environments with a comprehensive range of services for children and youth through educational and personal development opportunities

	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A total of 427 low-to-moderate children and their families will be assisted through two activities.
	Location Description	El Paso Child Crisis Center, 2100 N. Stevens Street, El Paso TX 79930 CASA of El Paso, 221 N Kansas St, Suite 1501, El Paso, TX 79901
	Planned Activities	Agencies will provide a comprehensive range of services to include emergency housing, case management, and essential services.
11.	Project Name	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services
	Needs Addressed	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$175,000
	Description	This program will provide improved access to a suitable living environment by providing a continuum of care that includes a comprehensive range of services and safety net services for seniors and persons with disabilities.
	Target Date	8/31/24

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will address resident empowerment, food security, housing and homelessness, and mental health by assisting 70 elderly persons and/or adults with disabilities with money management services.
	Location Description	3210 Dyer St., El Paso, Texas 79930
	Planned Activities	Elderly persons and/or adults with disabilities who are unable to manage their finances, will receive access to a suitable living environment through the provision of money management services.
12.	Project Name	SL 2.1 2ublic Facilities – Homeless Shelter
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SL 2.1 2ublic Facilities – Homeless Shelter
	Needs Addressed	SL 2.1 2ublic Facilities – Homeless Shelter
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,637,819.55
	Description	This project will provide availability and accessibility for a suitable living environment by renovating a homeless shelter.
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A total of 2,000 residents will gain access to shelter.
	Location Description	Opportunity Center for the Homeless, 1208 Myrtle Ave., El Paso, TX 79901

	Planned Activities	This project will renovate the existing 1208 Myrtle emergency shelter to provide shelter and supportive services to low- and very-low income persons.
13.	Project Name	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood
	Needs Addressed	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,000,000
	Description	This project will provide availability and accessibility for a suitable living environment by improving a neighborhood facility.
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A total of 71 children will gain access to the inclusive learning center.
	Location Description	Paso del Norte Children's, 1410 Bob Hope Dr., El Paso, TX
	Planned Activities	This project will include the new construction of an inclusive learning center with eight classrooms that will provide early childcare and education.
14.	Project Name	SL 2.4 Public Facilities - Healthcare
	Target Area	Citywide

	Goals Supported	SL 2.4 Public Facilities - Healthcare
	Needs Addressed	SL 2.4 Public Facilities - Healthcare
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,432,884
	Description	This project will provide availability and accessibility for a suitable living environment by improving a healthcare facility.
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A total of 2,000 new patients will gain access to affordable healthcare.
	Location Description	Centro San Vicente, 8061 Alameda Ave., El Paso, TX 79915
	Planned Activities	This project will renovate the main clinic located at 8061 Alameda Ave to provide affordable, comprehensive primary care services, behavioral health services, or substance use care to low- and moderate-income persons.
15.	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDBG Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	CDBG Program Administration
	Funding	\$1,313,000

	Description	This project will provide program management and coordination of CDBG funding.
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	801 Texas Ave., 3 rd floor, El Paso, TX, 79901
	Planned Activities	This project will provide program management and coordination of CDBG funding.
16.	Project Name	ESG Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	ESG Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	ESG Program Administration
	Funding	\$40,500
	Description	This project will provide program management and coordination of ESG funding
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable

	Location Description	801 Texas Ave., 3 rd floor, El Paso, TX, 79901
	Planned Activities	This project will provide program management and coordination of ESG funding
17.	Project Name	HOPWA Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HOPWA Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	HOPWA Program Administration
	Funding	HOPWA: \$32,900
	Description	This project will provide program management and coordination of HOPWA funding
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	801 Texas Ave., 3 rd floor, El Paso, TX, 79901
	Planned Activities	This project will provide program management and coordination of HOPWA funding
18.	Project Name	HOPWA Sponsor Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HOPWA Sponsor Administration

	Needs Addressed	HOPWA Sponsor Administration
	Funding	HOPWA: \$68,539
	Description	This project will fund management and coordination of the City of El Paso Department of Public Health's HOPWA-funded activities.
	Target Date	8/31/24
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	City of El Paso Department of Public Health, 701 Montana Ave., El Paso, TX 79902
	Planned Activities	This project will fund management and coordination of the City of El Paso Department of Public Health's HOPWA-funded activities.
19.	Project Name	Housing Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Housing Program Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$316,214 HOME PI: \$180,000 CDBG RLF: \$50,000
	Description	This project will provide program management and coordination activities for housing activities funded through HOME EN, HOME PI and CDBG-RLF.

	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	Community and Human Development, 801 Texas Avenue (City 3), El Paso, TX 79901
	Planned Activities	This project will provide program management and coordination activities for housing activities funded through HOME EN, HOME PI and CDBG-RLF.

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

All services and facility improvement projects identified in the Plan are intended to serve low to moderate income households across the City.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100%

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

All of the City’s HUD-funded programs and services under this Plan are offered Citywide in an effort to fairly and justly serve the City’s low-to-moderate population without regard to where people live in the City.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of El Paso's affordable housing priorities are to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low to moderate income households and expand homeownership opportunities. The El Paso Regional Housing Plan has identified a growing gap in rental housing affordable for El Paso households earning \$30,000 and below. While the City does not foresee the completion of construction of new affordable units under HOME funding for the upcoming year, a NOFA has been released that is aimed at creating and/or rehabilitating approximately 250 new affordable units by leveraging \$15 Million in HOME and HOME Program Income (HOME PI) funds. The City is also restructuring its Single-Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation (SFOO Rehab) Program in order to increase the number of households assisted. First Time Homebuyer assistance is also offered utilizing HOME funds. For the 2023-2024 program year, the City will seek to increase the availability of affordable housing through the following activities:

- Rehabilitation of 27 single-family owner-occupied units.
- Homebuyer assistance for 12 First Time Homebuyers.
- Volunteer Housing Rehabilitation – 50 single family owner-occupied units
- The City is allocating funds through an RFP for development of affordable multi-family rental housing. However, the build out of these units is not expected to be completed in this program year.
- HOPWA TBRA - 90 persons/households.
- ESG Homeless Prevention – 53 households

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	29
Non-Homeless	113
Special-Needs	90
Total	232

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	143
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	77
Acquisition of Existing Units	12
Total	232

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

Discussion

The City will provide the following housing programs through its CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA grants for the reporting period:

1. Financing of rehabilitation and/or construction of multi-family affordable rental units.
2. Rehabilitation and repair of single-family owner-occupied homes owned by low to moderate income households.
3. Down payment and closing cost assistance for low to moderate-income first-time homebuyers.
4. Volunteer Housing Rehabilitation - the City has awarded \$200,000 in funding to Rebuilding Together, who assists low income, elderly and disabled homeowners with repairs to their home at no cost to the homeowner.
5. HOPWA TBRA program - provides Tenant Based Rental Assistance to low-income persons with HIV/AIDS in El Paso County. The amount of assistance is determined on a case-by-case basis.
6. ESG homeless prevention and rapid rehousing provides rental assistance to persons at-risk of experiencing homelessness.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Housing Opportunity Management Enterprises (HOME) is the local public housing authority and the second largest in the state of Texas. Its mission is to provide and increase the supply of safe, decent, sanitary and affordable housing for families at or below 80% of median income by maintaining the Housing Authority's housing stock and ensuring that private rentals under the Section 8 – Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Programs meet HUD Housing Quality Standards. HOME owns and manages over 19,267 units of assisted housing including housing choice vouchers (HCV). A categorical description follows:

HOME administers:

- 263 Conventional Public Housing units which includes scattered site dwellings.
- 492 Section 8 New Construction (project-based) dwellings.
- 1,192 non-subsidized dwellings.
- 50 USDA-subsidized units for migrant workers.
- 60 202 units for the elderly.
- 15 HOME units for the elderly.
- 7,394 low-income housing tax credit units (LIHTC, including PBRA).
- 6,037 Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) / Section 8 assistance.
- 5302 Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)/LIHTC Units.
- 406 Project-based vouchers.

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

- The City coordinates with the housing authority to provide FTHB assistance to public housing residents who are prepared for homeownership.
- The City will continue to support, as appropriate, HOME efforts to obtain funds for housing-related renovations or new construction.
- The City will continue to review, and approve as appropriate, Consolidated Plan certifications of consistency for HOME projects and proposals and annual plan/five-year plan submissions.

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

The City encourages qualifying graduates of the HOME Public Housing, Project-Based Rental Assistance and Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Assistance program to participate in homeownership by assisting them with Housing Counseling and Homebuyer Assistance through numerous local programs.

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

Housing Opportunity Management Enterprises does not fall under a troubled PHA designation.

Discussion

HOME will continue to focus on the following areas of its Annual Plan to better serve its residents:

- Implementation of Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Conversion of Public Housing portfolio;
- Identification of management’s needs to enable HOME staff to continue providing exceptional customer service to its clients;
- Provide services to children, youth, and families to engage them in productive, healthy activities that promote physical and emotional well-being, community involvement, positive social interaction, good school attendance, and grades;
- Develop additional partnerships to augment activities for children and youth to explore careers;
- Prior to assisting children with services that will prepare them at an early age to develop the skills and knowledge to become self-sufficient, it is important to teach them the importance of values as a member of a family and community;
- Reduce drug and alcohol abuse through youth and family programs;
- Preserve and improve housing stock through numerous activities, including modernization, rehabilitation, new construction, and acquisition;
- Identify resources through local partnerships in addressing homelessness;
- Provide equal housing opportunities to all applicants/residents;
- Involve the Council of Presidents, housing programs residents, and Section 8 - HCV participants on the preparation of the agency plan;
- Provide training to staff and commissioners to fully understand and take advantage of opportunities under QHWRA of 1998 to better serve residents and the community; and
- Identify, develop, and leverage services to enable low-income families to become self-sufficient.

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

Introduction

The City agrees with Continuum of Care Plan to provide each client with the services and support needed for them to return to housing. The City utilizes funding from several sources to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in its pursuit of preventing and, ultimately, ending homelessness. The City anticipates receiving \$540,889 in ESG funds from HUD. Upon award of these funds, the City proposes to undertake eligible activities to address the needs of the homeless in our community. A match which equals 100% of the amount allocated by HUD will be generated through in-kind, volunteer, donated contributions and/or state funds as deemed acceptable. Through the use of Emergency Solutions Grants Programs funds, the City proposes to fund the following activities:

- ESG Program Administration
- Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations
- Street Outreach
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Homelessness Prevention

Regulatory spending caps limit the amounts that may be spent on Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, and for Administration. The City will stay within the required limits when utilizing these funds and when contracting with local service providers for the provision of services.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including Current housing market to include an increase rental prices has left many El Pasoans, struggling to keep their home.

The City's one-year goals are to increase the amount of individuals helped with Homeless Prevention by 15% and to increase the amount of individuals helped with Rapid Rehousing by 20% with ESG funds.

Also, the City is investing Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) funds in increasing the availability of RRH and Homeless Prevention. During the summer of 2022, El Paso Helps / El Paso Ayuda initiative was launched. El Paso Helps seeks to provide access to basic human services for the most vulnerable population in El Paso through an easy to use, ubiquitous, live help portal. Leveraging the power of a public / private / nonprofit partnerships and the secure network infrastructure of the City of El Paso, El Paso Helps facilitates unprecedented cross-agency collaboration assembled with the sole mission of supporting El Pasoans in crisis. By leveraging other federal funds, the city hopes to have a greater impact on the most vulnerable in our community by increasing funding to a local emergency shelter, 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; and Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless.

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

The City will allocate 21.6% of its ESG entitlement (post-administration costs) to Street Outreach to provide direct services to unsheltered individuals and families.

More broadly, the local street outreach providers, along with CoC will also undertake street outreach efforts with the assistance of people currently experiencing and who have experienced homelessness. These efforts will also include coordination with local law enforcement and the local mental health authority. The CoC requires all funded programs to make services accessible and available to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, familial status or disability.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will allocate 34.3% of its ESG entitlement (post-administration costs) to Emergency Shelter operations. This includes an emergency shelter operated by The Salvation Army and a transitional living program for people fleeing domestic violence operated by La Posada Home. Of its CDBG Public Services (post-administration costs), nearly three-quarters will go to emergency shelter operations, including one shelter specifically for individuals ages 18 to 24.

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

The vast majority (90.8%) of the City's ESG entitlement (post-administration costs) will be allocated to four local agencies that serve people experiencing homelessness. The agencies are

as follows:

- El Paso Human Services (rapid rehousing for people aged 18 to 24)
- Emergence Health Network (street outreach)
- La Posada Home (emergency shelter for people fleeing domestic violence)
- The Salvation Army (rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, and emergency shelter)

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

The County of El Paso coordinates a Re-entry Program for those exiting the Jail System including Assessment, Targeted Interventions, Transitions Plans, Self-Evaluation and Sustainability. The County of El Paso has held numerous training sessions with providers, including public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, and youth needs. The client will receive active and diligent case management from an appropriate service provider until permanent housing is in place. Outreach efforts should continue to see to the welfare of the client and reconnect them with services and housing. Training is routinely provided to the local law enforcement agencies regarding shelter and housing opportunities available to those experiencing homelessness. County officials also track those persons entering jail who are clients of Emergence Health Network and try to ensure their treatment and medications continue. Efforts continue to divert mentally ill individuals from jail and to ensure continuity of care for mentally ill persons exiting jail. The Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Legal Clinic for the Homeless (TRLA LCH) uses its resources to remove legal impediments the homeless of El Paso encounter when trying to obtain housing, employment and public benefits. TRLA LCH offers support to persons with mental illness to advocate for their rights through the Mental Health Legal Project and the Victims' Rights Program specializes in advocating for victims of Domestic Violence.

The remaining 9.2% of the City's ESG entitlement (post-administration costs) will be allocated to the aforementioned Salvation Army, which also provides a homelessness prevention component.

Discussion

See above.

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 via:	
Short-term rent, mortgage and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual/family	0
Tenant-based rental assistance	90
Units in permanent housing facilities developed, leased or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	90

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

Introduction:

Historically, El Paso’s stock of lower-cost, quality housing has been an asset for the region. The lower cost of housing allowed households with modest incomes to afford quality housing and helped to attract businesses to the region. In recent years housing has shifted from an asset to a challenge for the region. Housing affordability is an increasing burden on residents as they struggle to afford rent or access homeownership. At the same time, development along the edges of the City coupled with disinvestment in existing neighborhoods is undermining the economic strength of the region. El Paso faces a rapidly growing shortage of affordable rental housing for households earning less than \$30,000 a year. Currently The El Paso region faces a shortage of approximately 3,300 rental housing units. That number is projected to expand to 15,600 by 2025 as the number of households earning \$30,000 or less increases and the supply of affordable rental housing decreases as rents rise. Despite affordable home values, homeownership in El Paso is declining. The number of homeowners earning less than \$40,000 a year fell by 9,000 from 2010 to 2016. The primary barrier to homeownership in the El Paso region is not the ability of households to afford the cost of a mortgage but the availability of assets for a down payment, low credit scores, and a lack of access to the banking system.

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 eliminate barriers and provide high quality affordable housing, the following are positive effects of public action:

1. The El Paso Regional Housing Plan adopted by City Council lays out a strategy to ameliorate the barriers to affordable housing. That strategy includes the following:
 - Housing Trust Fund: Dedicate additional City and County funding sources to affordable housing projects.
 - Public Land Sale Policy: Establish a Request-for-Proposals process to sell infill sites in priority areas at a discount in exchange for affordable housing production, or other public benefits. Dedicate local funding to assemble sites for development in priority areas.
 - 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credit Local Support Criteria: Revise local criteria to promote mixed income housing with deeper affordability in priority areas.
 - 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credit Funding: Invest locally-controlled public funding for projects using 4% LIHTC to increase the production of affordable rental housing in partnership with the Housing Authority

- Down Payment Assistance: Strengthen the pathway to homeownership by coordinating the City's existing down payment assistance program with the Housing Finance Corporation's mortgage program.
 - Financial Counseling: Establish a new financial counseling program in partnership with community development organizations, philanthropic organizations, and banking institutions to reduce the unbanked population and expand access to housing finance.
2. DCHD sets aside funding each year for a Volunteer Housing Rehabilitation program where up to \$4,999 in CDBG funds are used in combination with applicant funding, donations and volunteers to provide housing rehabilitation for the elderly and/or disabled. This has proved to be a great way to increase housing rehabilitation within the City and assist people to remain in their homes longer at no cost to the homeowner.

Discussion:

There are negative effects of public policy on the City's ability to increase affordable housing stock. The State of Texas makes the creation and maintenance of a Housing Trust Fund increasingly difficult. By making linkage fees illegal, the State has made financing for the development of affordable housing a far greater challenge than in other States.

Local policy is also creating a negative effect on the City's ability to increase affordable housing stock. The City's development policy effectively subsidizes construction of new, artificially affordable single-family homes on the fringes of the City by not capturing sufficient revenue from that development to support necessary infrastructure and public service expansion. This policy is resulting in disinvestment in affordable homeownership units in more centrally located neighborhoods, as well as a migration of population from the core of the city to the outskirts. The City has created a Housing Strategy which identifies Priority Housing Areas in the center of the City for incentivizing development of affordable and market rate housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

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Introduction:

This section will outline actions that are not part of any specific category.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Access to affordable housing is a growing concern in El Paso. The City, through its El Paso Regional Housing Plan, is actively researching strategies to invest additional dollars into affordable housing rehabilitation and new construction. Establishment of a Housing Trust Fund is one avenue being researched, while coordination with and alignment of existing programs (public, private and non-profit) should increase access to affordable housing.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of El Paso plans to foster and maintain affordable housing for its residents by providing a variety of affordable housing programs to assist with the preservation, construction and purchase of affordable housing that has been discussed elsewhere in this Plan (AP-55 Affordable Housing). In addition, the City will take advantage of appropriate opportunities to support the development or rehabilitation of multi-family, mixed income and mixed-use housing projects that have an affordable component.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Although there are no indications of a significant problem with lead poisoning in El Paso, it still does occur. Consequently, the City of El Paso Public Health Department, other public health agencies, and private sector health care providers, have continued to emphasize a “community level intervention” that consists of training and education prevention activities, screening, surveillance, risk management and primary prevention. Until lead poisoning has been eliminated, the City of El Paso’s public health agencies will continue to devote much of their lead-poisoning prevention resources to case management services for poisoned children. In addition, the City of El Paso will continue to utilize its federal funding in the abatement of lead-based paint in houses that were built prior to 1978.

Lead-Based Paint hazard inspections and mitigation is a standard practice for renovation of residential structures. Contractors and subcontractors are required to comply with all provisions on the detection and elimination of lead-based paint hazards set forth by HUD Regulation 24 CFR Part 35 – Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention in Single-Family Owner-Occupied dwellings. The City of El Paso maintains and updates procedures in its federally funded housing renovation programs to ensure it follows all regulations.

Additionally, the State Department of Health's Toxic Substances Control Division must be informed of all Lead Based Paint activities and must perform an inspection during the construction phase. Only State-certified Lead Firms can perform lead-based paint abatement, interim controls and clearances.

As required by Subpart 35.130, the City provides the lead hazard information pamphlet entitled "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home" to every household of an owner-occupied dwelling unit, as well as the LBP testing results, and Risk Assessments, Project Designs and Clearance reports. Also, property owners receiving Home Renovation Assistance are informed of the dangers of Lead Poisoning and are urged to test children under six years of age living for elevated blood lead levels.

The City continues to improve the methods and procedures for identifying and eliminating Lead Based paint hazards in housing built prior to 1978 that is being processed for renovation through the City's Housing Programs Division. Housing programs staff in the Department of Community & Human Development continuously receive training on implementation, inspection, design and federal reporting requirements; all staff members have been trained in Lead Safe Practices.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

A substantial proportion of residents are considered very low-income, with the City's poverty rate of 18.3% (higher than the rate at the State level of 14.2). While El Paso has a lower cost of living as compared to other cities in the United States, that fact does not sufficiently mitigate challenges related to pursuing increased quality of life or prosperity. In an effort to help reduce the number of persons living at or below the poverty level, the City has allocated a percentage of CDBG funding to assist in improving the living conditions for this population by offering an array of public services. In 2023-2024, the City will utilize \$ \$985,359.45 in CDBG funds, 15% percent of the annual CDBG entitlement plus the projected program income, for public service programs. The City will grant sub-contracts with non-profit organizations entities to provide services in the following areas identified on the Community Needs Assessment completed in late 2022: Homelessness, Mental Health, Resident Empowerment, Food Security, and Affordable Housing.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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

About a quarter of the HOME allocation will go towards repairing, rehabilitating, renovating and reconstructing owner-occupied single-family homes. Just under 10% of the HOME allocation will be used to assist people who have never owned a home purchase their first

home.

All four agencies receiving ESG funds and all five agencies receiving CDBG Public Services funds are non-profit agencies. Of the post-administrative costs ESG allocation, 44.2% is intended to either place or keep individuals/families in private housing via rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention efforts. Further, the sole recipient of HOPWA funds is a department within the City of El Paso.

Discussion

See above.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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. **\$1,098,357**
 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. **\$1,098,357**

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities. **\$0**
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. **100%**

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

The City seeks to leverage significant public and private funding for the development of affordable rental units by making available HOME funds to support approximately 50% of per unit funding requiring developers to find other funding sources for the remainder of the per unit costs.

State whether any HOME activities in AP-35 will limit beneficiaries or give preference to a segment of the LMI population (e.g., persons with disabilities, veterans, elderly). If they are, then describe the preference or limitation in enough detail to show it's not violating nondiscrimination requirements and the limitation or preference does not include students.

The First Time Homebuyer Program is targeted to individuals earning between 60% and 80% AMI.

Narrative of eligible applicants, description of process for soliciting or funding applications and proposals, and identify where applicants can get detailed information, such as application packages.

Each HOME Program has its own requirements for eligibility. The First Time Homebuyers Program requires that the gross household income of the applicant's family be between 60%-80% of the median income for the City of El Paso. Each applicant must also complete a homeownership preparation course prior to applying. To be eligible for the Home Renovation Program, which provides grants or zero-interest loans for those who need basic repairs made to their home, the applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must be the owner(s) and occupant of the property to be renovated.
- Occupy home as their principal residence for a period of 3 years prior to applying for assistance.
- Home must be within the El Paso City limits.
- Home must be in repairable condition.
- Family income cannot exceed the 80% median income for the City of El Paso.

Solicitation of proposals for multi-family affordable housing development is conducted via a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process. The City posts information regarding the first-time homebuyer program and single-family owner-occupied rehabilitation program on its website. Interested households contact the Department of Community and Human Development to gain access to applications for these programs.

Applicants may find detailed information on the above programs on the City's website:

<https://www.elpasotexas.gov/community-and-human-development/neighborhood-development/housing-programs-division/>

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:**

Subrecipients shall comply with all guidelines for the resale and recapture of HOME funds as indicated in CFR 92.254.

In lieu of subjecting assistance to first-time homebuyers to resale restrictions in the HOME regulations, the City imposes a recapture provision. In accordance with 92.254 (a)(5)(ii)(A)(2), a reduced HOME investment amount is amortized as a loan or a deferred payment loan over a period of up to 30 years. Loans are amortized at a minimum 3% interest. Non-interest bearing, second-lien deferred loans in the amount of the HOME subsidy will be made due upon sale, transfer, or lease of the property. The recaptured funds will be treated by the City as program income, which is income that is required to be utilized to assist other HOME eligible activities.

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:

In lieu of subjecting assistance to first-time homebuyers to the resale restrictions in the HOME regulations, the City imposes a recapture provision. In accordance with 92.254 (a)(5)(ii)(A)(2), a reduced HOME investment amount is amortized as a loan or a deferred payment loan over a period up to 30 years. Loans are amortized at 3% interest. Non-interest bearing, second-lien deferred loans in the amount of the HOME subsidy will be made due upon sale, transfer, or lease. The recaptured funds will be treated by the City as program income, which is income that is required to be utilized to assist other HOME eligible activities serving any of the City's housing programs. The City's recapture policy is noted in Unique Grantee Appendices.

The City's description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds is noted in detail in the Unique Grantee Appendices.

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:

1. For single-family (1 to 4 family) owner-occupied housing, when lending HOME funds to rehabilitate housing, refinancing is allowed only if it excludes a lien created as a result of an extension of "home equity" credit under Section 50, Article XVI, Texas Constitution; and refinancing is necessary to reduce the overall housing costs to the borrower and make the housing more affordable and if the rehabilitation costs are greater than the amount of debt that is refinanced. The City must have a first lien after refinancing. The amount being refinanced is in the form of a loan at the owner-occupant's qualifying interest rate for the rehabilitation loan.
2. For single family or multifamily projects, refinancing is an eligible cost when lending HOME/CDBG funds to rehabilitate multi-family units if refinancing is necessary to permit or continue affordability under 24 CFR 92.252. In such cases, the minimum affordability period shall be 15 years. 92.206(b)(2)(iv) The City will refinance existing debt if;

- i. The project demonstrates that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity. 92.206(b)(2)(i)
- ii. More than 50% of the total HOME funds must be for eligible rehabilitation soft and hard costs. Additionally, the amount being refinanced is in the form of a loan at the owner’s qualifying interest rate for the rehabilitation loan. The total of the refinancing loan and the rehabilitation loan shall not exceed the maximum loan to after rehabilitation value of 120%. 92.206(b)(2)(i)
- iii. The City reviews management practices to determine that disinvestment in the property has not occurred, that the long-term needs of the project can be met and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated. 92.206(b)(2)(ii)
- iv. The project outlines that the investment is being used to maintain current affordable units, create additional units, or both. 92.206(b)(2)(iii)
- v. Refinancing will be limited to projects within the City of El Paso. 92.206(b)(2)(v)
- vi. HOME funds used to refinance single or multifamily housing loans will not be used on loans made or insured by any other federal program including CDBG. 92.206(b)(2)(vi)

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

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
 - *Included as attachment*
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 County of El Paso is the operator of the El Paso CoC’s Coordinated Entry (CE) system and provides strategically located access points to assist those at risk of becoming homeless or experiencing homelessness. Persons in need of housing receive a full assessment to determine need and priority and are matched and referred to appropriate programs and services. The Coordinated Entry team is accessible in three locations across the community and through the 2-1-1 Texas Information Referral Hotline. In addition, 2-1-1 provides “warm” referrals during off hours as part of the coordinated entry initiative. The CoC has adopted an HMIS-based universal assessment tool, the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) as the standardized assessment tool for all those experiencing homelessness, including those on the street. The assessment varies depending on the population assessed; homeless individuals, families and youth and those at-risk. Street Outreach team’s link unsheltered homeless to CE operators for assessment and referral purposes. All persons are assessed for services and housing options using the standardized tool, which: 1) prioritizes those hardest to serve, especially the chronically homeless, 2) identifies who should be recommended for housing and support based on acuity, and 3) prioritizes

those clients based on need. The assessment captures basic information to determine program eligibility and used in conjunction with the HMIS intake survey. Referrals are focused on housing interventions, which utilize Permanent Supportive Housing opportunities when available as well as Rapid Re-housing programs offered through entities receiving City, State or Federal funding for these programs. When necessary or appropriate, a referral is made to an emergency shelter and/or transitional program. The CoC's Coordinated Assessment Oversight Committee (CAOC) provides oversight of the system and its usage. The City of El Paso has a designated seat at the CAOC and participates in the committee's meetings.

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 El Paso's Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) solicits ESG proposals from public and private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, via a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process advertised in the local newspaper. DCHD also disseminates the ESG NOFA through e-mail distribution lists and the City's Website. The NOFA includes a tentative schedule where interested applicants can review all pertinent deadlines. The first step of the process is to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to determine project eligibility and agency capacity. Only applicants that submit eligible projects are invited to submit a complete application packet. Eligible applicants are then invited to a training workshop where they are provided with complete application packets designed to solicit information for the City to make a fair analysis of the proposed project. A deadline is provided for submission of applications to the City's Department of Community and Human Development. Late or incomplete applications are not considered for funding.

Once received, all applications are reviewed by DCHD staff and a Technical Advisory Review Panel (TARP). The TARP consists of a DCHD staff person, an applicant from a different service category, a member from another funding entity, a Subject Matter Expert (SME) and a Community Development Steering Committee member. Team members are selected by DCHD staff, with a primary focus on selecting individuals with knowledge in, and experience with, community programs and who have no relationship to any of the applicant agencies in the service category. All TARP members are required to sign a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Affidavit. If a conflict of interest exists, DCHD staff will make the necessary rearrangements to ensure fair review of the applications. As a next step, the TARP performs a detailed technical review of each eligible proposal. This review includes past agency performance, proper completion of the application, community impact and community need, and program eligibility according to applicable federal, state, and local regulations. The TARP scores and provides comments on each proposal using the ESG Application Score Sheet included with the ESG application. Applications with a final score of less than 75% are not considered for funding. Applicants whose proposals received a score of 75% or higher are invited to give a presentation to the TARP. Presentation meetings are open to the public. After the presentations, the TARP meets to finalize their scoring of proposals. TARP scores and

comments will serve as a platform for the ESG budget recommendation established by DCHD. The ESG budget recommendation developed by DCHD is then presented to the Community Development Steering Committee, a citizen advisory board appointed by City Council, for review and comment. The recommended ESG budget is then presented to City Council, along with comments received from the Steering Committee. As a final step, the City Council provides final approval of the ESG budget.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.
 - The City of El Paso requires subrecipients to confirm that a homeless or formerly homeless person serves within their organizations in the development of policy-making. In addition, the City of El Paso consults with the General Membership and the Planning Committee of the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless (EPCH) that consists of approximately 65 homeless assistance agencies. The EPCH includes a number of formerly homeless individuals who contribute to policy and funding decisions, as EPCH members. The Planning Committee is a volunteer subcommittee of EPCH members tasked with strategic planning, gap analysis, advocacy and education.
5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.
 - All agencies awarded ESG funds are evaluated by the CoC's community-wide performance standards. CoC's reporting and evaluation standards for ESG & CoC programs were developed in collaboration with stakeholders, providers, and CoC & ESG Program recipients and approved by the CoC Board. The reporting and evaluation requirements are as follows:
 - All ESG & CoC recipients must enter client level information in HMIS, capturing all of HUD's Data Standards.
 - Programs are evaluated quarterly using HMIS data for performance and a monitoring report is provided.
 - The performance categories to be monitored and evaluated through this process align with HUD System Performance Measures (SPMs) and are as follows:
 - Length of Stay or program participation
 - Returns to Homelessness
 - Increase in Earned, Other and Total Income
 - Exits to Permanent Housing
 - Data completeness, accuracy and timeliness are reviewed monthly and included in the quarterly monitoring report
 - Through the Performance and Benchmarks committee, CoC works with underperforming programs to develop a Peer Improvement Plan. After implementation of the Peer Improvement Plan the CoC re-evaluates the programs every 30-60 days for a 12-month period.
 - Underperforming programs are those that have not met three benchmarks for

- four consecutive quarters.
- Programs continuing to perform below standards or that are not compliant for 12 months are reported to the City DCHD, as ESG Recipient, for ESG-funded programs or CoC Board for CoC-funded programs.

**Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA) - Program Specific Requirements
Reference 91.220(l)(3)**

HOPWA Application Process Overview

DCHD, grantee and administrator of the HOPWA grant, utilizes the department's public services application process to grant HOPWA funding. The process begins with an advertisement in the local papers, both in English and Spanish, notifying the community of the availability of funds and applicable deadlines. Interested agencies are invited to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) and are screened for eligibility. Those agencies found eligible to apply will be invited to submit a complete application. To assist with the application review process, the DCHD establishes a Technical Advisory Review Panel (TARP). The team consists of a DCHD staff person, a member of another funding entity (e.g., Paso Del Norte Health Foundation, United Way), an applicant from a different service category, a Subject Matter Expert (SME) and a Steering Committee Member. After DCHD Staff determines the eligibility of each application, the TARP performs a detailed technical review of each eligible proposal. This review includes past agency performance, proper completion of the application, community impact and community need, and program eligibility according to applicable federal, state, and local regulations. The TARP scores each proposal using the HOPWA Application Scorecard. Applicants receiving a score of 75% or higher are invited to give a presentation to the TARP. After the presentations, the TARP meets to discuss and develop a final budget recommendation. The budget recommendation is developed and then presented to the Steering Committee for review and recommendation to City Council.

