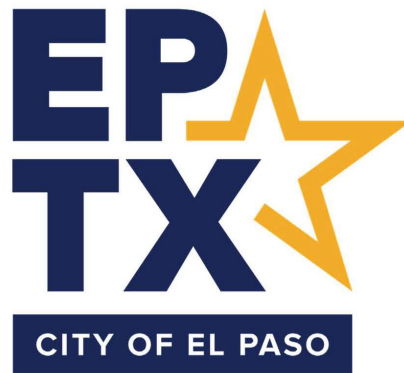


ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of El Paso's Department of Community + Human Development (DCHD) is fully dedicated to promoting equity, resilience, and sustainability among the most vulnerable residents. Through the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP), the city aims to achieve resilient community outcomes by serving these populations and advancing equity, sustainability, and poverty reduction.

The projects outlined in the AAP stem from a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment conducted in 2022 and 2023, which involved engaging the community to identify priorities and gaps in resources and services. 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. The identified priorities include homelessness, mental health, resident empowerment, food security, and affordable housing, which are addressed through projects supporting vulnerable groups such as low-income children and youth, persons experiencing homelessness or at risk, persons with disabilities, seniors, victims of domestic violence, and low to moderate-income households.

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.

Acknowledging the limitations of HUD Entitlement Grants, the plan focuses on leveraging funding sources to benefit low and moderate-income residents effectively. Informed by the city's Strategic Plan, the El Paso Regional Housing Plan, Resilient El Paso, and a Financial Empowerment Blueprint, the AAP represents the fifth of five annual plans under the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

The objectives of the plan include addressing poverty and housing instability in El Paso. With nearly 19% of residents living in poverty and a significant portion experiencing housing cost burdens, the city seeks to enhance housing stability, family resilience, and overall quality of life. Key concerns include severe housing cost burdens among low-income households, the potential increase in homelessness due to rising rents, and the expiration of rental assistance programs stemming from temporary and/or emergency funding.

Therefore, the plan prioritizes ensuring quality, affordable housing options, preventing and responding to homelessness, and empowering households to become more resilient in the face of financial challenges. These priorities underscore the city's commitment to addressing the needs of its most vulnerable residents and promoting a more equitable and sustainable community for all.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

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The figures in the table below for 2023-2024 are projections based on the actual projects being implemented under the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan.

The 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan, if carried out effectively, will make big strides in achieving the goals laid out in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). Most of the goals are on track for completion, which is a positive sign. However, some goals haven't been tackled in the yearly plans because the Department of Community and Human Development didn't receive good proposals from potential partners.

This shows how important it is to work closely with others to fully implement the Consolidated Plan. It's crucial to help potential partners understand what's expected and to support them in getting ready. By doing this, the department can improve how it plans for community development. It's also important to keep an eye on how things are going and make changes as needed to better meet the community's needs. Furthermore, some goals became more difficult to accomplish in the post Covid environment of inflation.

2020-2025 Consolidated Plan Goals							
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	78	62%
DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance	250 households	102	106	78	77	57	168%
DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers	75 units	-	-	-	50	64	152%
DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs	24 units	-	30	-	4	4	158%
DH 3.1 TBRA/Homeless Prevention	500 households	152	118	87	114	90	112%
DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing	125 households	68	58	27	34	32	175%
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	3280	259%
SL 1.2 Street Outreach	1,000 persons	277	100	102	102	102	68%
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	500	62%
SL 1.6 Seniors & Persons w/ Disabilities	2,000 persons	195	408	455	70	70	60%
SL 2.1 Public Facilities -	500 persons	-	-	-	2,000	2000	800%

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Homeless Shelters							
SL 2.2 Public Facilities - Mobility Infrastructure	10,000 persons	-	5,100	2,355	-	3635	111%
SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood	50,000 persons	16,682	7,065	3,260	71	286	55%
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	-	6255	53%
SL 2.7 Public Facilities - Abused/Neglected Children	100 persons	-	933	-	-	-	933%
SL 2.8 Public Facilities - Senior Centers	1,000 persons	-	-	-	-	-	0%

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Department of Community + Human Development (DCHD) in El Paso conducted extensive outreach and consultations to pinpoint priority needs for the Annual Action Plan. This process, known as the Community Needs Assessment (CNA), began in September 2022 and was refreshed in September 2023. Led by the DCHD Civic Empowerment team, the CNA aimed to gather community perspectives on housing, development needs, and support for vulnerable populations.

In the 2023 CNA, surveys were sent out to various community members and groups. Sixty surveys were returned, providing 165 unique data points on community needs, strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. These findings echoed previous years, highlighting ongoing priority areas. Collaboration with nonprofit and for-profit organizations throughout the year helped reinforce these concerns.

Moreover, individuals interested in discussing issues or receiving updates on future assessments were encouraged to subscribe to news alerts. Regular consultations also occurred with community stakeholders, including neighborhood coalitions, to gather input on neighborhood-specific needs. Additionally, ongoing collaboration took place with the CoC through monthly meetings.

The draft of the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan was presented to the City Council on May 7, 2024, followed by a 30-day public comment period. City Council approved the final plan on June 6, 2024.

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.

DCHD engages with community members, organizations, and advocates in various ways regarding housing and community development activities. This includes accepting feedback for the Annual Action Plan through public hearings, public comment periods, and multiple communication channels.

Public Comment Period: There was a 30-day public comment period for the Draft Annual Action Plan from May 7, 2024, to June 6, 2024, during which residents and stakeholders could provide feedback through email or in person.

The Draft AAP was downloaded seven times, and we received two public comments from Project Regeneracion and CNAC member Nelson Bank. Summary of comments is below:

Advocates prioritize affordable, permanent housing to prevent homelessness, overcrowding, gentrification, and displacement of low-income families. They critique the current goal of units as inadequate and suggest leveraging resources.

Concerns are raised about the impact of homelessness on neighborhoods and advocate for revisiting shelter locations and policies. They emphasize the need for permanent supportive housing tailored to individuals with complex needs.

Support is requested for low-income homeowners to improve housing quality and compliance with building codes. They highlight the issue of abandoned properties and propose their conversion to affordable housing to prevent speculation.

Special attention is drawn to Duranguito, an area with significant housing loss, calling for investment to serve as a model for revitalization.

Priorities in the Action Plan are suggested to be reordered to prioritize affordable housing addressing environmental conditions and safety, followed by nutritional food accessibility, mental health, family stability, and resident empowerment.

Critique was offered on past performance evaluation, recommending better engagement with community partners.

Advocates call for improved representation of stakeholders in community needs assessments, including tenants, homeowners, and small businesses serving low-income communities. Overall, the comments stress the need for robust affordable housing solutions, support for vulnerable populations, and inclusive community engagement in the City of El Paso's future planning efforts.

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

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	EL PASO	Community and Human Development
HOPWA Administrator	EL PASO	Community and Human Development
HOME Administrator	EL PASO	Community and Human Development
ESG Administrator	EL PASO	Community and Human Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

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 and Fall 2023. 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(I))

The City of El Paso’s Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) collaborates with various local and regional institutions, including the Continuum of Care, businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and community-based and faith-based organizations, throughout the process of developing the Annual Action Plan. This collaborative effort ensures a comprehensive approach to addressing community needs.

As part of this collaboration, DCHD consults with service agencies such as Housing Opportunity Management Enterprises (HOME) and coordinates with the local Department of Public Health, which serves as the provider for Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programming. Together, they establish goals and benchmarks for the program to effectively serve eligible individuals and families.

The projects and activities funded under this Plan are informed by a thorough Community Needs Assessment conducted in the Fall of 2022 and Fall 2023. Throughout the needs assessment process, DCHD facilitates numerous conversations, public meetings, and public hearings to engage stakeholders and gather insights into community strengths, challenges, and resource gaps.

Based on the findings of the needs assessment, the following priorities are identified for investment of the HUD Entitlement grants: Homelessness, Mental Health, Resident Empowerment, Food Security, and

Affordable Housing. These priorities are carefully considered in the development of the Annual Action Plan to ensure that resources are allocated effectively to address the most pressing needs of the community.

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 works closely with the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless (EPCH), which leads the El Paso Continuum of Care (CoC). EPCH offers guidance to applicant agencies and organizes monthly meetings of the CoC, which includes various stakeholders like homeless assistance providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, healthcare entities, universities, veterans' services, and housing assistance providers.

The City actively participates in CoC meetings and serves on several CoC committees, such as the Planning Committee, Coordinated Assessment Oversight Committee, Performance and Benchmarks Committee, and the HMIS Oversight Committee. This year, the City also engages in Technical Assistance led by the CoC's Lead Agency in the overhaul of the Policies and Procedures for HMIS,

Together, the City and the CoC utilize resources to support chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth, and those at-risk of homelessness.

Furthermore, the Department of Community and Human Development partners with the City of El Paso Veterans Advisory Committee and the CoC to guarantee that local veterans receive top-notch services. This entails working closely with organizations such as the American GI Forum, Endeavors, Texas Veterans Commission, and the El Paso Veteran Affairs (VA) Homeless Program. The City actively engages in various veteran events to raise awareness about the existing gaps in services for homeless veterans in the local community.

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 initiatives funded under this Plan stem from a Community Needs Assessment conducted in the Fall of 2022 and 2023. Throughout this assessment process, the Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) facilitated numerous conversations, public meetings, and hearings to pinpoint community strengths, challenges, as well as resource and service gaps. Notably, the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless (EPCH), serving as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care (CoC), actively participated in these discussions and events.

In addition to hosting these community engagements, the City of El Paso actively participates in various committee meetings of the EPCH. This involvement allows the city to collaborate closely with the EPCH and gather valuable input regarding proposed funding distributions. Moreover, the City's recommendations play a significant role in shaping the Performance Standards and Evaluation of Outcomes established by the EPCH. This collaborative approach ensures that the funded projects and activities effectively address the identified needs and priorities of the community.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of The City of El Paso
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Numerous conversations with HOME informed the Public Housing section of the annual plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	El Paso Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The CoC lead agency 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	Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>These agencies submitted funding proposals that established the programs to be funded under this Plan. The City of El Paso consulted with the following agencies during Community Needs Assessment (CNA) to discuss management of flood prone areas, public land or water resources and emergency management agencies: El Paso Water, City of El Paso Office of Emergency Management, City of El Paso Fire Department, City of El Paso Police Department, Fort Bliss, County of El Paso and Paso Del Norte Health Foundation. The City of El Paso consulted with the following agencies during Community Needs Assessment (CNA) to discuss narrowing the digital divide: El Paso Public Libraries, El Paso Community Foundation, County of El Paso, El Paso School Districts, University of Texas at El Paso, and El Paso Community College.</p>
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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, including faith base organization.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	El Paso Continuum of Care	Goal SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing aligns with the Continuum of Care Plan.
City of El Paso Strategic Plan	City of El Paso	The City of El Paso'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.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each 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.

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 Department of Community + Human Development (DCHD) in El Paso conducted extensive outreach and consultations to pinpoint priority needs for the Annual Action Plan. This process, known as the Community Needs Assessment (CNA), began in September 2022 and was refreshed in September 2023. Led by the DCHD Civic Empowerment team, the CNA aimed to gather community perspectives on housing, development needs, and support for vulnerable populations.

In the 2023 CNA, surveys were sent out to various community members and groups. Sixty surveys were returned, providing 165 unique data points on community needs, strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. These findings echoed previous years, highlighting ongoing priority areas. Collaboration with nonprofit and for-profit organizations throughout the year helped reinforce these concerns.

Moreover, individuals interested in discussing issues or receiving updates on future assessments were encouraged to subscribe to news alerts. Regular consultations also occurred with community stakeholders, including neighborhood coalitions, to gather input on neighborhood-specific needs. Additionally, ongoing collaboration took place with the CoC through monthly meetings.

The draft of the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan was presented to the City Council on May 7, 2024, followed by a 30-day public comment period. City Council approved the final plan on June 11, 2024.

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 Surveys	Non-targeted/broad community	60 Individual Survey Responses			
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	50th Year Policies and Procedures is approved by City Council.	No Comments		
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community City Department, Non-Profit Entities and Non-Municipal Government Entities	NOFA Ad.	No Comment		

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4	Newspaper Ad	<p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>City Department, Non-Profit Entities and Non-Municipal Government Entities</p>	NOFA Ad.	No comments.		
5	Training the Technical Advisory Review Panel on evaluations of the 50th Year Applications	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>City Department, Non-Profit Entities and Non-Municipal Government Entities</p>	6 Individuals in Attendance.	No comments.		

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	CDBG and HHSP Oral Presentations to the Technical Advisory Review Panel	Non-targeted/broad community City Department, Non-Profit Entities and Non-Municipal Government Entities	21 Individuals Virtual.	No comments.		
7	Community Needs Advisory Committee	Non-targeted/broad community	4 Individuals in Attendance.	No comments.		
8	Subrecipient Mandatory Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	19 Individuals in Attendance.	No comments.		

9	Public Hearing	<p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities</p>	<p>Introduction of 50th Year Draft Annual Action Plan to City Council and the Community.</p>	<p>There was a 30-day public comment period for the Draft Annual Action Plan from May 7, 2024, to June 6, 2024, during which residents and stakeholders could provide feedback through email or in person. The Draft AAP was downloaded seven times, and we received two public comments from Project Regeneracion and CNAC member Nelson Bank. Summary of comments is below: Summary: Advocates prioritize affordable, permanent housing to prevent homelessness,</p>		
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				<p>overcrowding, gentrification, and displacement of low-income families. They critique the current goal of units as inadequate and suggest leveraging resources.</p> <p>Concerns are raised about the impact of homelessness on neighborhoods and advocate for revisiting shelter locations and policies. They emphasize the need for permanent supportive housing tailored to individuals with complex needs. Support is requested for low-income homeowners to</p>	
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				<p>improve housing quality and compliance with building codes. They highlight the issue of abandoned properties and propose their conversion to affordable housing to prevent speculation. Special attention is drawn to Duranguito, an area with significant housing loss, calling for investment to serve as a model for revitalization. Priorities in the Action Plan are suggested to be reordered to prioritize affordable housing addressing environmental conditions and safety, followed by</p>		
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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)
				<p>nutritional food accessibility, mental health, family stability, and resident empowerment. Critique is offered on past performance evaluation, recommending better engagement with community partners. Advocates call for improved representation of stakeholders in community needs assessments, including tenants, homeowners, and small businesses serving low-income communities.</p>		

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
10	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	Draft AAP Public Notice.	Please refer to the public comment attachment.		
11	Newspaper Ad	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	Draft AAP Public Notice.	Please refer to the public comment attachment.		

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 Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community City Department, Non-Profit Agencies and Non-Municipal Government Entities	Approval of 50th Year Annual Action Plan by City Council and the Community.	No comments.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of El Paso is applying to receive the following four entitlement grants, which are administered by US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME Partnerships Investment (HOME), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA). These grants and the funds that they leverage are used throughout the City to support a variety of public service, homeless and housing programs, and public facilities improvements. The grants leverage a variety of funds from local, private, other federal and state grants to serve low-to-moderate income families and neighborhoods.

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	6,315,722.00	400,000.00	0.00	6,715,722.00	0.00	The City will receive 6,315,722.00 in CDBG entitlement funding, and expects to receive \$400,000 in CDBG RLF for the 2024-2025 Program Year. This program year will be the 5th year of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	2,628,109.10	1,400,000.00	0.00	4,028,109.10	0.00	The 2024-2025 Program Year will be the 5th year for the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. The City has been allocated a HOME entitlement allocation of \$2,628,109.10 and expects to receive \$1,400,000 in program income. PI on hand and will be utilized for multi-family construction of affordable housing

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: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	1,138,193.00	0.00	0.00	1,138,193.00	0.00	The City will receive 1,138,193.00 in HOPWA Entitlement funding for the 2024-2025 Program Year, which will be the 5th year for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

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: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	577,351.00	0.00	0.00	577,351.00	0.00	The City will receive \$577,351.00 in ESG Entitlement funding for the 2024-2025 Program Year, which will be the 5th year for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

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: \$		
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab Overnight shelter Public Services	4,998,221.00	0.00	0.00	4,998,221.00	0.00	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.

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

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

While City-owned parcels currently do not address needs with entitlement funding, the City of El Paso has begun exploring the development of its own sites for multi-family housing, focusing on providing affordable options for low-income residents. This initiative aims to incentivize affordable housing developers to build in strategic areas.

Discussion

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 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Pr	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Pr	HOPWA: \$878,177.26 ESG: \$81,228.72 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$81,228.72	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 78 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 10 Persons Assisted
2	DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing	ESG: \$200,166.78	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 28 Households Assisted
3	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance	CDBG: \$550,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 57 Household Housing Unit
4	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers	HOME: \$3,231,082.00	Rental units constructed: 63 Household Housing Unit
5	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs	HOME: \$394,216.00	Rental units constructed: 4 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
9	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services	HOPWA: \$201,967.95	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 78 Persons Assisted
10	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing	CDBG: \$585,359.45 ESG: \$136,478.00 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$2,019,215.00	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 3280 Persons Assisted
11	SL 1.2 Street Outreach	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	SL 1.2 Street Outreach	ESG: \$107,900.00 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$107,900.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 102 Persons Assisted
14	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services	2020	2024	Children and Youth	Citywide	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services	CDBG: \$200,000.00 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$1,154,248.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
15	SL 2.1 Public Facilities - Homeless Shelters	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	SL 2.1 Public Facilities - Homeless Shelters	CDBG: \$1,380,952.55 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$144,385.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
16	SL 2.2 Public Facilities- Mobility Infrastructure	2020	2024	Mobility Infrastructure	Citywide	SL 2.2 Public Facilities -Mobility Infrastructure	CDBG: \$525,435.99	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3635 Persons Assisted
17	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood	2020	2024	Public Facilities	Citywide	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood	CDBG: \$1,446,222.51 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$160,691.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 286 Persons Assisted
19	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services	2020	2024	Seniors and Disabled	Citywide	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services	CDBG: \$190,000.00 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$38,574.00	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 70 Persons Assisted
21	SL 2.6 Public Facilities - Parks and Open Space	2020	2024		Citywide	SL 2.6 Public Facilities - Parks and Open Space	CDBG: \$718,092.50	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6255 Persons Assisted
26	CDBG Program Administration	2020	2024	Adminstration	Citywide	CDBG Program Administration	CDBG: \$1,097,660.15	Other: 1 Other
28	ESG Program Administration	2020	2024	Adminstration	Citywide	ESG Program Administration	ESG: \$40,414.57	Other: 1 Other
29	HOPWA Program Administration	2020	2024	Adminstration	Citywide	HOPWA Program Administration	HOPWA: \$34,145.79	Other: 1 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
30	HOPWA Sponsor Administration	2020	2024	Administration	Citywide	HOPWA Sponsor Administration	HOPWA: \$34,145.79	Other: 1 Other
31	Housing Program Administration	2020	2024	Administration	Citywide	Housing Program Administration	CDBG: \$50,000.00 HOME: \$402,811.00	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Pr
	Goal Description	<p>A total of \$959,405.99 (\$878,177.27 HOPWA and \$81,228.72 ESG) will be used to provide TBRA/homeless prevention services to 88 persons through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of El Paso Department of Public Health, TBRA \$611831.31 (HOPWA): 60 individuals/households • Amistad TBRA: \$266,345.95 (HOPWA): 18 persons/households • Amistad ESG: \$81,228.72 (ESG, Homeless Prevention): 10 persons/households
2	Goal Name	DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing
	Goal Description	<p>A total of \$200,166.78 ESG funds will be used to benefit 34 persons through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Paso Human Services: \$130,101 RRH = 22 persons, 16 households • Amistad: \$81,228.72; RRH = 12 persons, 12 households

3	Goal Name	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
	Goal Description	A total of \$200,000 CDBG and \$350,000 CDBG RLF funds will be used to assist 57 units.
4	Goal Name	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers
	Goal Description	A total of \$1,971,081.83 HOME EN funds will be used to construct 39 units through this activity and a total of \$1,260,000 in HOME PI will be used to construct at least 24 additional units.
5	Goal Name	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs
	Goal Description	A total of \$394,216.37 HOME funds will be used to construct 4 units through this activity.
9	Goal Name	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services
	Goal Description	A total of \$201,967.96 will be used to provide supportive services to benefit 78 persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
10	Goal Name	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing
	Goal Description	A total of \$721,837.45 (\$585,359.45 CDBG funds and \$136,478 ESG funds) will be used to benefit 3,280 persons through the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity Center for the Homeless, Resource Center and Emergency Shelter: \$485,359.45 (CDBG) • El Paso Human Services: \$100,000 (CDBG) • La Posada: \$136,478 (ESG)
11	Goal Name	SL 1.2 Street Outreach
	Goal Description	A total of \$107,900.00 ESG funds will be used to benefit 102 persons / 102 households through the following activity: Emergence Health Network, Homeless Street Outreach; \$107,900.72 (ESG, SO) SO = 102 persons, 102 households

14	Goal Name	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services
	Goal Description	A total of \$200,000 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 500 persons through the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candlelighters of El Paso, Respite and Urgent Residential Care for Children; \$100,000 • CASA of El Paso, Court Appointed Special Advocates; \$100,000
15	Goal Name	SL 2.1 Public Facilities - Homeless Shelters
	Goal Description	A total of \$1,380,952.55 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 2,000 persons through the following shelter improvements: Opportunity Center for the Homeless, 1208 Myrtle Emergency Shelter Renovations: \$1,380,952.55
16	Goal Name	SL 2.2 Public Facilities- Mobility Infrastructure
	Goal Description	A total of \$525,435.99 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 3,635 persons through mobility infrastructure improvements.
17	Goal Name	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood
	Goal Description	A total of \$1,446,222.51 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 286 persons.
19	Goal Name	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services
	Goal Description	A total of \$190,000 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 70 persons through the following activity: Project Amistad, Money Management and Social Services; \$190,000 [10:55 AM] Topete, Emmanuel SL 1.6 [10:55 AM] Topete, Emmanuel A total of \$175,000 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 70 persons through the following activity: Project Amistad, Money Management and Social Services; \$175,000

21	Goal Name	SL 2.6 Public Facilities - Parks and Open Space
	Goal Description	A total of \$718,092.50 CDBG funds will be used to benefit 6,255 persons through park improvements.
26	Goal Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Goal Description	Funding is for 2024-2025 activities to provide program management and coordination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Administration: \$893,314.87 • Indirect Costs: \$204,345.28
28	Goal Name	ESG Program Administration
	Goal Description	Funding is for planning and management of 2024-2025 ESG projects: \$40,414.57
29	Goal Name	HOPWA Program Administration
	Goal Description	Funding is for city's administration of 2024-2025 HOPWA program to be utilized by Dept of Health: 34,145.79
30	Goal Name	HOPWA Sponsor Administration
	Goal Description	A total of \$34145.79 HOPWA will be used to support sponsor administration to benefit persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
31	Goal Name	Housing Program Administration
	Goal Description	Funding is for 2024-2025 projects to provide planning and management for the HOME and CDBG RLF program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOME EN: \$262,810.91 • HOME PI: \$140,000.00 • CDBG RLF: \$50,000.00

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This section lists the projects that will be funded during the 2024-2025 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 - Amistad
2	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services - Dept. of Public Health
3	DH 2.1 Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
4	DH 2.2 Rental Housing by Developers
5	DH 2.3 Rental Housing by CHDOs
6	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance & Homeless Prevention - Amistad
7	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance & Homeless Prevention - Dept. of Public Health
8	SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing
9	SL 1.5 Children and Youth Services
10	SL 1.6 Seniors & Person with Disabilities Services
11	SL 2.1 Public Facilities and Homeless Shelter
12	SL 2.2 Public Facilities - Mobility Infrastructure
13	SL 2.3 Public Facilities - Neighborhood
14	SL 2.6 Public Facilities - Parks and Open Space
15	CDBG Program Administration
16	Emergency Solutions Grant Activities
17	HOPWA Program Administration-Depart of Health
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 for funding in El Paso are determined by a variety of factors, including findings from a comprehensive housing market and demographic analysis conducted as part of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. This analysis provides valuable insights into the specific needs and demographics of

the community, helping to guide resource allocation decisions. Additionally, citizen requests, community housing needs, and recommendations from the Community Needs Assessment (CNA) are taken into consideration when setting funding priorities.

However, despite these efforts to address underserved needs, several challenges persist. One significant obstacle is the limitation of available funding, which may not fully meet the demands of the community. Furthermore, increased costs related to public service programming and construction, as well as rising housing costs, pose additional challenges to effectively addressing these needs.

In response to these challenges, the City of El Paso actively encourages its sub grantees to explore alternative sources of funding from both public and private sectors. By seeking additional resources, sub grantees can augment the limited federal entitlement funds, enabling more robust and comprehensive initiatives to address the diverse needs of the community. This collaborative approach fosters partnerships and leverages resources beyond traditional federal funding streams, ultimately enhancing the city's capacity to effectively serve its residents.

Finally, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) is not updated in real time and once a year may not be sufficient to provide viable rental options for those seeking assistance under the HUD programs.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services - Amistad
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services
	Needs Addressed	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$51,210.00
	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	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	18
	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 1.3 HOPWA Support Services - Dept. of Public Health
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services
	Needs Addressed	DH 1.3 HOPWA Support Services
	Funding	HOPWA: \$150,758.00
	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	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60

	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.
3	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: \$550,000.00 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$90,000.00
	Description	Projects will provide safe, affordable and decent housing through the rehabilitation of existing single-family, owner-occupied dwellings.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	57 households (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.
4	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: \$3,231,081.83
	Description	This project will provide loans to construct safe, affordable and decent housing to increase and maintain the affordable rental housing stock.
	Target Date	8/31/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	
5	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: \$394,216.37
	Description	This project will provide loans to construct safe, affordable and decent housing to increase and maintain the affordable rental housing stock.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	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.
6	Project Name	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance & Homeless Prevention - Amistad
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Pr
	Needs Addressed	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Pr
	Funding	HOPWA: \$266,346.00
	Description	This project will provide affordable decent housing for people at risk of experiencing homelessness.
	Target Date	8/31/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	18
	Location Description	Amistad - 3210 Dyer St., El Paso, Texas 79930
	Planned Activities	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.
7	Project Name	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance & Homeless Prevention - Dept. of Public Health
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Pr
	Needs Addressed	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Pr
	Funding	HOPWA: \$611,831.00
	Description	This project will provide affordable decent housing for people at risk of experiencing homelessness.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60
	Location Description	City of El Paso Department of Public Health, 701 Montana Ave., El Paso, TX 79902
	Planned Activities	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.
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	CDBG: \$557,358.00 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$1,734,049.00

	Description	These projects will provide a public service by providing homeless individuals with emergency shelter and housing activities. The shelters will provide meals, clothing, case management, access to educational opportunities, job training, self-help classes, legal aid, parenting classes.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Total 3,280 presumed benefit individuals will benefit from these activities.
	Location Description	Opportunity Center for the Homeless, Resource Center and Emergency Shelter -1208 Myrtle Ave., El Paso, Texas 79901 El Paso Human Services, Youth Homeless Shelter - - 1001 Montana Ave., El Paso, Texas 79902
	Planned Activities	Agencies will assist individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness by providing emergency shelter services.
9	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	CDBG: \$200,000.00 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$1,154,248.00
	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	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A total of 500 low-to-moderate income children and their families will be assisted with this funding.
	Location Description	CASA of El Paso, Court Appointed Special Advocates Program- 221 N. Kansas St., Suite 1501, El Paso, Texas 79901 Candlelighters of El Paso, Living Everyday Program, 1400 Hardaway St. Suite 206, El Paso, Texas 79903

	Planned Activities	Agencies will provide a comprehensive range of services to children, youth and their families.
10	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: \$190,000.00 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$38,574.00
	Description	This program will provide improved access to a suitable living environment by providing a continuum of care that includes a comprehensive range of financial services and safety net services for seniors and persons with disabilities.has context menu
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	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.
	Location Description	Amistad - 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.
11	Project Name	SL 2.1 Public Facilities and Homeless Shelter
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SL 2.1 Public Facilities - Homeless Shelters
	Needs Addressed	SL 2.1 Public Facilities - Homeless Shelters
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,380,952.55 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$144,385.00
	Description	This project will provide availability and accessibility for a suitable living environment by renovating a homeless shelter.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	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	Citywide
	Planned Activities	
12	Project Name	SL 2.2 Public Facilities - Mobility Infrastructure
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SL 2.2 Public Facilities- Mobility Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	SL 2.2 Public Facilities -Mobility Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$525,435.99
	Description	These projects will provide availability and accessibility for a suitable living environment by improving mobility infrastructure by installing sidewalks and wheelchair ramps.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A total of 3,635 residents will gain access to mobility infrastructure improvements.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	This project will provide mobility infrastructure improvements by installing sidewalks and wheelchair ramps to support 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: \$1,446,222.51 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$160,691.00
	Description	This project will provide availability and accessibility for a suitable living environment by improving a neighborhood facility.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A total of 286 persons will gain access to affordable housing apartments.
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	This project will include the rehabilitation of affordable housing apartments.
14	Project Name	SL 2.6 Public Facilities - Parks and Open Space
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	SL 2.6 Public Facilities - Parks and Open Space
	Needs Addressed	SL 2.6 Public Facilities - Parks and Open Space
	Funding	CDBG: \$718,092.00
	Description	This project will provide availability and accessibility to a suitable living environment by improving parks and open space.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	
15	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDBG Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	CDBG Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,097,660.15
	Description	This project will provide program management and coordination of CDBG funding.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will provide program management and coordination of CDBG funding.
	Location Description	801 Texas Ave., 3rd floor, El Paso, TX, 79901
	Planned Activities	This project will provide program management and coordination of CDBG funding.
16	Project Name	Emergency Solutions Grant Activities
	Target Area	Citywide

	Goals Supported	DH 3.1 Tenant Based Rental Assistance/ Homeless Pr DH 3.2 Rapid Rehousing SL 1.1 Homeless, Emergency Shelter and Housing SL 1.2 Street Outreach ESG Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	ESG Program Administration
	Funding	ESG: \$577,351.00 Federal, State, Local and Private: \$1,676,274.00
	Description	Street outreach, emergency shelter operations, homelessness prevention for at-risk persons, rapid rehousing for homeless persons. Additionally, the City will use 7.5% for administrative costs.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There will be 334 persons served through street outreach, emergency shelter operations, homelessness prevention for at-risk persons, and rapid rehousing for homeless persons.
	Location Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Paso Human Services - 810 Montana Ave, El Paso TX 79902 • Emergence Health Network - 1600 Montana Ave, El Paso TX 79902 • La Posada Home, Inc. (ES) – 1020 N. Campbell, El Paso TX 79902 • Amistad - 3210 Dyer St., El Paso, Texas 79930 • ESG Administration - 801 Texas Ave, El Paso TX 79901
	Planned Activities	Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter combined equal \$244,378.00, which is 42% of the total ESG grant, which does not exceed the greater of 60% of the jurisdiction’s fiscal year ESG grant. Street Outreach - \$107,900 Emergency Shelter - \$136,478 Rapid Rehousing - \$211,329.72 Homeless Prevention - \$81,228.72 ESG Administration - \$40,414.57
17	Project Name	HOPWA Program Administration-Depart of Health
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HOPWA Program Administration

	Needs Addressed	HOPWA Program Administration
	Funding	HOPWA: \$34,146.00
	Description	This project will provide program management and coordination for the HOPWA Program.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will provide program management and coordination of HOPWA funding.
	Location Description	City of El Paso Department of Public Health - 701 Montana Ave, El Paso, Texas 79902
	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: \$23,902.00
	Description	This project will fund management and coordination activities for the HOPWA Project Sponsor.
	Target Date	8/31/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will fund management and coordination of the Sponsor's portion of the HOPWA grant.
	Location Description	3210 Dyer st, El Paso Texas, 79930
	Planned Activities	This project will provide program management and coordination of HOPWA funding.
19	Project Name	Housing Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Housing Program Administration

Funding	CDBG: \$50,000.00 HOME: \$402,810.91
Description	This project will provide program management and coordination activities for housing activities funded through HOME EN, HOME PI and CDBG-RLF.
Target Date	8/31/2025
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
Location Description	
Planned Activities	

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
City Representative District 3	
City Representative District 5	
City Representative District 1	
City Representative District 6	
City Representative District 7	
City Representative District 8	
City Representative District 2	
City Representative District 4	
Priority Housing Areas	

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.

Discussion

See Above.

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 was 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. For the 2024-2025 program year, the City will seek to increase the availability of affordable housing through the following activities:

- Rehabilitation of 57 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 - 79 persons/households.
- ESG Homeless Prevention – 12 households

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	193
Non-Homeless	136
Special-Needs	78
Total	407

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	283
The Production of New Units	67
Rehab of Existing Units	57
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	407

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:

- Financing of rehabilitation and/or construction of multi-family affordable rental units.
- Rehabilitation and repair of single-family owner-occupied homes owned by low to moderate income households.
- 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.
- 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. A categorical description follows:

HOME administers: Conventional Public Housing units which includes scattered site dwellings, Section 8 New Construction (project-based) dwellings, Non-subsidized dwellings, USDA-subsidized units for migrant workers, Units for the elderly, HOME units for the elderly, Low-income housing tax credit units (LIHTC, including PBRA, Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) / Section 8 assistance, Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)/LIHTC Units, Project-based vouchers.

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

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, re-habilitation, 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, collaborating with the Continuum of Care (CoC), is dedicated to providing comprehensive services and support to every client, aiding their transition back into stable housing. To combat homelessness effectively, the City secures funding from various sources, including an anticipated \$540,889 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds from HUD. Once received, these funds will be allocated to meet the needs of the homeless population in our community.

In order to match the allocation from HUD, the City will generate a 100% match through in-kind contributions, volunteer services, donated resources, and state funds, alongside contributions from the City's general fund to match admin.

Utilizing the Emergency Solutions Grants Program funds, the City aims to support several key activities, including ESG Program Administration, Emergency Shelter Operations, Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing, and Homelessness Prevention. It's important to note that spending caps regulate the amounts allocated for Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, and Administration. The City will strictly adhere to these limits when distributing funds and engaging local service providers. This strategic approach ensures the efficient and effective utilization of resources in addressing homelessness within our community.

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

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

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City's dedication is evident in allocating 25.2% of its ESG entitlement to Emergency Shelter operations, along with 59% of CDBG Public Services funding directed towards bolstering these operations. Additionally, the City is leveraging additional Non-HUD funding to support a new shelter established in 2022. However, amidst surges in migrant populations that have burdened existing Emergency shelters, it's crucial to acknowledge the pressing need to do more. The City recognizes the importance of ensuring that our local homeless community does not endure undue distress, emphasizing the urgency of proactive measures to provide adequate support and resources to those in need.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families

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

As part of our comprehensive plan, we are allocating 34% of our Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding specifically for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs. This targeted allocation will enable us to swiftly assist homeless individuals and families in securing permanent housing solutions. Furthermore, we are expanding our efforts through additional funding sources, including non-HUD funding and the El Paso Helps initiative. Through these avenues, we will not only increase the number of RRH providers but also provide them with the necessary financial resources to effectively carry out their programs. This concerted effort will enhance our capacity to address homelessness and provide vital support to those in need of rapid rehousing assistance.

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.

Our commitment to homelessness prevention is underscored by recognizing the challenges posed by the increasing rent market, which further burdens low-income individuals and places them at greater risk. In response, we're allocating 13.30% of our ESG funding to targeted initiatives and leveraging non-HUD resources to strengthen our efforts. This strategic allocation enables us to provide comprehensive assistance to those at risk, fostering housing stability and averting homelessness. Our core focus remains on preventing homelessness among low-income individuals and families, particularly those transitioning from institutions or receiving aid from agencies. Working closely with partners, we identify and support those at risk, offering rapid rehousing solutions and personalized housing plans. Community outreach and education efforts are also underway to enhance awareness and accessibility to support services. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by individuals leaving the jail system, the County of El Paso operates a re-entry program offering assessment, support, and legal aid services to address any barriers to housing and community reintegration. Through collaboration and a multifaceted approach, we strive to meet the diverse needs of low-income individuals and families, ensuring access to resources for stable housing and long-term stability.

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 for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	0
Tenant-based rental assistance	78
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	78

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.

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:

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

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:

Public policies are impeding the City's endeavors to expand affordable housing options. In Texas, regulatory barriers pose challenges in establishing and maintaining a Housing Trust Fund, and the prohibition of linkage fees complicates financing for affordable housing projects. At the local level, development policies inadvertently subsidize the construction of affordable single-family homes on the outskirts, as they fail to generate sufficient revenue for essential infrastructure and services. Consequently, this leads to a decline in affordable housing availability in central neighborhoods and prompts population shifts to the outskirts.

To counteract these trends, the City has devised a Housing Strategy that targets Priority Housing Areas in the urban core to promote both affordable and market-rate housing development. Furthermore, as outlined in the El Paso Regional Housing Plan, there will be continued emphasis on utilizing below-market public land sales as an incentive for developers to incorporate public benefits like affordable housing or open space. Successful projects on public land can serve as catalysts, attracting more developers and bolstering housing supply without additional public support. Furthermore, the department is looking to redo the El Paso Regional Housing Plan pending local approval of funds, as the plan was developed prior to the pandemic and the economic impact that followed.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

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. 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 significant portion of El Paso's population falls under the category of very low-income, with the city's poverty rate at 18.3%, surpassing the state average of 14.2%. Despite its lower cost of living compared to other U.S. cities, this doesn't fully address the challenges residents face in seeking an improved quality of life or economic prosperity. To alleviate this, the city has dedicated a portion of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to enhance living conditions for this demographic through various public service initiatives. For the 2024-2025 period, the city plans to allocate \$985,359.45 from the CDBG funds, constituting 15% of the annual entitlement towards public service programs. These funds will be disbursed through sub-contracts with nonprofit organizations, targeting areas identified in the Community Needs Assessment conducted in late 2022 and late 2023, including homelessness, mental health, resident empowerment, food security, and affordable housing.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

No plan at this time.

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

About 6% of the projected CDBG-RLF funds will go towards repairing, rehabilitating, renovating and reconstructing owner-occupied single-family homes.

All organizations receiving Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Services funds are nonprofit agencies, ensuring that these resources are directed towards community-focused initiatives. Following administrative deductions, 47.3% of the ESG allocation aims to facilitate individuals and families securing or retaining private housing through rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention programs. Additionally, the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) funds have two recipients: one nonprofit organization and the City of El Paso Department of Health. This diverse allocation of resources underscores the collaborative effort between nonprofit agencies and governmental entities to address housing and health-related needs within the

community.

Discussion:

See above.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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

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.	100.00%

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.

The Single Family Owner Occupied Program is targeted to individuals earning less than 80% median income for the City of El Paso.

Each HOME Program has its own requirements for eligibility.

To be eligible for the Single Family Owner Occupied, which provides homeowners basic repairs to their home, 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.

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/>. Interested households and/or applicants may contact the Department of Community and Human Development to gain access to applications for these programs.

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. 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:

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.

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:

For single-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.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not Applicable.

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not Applicable.

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Not Applicable.

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

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

Included as Grantee Unique Appendices.

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

Coordinated Entry (CE) is a critical tool aimed at swiftly connecting homeless individuals and those at risk with the most suitable housing interventions. In El Paso County, the CE system, managed by the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless, ensures consistent and efficient access to housing services. Individuals undergo comprehensive assessments to determine their housing needs and priorities and are then referred to appropriate programs and services. Access points for CE include Recovery Alliance locations and a hotline, ensuring accessibility during specified hours.

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).

For the allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to private nonprofit organizations, the City of El Paso employs a thorough process. Through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), private nonprofit entities are invited to submit proposals. The applications undergo rigorous review by the Department of Community and Human Development (DCHD) staff and a Technical Advisory Review Panel (TARP), comprising community members with relevant expertise. Final funding decisions are made based on agency past performance (if applicable), completeness of proposals, community impact, and program eligibility. Recommendations are then reviewed by the Community Needs Advisory Committee (CNAC) and ultimately presented to the City Council for approval.

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.

In an effort to ensure that policies and decisions regarding homelessness are informed by the firsthand experiences and perspectives of those affected, the City of El Paso mandates that subrecipients include homeless or formerly homeless individuals in their policy-making processes. This requirement underscores the city's commitment to inclusivity and empowerment, acknowledging the valuable insights that individuals with lived experiences can offer in shaping effective strategies.

Furthermore, the city actively engages with the General Membership and the Planning Committee

of the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless (EPCH), a collaborative platform comprising approximately 65 homeless assistance agencies. Within this coalition, formerly homeless individuals are welcomed as members, providing a crucial voice in discussions surrounding policy and funding decisions. The Planning Committee, a dedicated subgroup of EPCH members, plays a pivotal role in strategic planning, conducting gap analyses, advocating for change, and educating stakeholders. By involving both service providers and individuals with lived experiences, the city ensures that its initiatives are grounded in real-world insights and responsive to the needs of the homeless community.

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.

See Above.

