



CITY OF LAREDO

Community Development

Department

2023-2024

Annual Action Plan



Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2023 One-Year Action Plan serves as an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for 49th Action Year funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), 2023 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and 2023 Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG). This plan also serves as a strategic outline, which describes the proposed projects for the City during FY 2023-2024. The City of Laredo's Consolidated One-Year Action Plan for FY 2023-2024 represents the implementation of housing and non-housing strategies identified in the City's Consolidated Five-Year Action Plan. The City will receive \$3,228,384 in CDBG funds, \$1,260,999 in HOME funds, and \$299,176 in ESG funds from HUD. Upon award of these funds, the City proposes to undertake numerous activities to address the housing and non-housing needs of the community. Federal resources are as follows:

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) – CDBG is a flexible grant that can be used for housing, neighborhood revitalization, workforce and economic development, community and nonprofit facilities, infrastructure, and public services in low-moderate income communities.
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) – HOME is used for building, acquiring, and rehabilitating affordable housing for rent and homeownership. It may also be used for direct rental assistance to low-income residents.
- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) – ESG funds programs and services supporting homeless individuals and families. Activities include operating shelters, providing essential services to shelter residents, offering Rapid Rehousing, and preventing homelessness.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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Through the use of CDBG funds, the City anticipates funding the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, Code Enforcement Program, Graffiti Removal Program, Homeless Services – Bethany House Expansion Project, Section 108 Loan Repayment, Three Points Village - Public Improvement Project.

Affordable housing continues to be a high priority for the City of Laredo. In order to address this need, the City plans to use HOME funds to provide the Down Payment Assistance Program, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), a Homeowner Reconstruction Program and HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program. These activities are targeted to address the lack of available affordable housing units. This was identified as one of the impediments in the Analysis of Impediments (AI) for the City of Laredo and in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Through the use of Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds, the City will fund Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, and Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) in order to reduce homelessness in the city.

In an effort to provide the above mentioned services for CDBG, HOME, and ESG initiatives, funds will be allocated for the payment of reasonable administrative costs and project delivery charges related to the planning and execution of community development activities. The City proposes to undertake all of the above-outlined initiatives in order to address the housing and non-housing needs of the community. These activities are proposed for the period beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024, contingent upon the award of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. Refer to the Project section for a full description of each of these proposed projects.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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The City is confident that efforts carried out in the past have met the overall strategy to address the housing and non-housing needs in the community. As a result of opportunities provided and situations specific to each proposed activity, the degree of success in meeting the desired goals and objectives has varied. The City is proposing to continue to fund successful and still much needed programs such as the Housing Rehabilitation Program, Code Enforcement, Graffiti Removal, Down Payment Assistance Program, and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance. As the City continues to grow, the need for public facilities and improvements continues to be of great importance as identified by the responses obtained from citizens throughout the community, and as such, the City is proposing to fund those as well.

Also, the City of Laredo has, and will continue to utilize available federal, state, local, and private funds in a manner consistent with the priorities previously identified in its 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

As evidenced by the submission of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD, the City of Laredo has been able to demonstrate that activities undertaken during the previous reporting period were consistent with the strategies identified in the City's 5 Year Consolidated Plan and 2021 Annual Plan. The City utilized CDBG Program funds for a variety of activities, including, housing, code enforcement, public facilities and improvements, and public services.

On March 16th, 2023, the City received correspondence from HUD regarding the 2021-2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The City was congratulated for its performance and dedication to serving low and moderate-income persons and for its continuous timely delivery of services to the citizens of Laredo.

Regarding the HOME grant, HUD mentioned that the activities undertaken during this reporting period were consistent with the affordable housing strategy identified in the City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan and its 2021 Annual Action Plan.

Regarding the ESG program, HUD noted that activities undertaken by the City during this reporting period were found to be consistent with the homeless assistance strategy identified in the City's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and its FY2021 Action Plan (AP). HUD also thanked the City of Laredo and its dedicated staff for the continued effort of providing shelter and other services to its homeless clients and those at risk of becoming homeless.

As a conclusion, HUD also determined, as a result of their analysis, that the City of Laredo's overall progress is satisfactory.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The citizen participation process included public notices, public hearings, an online survey, multiple locations to complete survey and a comment period. Public is now allowed to attend City Council meeting in person for comments.

City staff collected surveys regarding the need for programs and services. All comments, questions, and concerns were welcomed when projects were being considered for funding. The City's Citizen Participation Plan includes language stating that the Citizen Participation Plan will be made available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities, upon timely request, to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to the Plan on an equal basis with others. All advertisements and surveys are published in the local newspaper in both English and Spanish, include the Fair Housing Logo, and state that special services will be made available upon timely request for the physically impaired. In addition, program posters and the HUD Fair Housing Logo are displayed throughout the Community Development (CD) Department offices.

On March 19th, 2023 a notice was published in the Laredo Morning Times, the newspaper with the greatest circulation notifying citizens that CD would be receiving surveys and public comments through the following methods: public hearing in person, by phone, via e-mail at cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us, orally or in writing at the CD Admin office, and via an online survey.

The City is conducting City Council meetings in person, and citizens comments are now held in person in the City Council Chambers room.

The City collected a total of 485 online surveys which were available through the Survey Monkey site in English and Spanish in an effort to collect additional public input. The availability of the online survey was advertised in the newspaper, in the City's website, City's newsletter, and via posters posted at different City and Non-profit agencies' offices and during the City Council meeting. The survey helped in identifying the community needs and projects they would like to see funded in FY 2023-2024.

A public hearing was held on April 3, 2023 during the regular scheduled City Council meeting, in order to give citizens another opportunity to express their housing and community development needs. During this meeting, no comments were received. A second public hearing was held on June 5th, 2023 during the regular scheduled City Council meeting as part of the City's Citizen Participation Plan to allow the public to comment on the proposed use of funds. No comments were received. Additionally, the thirty day comment period began on 5/26/2023 and ended on 6/24/2023 in order for the public to review the plan and provide comments. No comments were received.

5. Summary of public comments

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The results of the survey which denotes the percentage of respondents that indicated that there was either a great need, some need, or no need for a particular activity or service can be found in Appendix D of this Plan. In addition, a list of comments received from citizens is also included.

All comments listed were obtained from citizens who filled out a survey online via Survey Monkey. As a result of the comments received, we identified that the community would like to see projects related to counseling, referral/support services, rental assistance for low income elderly individuals, construction of new housing for purchase by low-income households, homelessness prevention (rent and utility assistance, homebuyer down payment assistance, outreach services for people living in the street, recreation centers, additional emergency centers, emergency centers and parks and play grounds.

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

All comments were heard and read. However, due that there is limited funding, not all comments received will result in the creation of a goal. The amount of funding to be received dictates the number of projects that can be carried out.

7. Summary

In an effort to broaden public participation in the development of this Action Plan and heighten community awareness, the City advertised through various means in English and Spanish including public notices in the Laredo Morning Times (local newspaper with the greatest circulation). As previously explained, this year, the City also took an added approach to encouraging public participation by scheduling the dissemination of program information and collecting a needs survey online and in person.

Posters announcing the survey information, survey locations and other ways to comment were posted at the Laredo Housing Authority, Bethany House (homeless shelter), COVID-19 Response Programs Center, CD Admin office, Municipal Housing office, Health Department of the City of Laredo, City Hall, City Hall Annex. CD staff also visited multiple City and non-City offices for community members to fill out survey in person.

These places were selected to ensure that appropriate actions were taken to encourage the participation of all residents, including the elderly, minorities, persons with limited English proficiency, as well as persons with disabilities. The poster is attached on Appendix J of this plan.

The community needs survey was available online through Survey Monkey and posted on our City website (main page) for easy accessibility. The link to the survey was also emailed internally to city staff members. Paper surveys were also available at the multiple locations in different days for those who couldn't access the survey via a computer. To accommodate employed individuals, the City also met on evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. which would allow citizens the time to attend the meeting or event and still give them time to attend to their family needs before or after the meeting. Additionally, public informational sessions were held at convenient locations such as at recreational and community centers, City Hall downtown and its annex in south Laredo, and at the City's Health Department. The majority of location sites were located in residential neighborhoods, thereby providing access to the meetings to persons with limited means of transportation.

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
Lead Agency		LAREDO	
CDBG Administrator	LAREDO	City of Laredo - Community Development Department	
HOPWA Administrator			
HOME Administrator	LAREDO	City of Laredo - Community Development Department	
ESG Administrator	LAREDO	City of Laredo - Community Development Department	
HOPWA-C Administrator		City of Laredo - Community Development Department	

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Laredo’s Community Development Department serves as the lead agency responsible for administering the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs covered in the 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan. It manages the City’s HUD grant portfolio and develops the Annual Action Plan. The office works to ensure that the City of Laredo, an entitlement community, maximizes the use of its HUD funding to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for its citizens. The Laredo City Council awards funding to qualified subrecipient agencies and city departments to conduct the activities outlined in this plan.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Laredo has made a collaborative effort to consult with public and private community partners in order to enhance coordination of services delivered by all. The City recognizes that these partnerships are important in providing effective services to those in need in our community.

For the creation of the 2023-2024 Action Plan, the City also looked at the City's Comprehensive Plan "Viva Laredo", which was adopted by City Council on September of 2017. This is the City's first strategic development plan since 1991 and was created with the input from thousands of Laredo residents. The city's comprehensive plan provides the basis for public policy in Laredo regarding community wide concerns such as housing, homelessness, mobility, community/economic development and quality of life. The Viva Laredo comprehensive plan establishes priorities for public-sector action while at the same time providing direction for complementary private-sector decisions.

During the public input process, the City promoted the survey in places where low to moderate income persons could be reached such as the Laredo Housing Authority, Bethany House (homeless shelter), City Hall, the Health Department of the City of Laredo as well as some non-profit organizations. These areas are also areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used.

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))

In order to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies, the City will continue to meet with agencies throughout the funding period. The City of Laredo will also make referrals and receive referrals from the various agencies. Additionally, the City will provide a copy of the Annual Plan (upon request) for participating entities. Lastly, if the City cannot provide funding for a particular agency, it will direct entities towards other sources of funds, when available.

These are some of the agencies the City could partner up with to administer programs related to the City's Annual Plan projects: Border Region MHMR Behavioral Center, Bethany House, Inc., Casa de Misericordia, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Laredo, City of Laredo Health Department, Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc., Laredo College, Laredo Housing Authority, MileOne, NeighborWorks-Laredo, Inc., LULAC Haven, Inc., Sacred Heart Childrens Home, Serving Children and Adults in Need, Inc., Villa San Luis Housing Projects, Texas A & M International University, The Salvation Army, Webb County Community Action Agency, Webb County Youth Village and Workforce Solutions for South Texas.

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.

On May 26th, 2023, the City of Laredo consulted with the Texas Homeless Network (THN), the Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) in an effort to address the needs of the homeless, and those on the verge of becoming homeless, within the City of Laredo. After responding to THN's questions and comments, a letter of support from the TX BoS CoC was received and is attached as Appendix I. The letter states that THN and the CoC value the City's involvement with the Laredo Homeless Coalition and they will continue to support the City's efforts to address homelessness, including administering ESG.

The City of Laredo has submitted annual CAPERs to report on the performance and accomplishments of the ESG subrecipients. Subrecipients use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) of the TX BoS CoC and the Osnium software to collect data, analyze it, and report it to the City. With the City's engaged network of local agencies, there is a growing effort to address the needs of homeless persons and those at risk of becoming homeless.

On May 10, 2023, The Texas Homeless Network (THN) shared with us data from the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. Which included the number of sheltered and unsheltered individuals within the City. On May 10, 2023, Texas Homeless Network (THN) shared the 2023 Housing Inventory Count (HIC). Regarding the City's HIC data THN shared the City's 2023 report that shows what shelter and housing is available to serve people experiencing homelessness. Both reports can be found on Appendix K.

The City reviews the PIT Count and HIC data and uses it to assess the needs and identify gaps within the community in order to better service the homeless population. This information will continue to be used in planning efforts for future planning for funding, housing, and services. The City, the CoC, and other local non-profit agencies that serve the homeless are working together to achieve the goal to provide the necessary services needed to help homeless individuals/families quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. This goal is achieved by abiding by the Coordinated Entry process, which the City has worked closely with the CoC and other participating agencies.

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

The City of Laredo submitted to the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC), as part of its consultation process, an overview of how ESG funds will be allocated per component and its written standards. THN serves as the HMIS Lead Agency for the TX BoS CoC.

Within these documents the City of Laredo outlined how ESG funds will be allocated, activity descriptions, and provides a copy of the written standards for the operation and administration of the ESG program. The written standards serve as a guide in administering the City's ESG Funds. They were developed using information obtained from the various service providers in the community who presented their views on how the program could best serve the homeless population within the community and through consultation with the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

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	Border Region MHMR Behavioral Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. Border Region Behavioral Health Center is funded by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and has continued to be dedicated to providing comprehensive and compassionate recovery oriented services to individuals with behavioral health needs. BRBHC serves approximately 14,000 clients (adults and children) per year. Programs include: Intellectual Development Disabilities, Mental Health Services, Primary Health Care, Substance Abuse Services, Crisis Stabilization inpatient services, Care Coordination services, Crisis services, outreach services to individuals with behavioral health needs, individuals experiencing homelessness, adults, children, and adolescents who are residents of Webb, Starr, Jim Hogg, and Zapata Counties regardless of their ability to pay. Additional services include Veterans Services and Telemedicine. Border Region is now a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) and were certified in December of 2021. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to individuals through the Coordinated Entry process.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Bethany House of Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth

<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>The agency was consulted through email. Bethany House provides services for shelter and temporary housing (Transitional) for individuals or families experiencing homelessness. During the course of these services, agency/staff provides intensive case management, referrals, job coaching, and housing intervention. Chronic homeless are provided with essential services in the area of agency referrals, clothing referrals, meal and shelter program, transportation, medical and mental health-substance abuse (co-occurring disorder) services as needed. In addition, our Outreach program targets the street homeless, and information is disseminated to engage them in services. The following are offered to homeless individuals, families and those at risk of becoming homeless: Food Pantry Program, Homebound Delivery Program, and other Emergency Assistance. Collaborative efforts are ongoing with community agencies to address homeless issues in our Community by networking and generating Individual Action Plans for individuals and/or families that are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. Under the Bethany House umbrella, direct assistance is offered through the Rapid Re-housing and Homelessness Prevention program to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. In addition, the agency participates in the local Laredo Homeless Coalition and networks with other agencies, city, state, and the federal government to provide updates on current programs and information regarding the issues of homelessness. Texas Homeless Network provides a data system called HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) which monitors ongoing homeless services within the State of Texas. It is a vital to measure client outcomes. Every year a Point in Time Count survey is conducted to account for data revolving around the issue of homelessness. Monthly Outreach projects are conducted/coordinated in areas where homeless individuals congregate. During this activity, intakes are completed and much needed essential products are provided to our clients. Local agencies participate providing valuable information underlining the different factors that cause homelessness. Health clinics are coordinated, thus, providing</p>
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		vaccinations, intervention and prevention care among the medical, substance and mental factors. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was to seek information regarding the various programs and services offered, the identification of the needs of the community and gaps, and better coordination of the services offered to the homeless population.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Casa de Misericordia
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. Casa de Misericordia (Casa) provides shelter and support services to adults and children who are homeless due to domestic violence. Casas services includes twenty four hour full service emergency shelter and crisis hotline, information and referral, safety planning, advocacy and intervention services, support groups, counseling intervention services, case management, tutoring, educational arrangements, music classes, summer camps for children, educational, life skills classes, primary prevention services and community education. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty 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>The agency was consulted through email. The programs and services provided by Catholic Charities Diocese of Laredo are: 1) Emergency Assistance to help individuals/families with utilities, rent, food, and case management. 2) Immigration Services which help families to stay united and allow for lawful employment as permanent legal residents or becoming a US Citizen. 3) Disaster or Humanitarian Relief assists families who have suffered a disaster and seek emergency shelter or who find themselves in desperate or emergency situations, such as fleeing their countries to request asylum. Other services include mission work such as a coordinated medical mission which provides medical services to the indigent and home repair mission to assist low income families with a home improvement project. Catholic Charities also provide the seasonal Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a free income tax preparation program for lower income individuals, food drives for Thanksgiving and Christmas and toy drives and giveaways. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.</p>
5	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD)</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Other government - Local</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>HOPWA Strategy</p>

<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>Consulted through email. Over the past three decades the CLHD has developed a one stop shop service model that includes outreach and prevention, HIV testing/counseling, HIV early intervention services, STD screenings and treatment, case management, medical care, basic dental care, mental health and transportation services housing assistance, diagnostic services and pharmaceutical assistance. Collectively, these services establish a continuum of care for reducing new HIV infections and increasing access to care and improving health outcomes for PLWH (People Living with HIV). The CLHD HIV/AIDS Program is servicing a geographical service area that includes Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg and Starr Counties. CLHD provides comprehensive outpatient primary health care and support services primarily to minority, economically disadvantaged, uninsured, and underinsured PLWH along the U.S. and Mexico Border. Additionally, the program will focus on increasing linkage to care for vulnerable populations such as: people who inject drugs, transgender individuals, MSMs, female sex workers, and pregnant women. CLHD continues: 1. counseling for individuals with respect to HIV; 2. targeted HIV testing; 3. medical evaluation, clinical, and diagnostic services; 4. therapeutic measures for preventing and treating the deterioration of the immune system, and for preventing and treating conditions arising from HIV/AIDS; and 5. referrals to appropriate providers of health care and support services. The CLHD HIV/AIDS program is the largest HIV service provider in the area dedicated to the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS. The program will continue to focus on increasing the number of persons from racial and ethnic minority populations, primarily Latinos identified with HIV infection and increasing their linkage to HIV care. The absolute goal is to address gaps and barriers in access to care by linking and initiating primary medical care for PLWH shortly after diagnosis or upon enrollment and ensure that each client has access to the supportive services necessary to retain them in ongoing primary medical care. CLHD HIV/AIDS program aims to integrate the HIV Care Continuum models strategy that links individuals to medical care and access Anti-Retroviral Therapy</p>
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		(ART) in order to reach viral suppression to improve health outcomes. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to our community.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LAREDO, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc. builds simple, decent and affordable single family homes. The organization also rehabilitates and does critical home repairs. Partnerships with the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs, foundations, local donors and vendors plus donated volunteer labor keep the cost of the homes affordable to the families who receive a zero interest mortgage upon completion of 500 hours of sweat equity. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Laredo College
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. LC offers students a variety of certificate and degree programs and continually adds programs and student support services to accomplish its mission of making education accessible to all. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to our community. NOTE: The college name has changed to Laredo College.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Laredo Housing Authority
	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?	The agency was consulted through email. The Laredo Housing Authority administers three housing programs: Public Housing, Farm Labor, and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8). The Public Housing Program provides decent and safe rental housing for 764 eligible low-income families with 732 units in Laredo and 32 in Asherton. The Farm Labor Housing Program provides decent and safe rental housing for eligible migrant families in 48 USDA designated farm labor units. The HCV Program provides assistance to 1,790 low-income families with various types of vouchers such as the Housing Choice, Project Based, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, Mainstream, Emergency Housing, and Rental Assistance Demonstration. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	NeighborWorks Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Education Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. NeighborWorks Laredo (NWL) empowers individuals and families to fulfill the American dream through education, counseling, and available resources. NWL Services include Homebuyer Classes and Counseling, Foreclosure Prevention Counseling, Financial Management, has 67 affordable rental units and is now offering small consumer lending. NW Laredo will continue to offer foreclosure counseling services to save families from becoming homeless. NW Laredo also offers Financial Management and counseling that includes guiding clients with their credit goals. NWL is in the process of becoming a CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution), it is an emerging CDFI. In addition, NWL recently constructed three affordable single family houses and is in the process of developing an affordable 24 single family home project that will address equitable opportunities for low to moderate income families that will generate home wealth equity for the families. NWL has also expanded its services to include weatherization and rehab of single property homes in Laredo, Texas and has expanded to rural communities including the Webb and Zapata County areas. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	LULAC Haven, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. LULAC Haven is a housing project for the elderly and handicapped. The 48 unit apartment project is funded by HUD under Section 8-202 subsidies and the residents pay rent based on 30% of their income. Quality of life services that are provided include: hot meals and social information sessions. The facilities are designated to be comfortable, safe, and peaceful environment for the elderly population. On site management and maintenance services assure compliance with housing quality standards. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Sacred Heart Children's Home
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Children Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consulted through e-mail. Sacred Heart Children's Home in the Diocese of Laredo provides care for nearly 60 children (boys ages 5 thru 10 and girls 5 thru 17.) The home provides shelter, food, clothing, a humane environment, welfare, safety, care, supervision, medical and dental care, counseling and psychological aid (as needed), educational opportunities, and moral guidance. This agency plans to continue to serve children who need to be placed away from their family home for some justified reason. At the present time, the number of children we are serving is 30. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and identification of programs or projects to address these needs.

12	Agency/Group/Organization	Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. SCAN provides prevention, intervention, residential and outpatient substance use treatment services, services for at-risk children and youth, trauma mental health treatment for children and youth, early intervention services for families experiencing family conflict, transitional living services for transitioning age homeless youth, street outreach, services for runaway youth. Additionally, SCAN provides primary care screenings, crisis intervention, and mental health counseling for individuals with severe mental health and or substance use disorders, and mental health counseling for homeless individuals. The agency operates the following programs in Laredo: Adult Outpatient Treatment, Border Reentry and Community Integration Substance Abuse Treatment Program, Border Traumatic Stress Response Center, Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders services, DWI Outpatient Substance Use Program, Emergency Youth Shelter, Family and Youth Success, Healthy Border Initiative Substance Abuse Treatment Project, Mental Health Awareness Training, Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support, Runaway and Homeless Youth Program, Youth Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Program, among other programs in order to foster the healthy development of individuals through trauma informed empowerment opportunities that are rooted in the community. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to individuals through the Coordinated Entry process.

13	Agency/Group/Organization	Villa San Luis
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. Provides section 8, 202, and 221 housing for low income individuals. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Texas A&M International University
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty 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>The agency was consulted through email. Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), a proud member of The Texas A&M University System, prepares students for leadership roles in an increasingly complex, culturally diverse state, national, and global society. TAMIU provides a learning environment built on a solid academic foundation in the arts and sciences with a commitment to community engagement through its service learning programs. The University offers a range of baccalaureate and masters programs and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in International Business Administration and Criminal Justice. Now a regional University of choice serving over 8,000 students, TAMIU is home to six colleges and schools: The College of Arts and Sciences, the A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business, the College of Education, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences with its Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing, University College, and the Graduate School. The campus, located on 300 acres of former ranchland in North Laredo, continues to grow with the planned addition of a new Health Sciences Education and Research Center and an expansion of the Western Hemispheric Trade Center. The University has also recently completed a Master Plan to guide the campus growth for decades to come. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to our community.</p>
15	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>The Salvation Army</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. The agency works with United Way and other non-profit agencies. Services provided include Christmas Assistance, Food Pantry, Clothing and Household Goods Vouchers, Summer Day Camp, and as well as the School of Music Program, Youth Program and Womens and Mens Ministries. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was to seek information regarding the various programs and services offered, the identification of the needs of the community and gaps, and better coordination of the services offered to the homeless population.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	LAREDO-WEBB COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. Services include Utility Assistance; skills training; Case Management; Rural Mass Transit; Meals-on-Wheels; Elderly Nutrition; Financial Literacy; Computer Literacy; Construction classes; Tool Library; Colonia clean-up of illegal dump sites; housing rehab; new house construction; major reconstruction and small home improvements. Funding comes from grants provided by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; Texas Dept. of Transportation; Texas Department of Health and Human Commission; County of Webb; FEMA, Texas Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Please let me know if there is anything else you need from us. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.

17	Agency/Group/Organization	MileOne
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. MileOne is an economic resource center focused on the growth and economic prosperity of Laredo and Webb County region. Their mission is to build capacity for entrepreneurial expansion in our region by establishing an eco-system that promotes business opportunities, investment and job growth. MileOne is utilizing three main initiatives to develop a robust entrepreneurial climate: (1) Assist small-mid size businesses create sustainability and growth; (2) Incubate start up and existing business ventures through dedicated mentorship, office space, and workshops; (3) Attract foreign & domestic direct investment. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to our community.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Webb County Youth Village
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Other government - County Corrections Programs and Institutions
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through phone. Some of the services that this agency provides include: 24/7 detention services, transportation to services needed by the youth, educational services for individuals who are unable to attend school as well as probation services and have a youth village. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered in our community.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Workforce Solutions for South Texas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. This is a local organization that implements a system of services focused to increase our communitys economic development as a resource for employers to access workforce they are seeking, and training individuals to be successfully employed. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered in our community.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department of Community Development consults with the Mayor and City Council members during public City Council meetings to discuss the proposed projects for the next fiscal year. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was to ensure that citizen's needs from the different low/mod areas of the districts are met to the greatest extent feasible.

21	Agency/Group/Organization	Laredo Fire Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Hazard Mitigation
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Laredo Fire Department is part of the City Council meetings in which the ideas as well as the proposed projects for the next fiscal year are discussed. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is to identify the needs of the community and identify programs or projects to address these including being better prepared in case of a flood and other emergencies in our community.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Laredo Information Services and Telecommunications (IST) Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband Connectivity

<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>The IST Department and the Utility Coordination Committee worked closely in consulting with multiple local service providers via phone and email in order to continue identifying future broadband needs in our community. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was to ensure the identification of the internet connectivity within our community. The City is also assisting with providing additional connectivity through a CDBG project which is underway and will provide the improvements to the extension of the fiber optic network (I-Net) of the City to the El Eden Recreation Center and other amenities as deemed necessary located within different low mod areas. The City conducted a Broadband Feasibility Study to construct its Fiber Backbone as an IT Capital Project, as an essential public asset, with the goal of funding, constructing, owning, and operating the network as a City Enterprise Fund, focused on connecting City sites, and enabling innovation, while ensuring equal access and digital inclusion.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City of Laredo contacted and consulted with all required agencies through emails and phone-calls in order to seek information regarding the various programs and services offered. This was done in order to better identify the needs and gaps in the services provided. The City believes that agencies consulted were those vital and did not purposely fail to consult with an agency.

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	Texas Balance of State	Every year, the City consults with the Texas Homeless Network (THN) on homeless related topics. The City believes that our goals overlap with the goals and strategies stated in the CoC Action 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 Citizen Participation Plan sets the City of Laredo policies and procedures for citizen involvement and establishes a way for citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties to take part in the development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and any substantial amendments to projects and/or funding. The citizen participation process included public notices, public hearings, an online survey and a comment period. In an effort to broaden citizen participation, the Plan includes specific language that states that it will be made available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities, upon timely request, to ensure that persons with disabilities have access on an equal basis with others. In addition, all advertisements and surveys are published in English and Spanish, include the Fair Housing Logo, and state that special services will be made available upon timely request for the physically impaired.

On March 19th, 2023 a notice was published in the Laredo Morning Times, the newspaper with the greatest circulation notifying citizens that CD would be receiving surveys and public comments through the following methods: during a WebEx public meeting for organizations, during a public hearing, in person at two city office locations, by phone, via e-mail at cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us, orally or in writing at the CD Admin office, and via an online survey. The City collected a total of 485 online surveys which were available through the Survey Monkey site in English and Spanish in an effort to collect additional public input. The availability of the online survey was promoted in the newspaper, in the City's website, in the City's Facebook page, via posters posted at different City and Non-profit agencies' offices, during the City Council meeting, and CD staff visited 11 different locations to promote the survey. The survey helped in identifying the community needs and projects they would like to see funded in FY 2023-2024.

As a result of the comments received, we identified that the community would like to see projects related to counseling, referral/support services, rental assistance for low income elderly individuals, construction of new housing for purchase by low-income households, homelessness prevention (rent and utility assistance, homebuyer down payment assistance, outreach services for holes living in the street, recreation centers, additional emergency centers, parks and play grounds. Comments received at the public meetings and public hearings are reviewed while planning for proposed projects. Copies of the advertisements for the public hearings can be found in the Appendix C of this plan.

A public hearing was held on April 3, 2023 during the regular scheduled City Council, in order to give citizens another opportunity to express their housing and community development needs. During this meeting, no comments were received.

A second public hearing was held on June 5th, 2023 during the regular scheduled City Council meeting as part of the City’s Citizen Participation Plan to allow the public to comment on the proposed use of funds. The City is conducting City Council meetings in person and public comments are now accepted in person. No comments were received. Additionally, the thirty day comment period began on 5/26/23 and ended on 6/24/23 in order for the public to review the plan and provide comments. No comments were received.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Laredo published a public notice in the Laredo Morning Times on 3/19/23 announcing the Community Needs survey, other ways of submitting public comments and the first public hearing held on 4/3/23.	No comments received.	No comments received.	N/A

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	The City of Laredo held an online live public meeting on 3/31/23 via WebEx in order to receive comments regarding the use of funds.	Comments received included how do families qualify for the ESG services.	All comments were heard and read.	N/A

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Laredo held a public hearing on 4/3/23 during the City Council meeting in order to receive comments regarding the use of funds.	No comments received.	No comments received.	https://www.cityoflaredo.com/city-council/council-activities/council-minutes/2023Min/M2023-R-05.pdf

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Laredo published a public notice in the Laredo Morning Times on 5/21/23 and a second notice on 6/4/23 announcing the list of proposed projects, 30 day public comment period, and availability of the draft plan for review.	No comments received.	No comments received.	N/A

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
5	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Laredo posted a draft of the AAP on the City website. A public notice that appeared in the Laredo Morning Times on 5/21/23 and 6/4/23 announced the list of proposed projects, 30 day public comment period, and availability of the draft plan for review on the website.	No comments received.	No comments received.	www.cityoflaredo.com
6	E-Mail	Non-targeted/broad community	The City made public a Community Development Department e-mail address for the public to send comments via e-mail.	No comments received.	No comments received.	cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us

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)
7	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	The City of Laredo had a public hearing on 6/5/23 during the City Council Meeting in order to receive comments regarding the proposed use of funds.	No comments received.	No comments received.	https://www.cityoflaredo.com/city-council/council-activities/council-minutes/2023Min/M2023-R-09.pdf

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
8	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The City made its 2023-2024 Community Needs Survey available online in English and Spanish through Survey Monkey.	A total of 485 surveys were collected online and the results of the survey which denotes the percentage of respondents that indicated that there was either a great need, some need, or no need for a particular activity or service can be found in the Appendix Section D.	All comments were heard and read. However, due that there is limited funding, not all comments received will result in the creation of a goal. The amount of funding to be received dictates the number of projects that can be carried out.	N/A

9	Posters	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	<p>Posters announcing the survey information, survey locations and other ways to comment were posted at the Laredo Housing Authority, Bethany House (homeless shelter), COVID-19 Response Programs Center, CD Admin office, Municipal Housing office, Health Department of the City of Laredo, City Hall, City Hall Annex. CD staff also visited multiple City and non-City offices for community members to fill</p>	<p>Comments received through Survey Monkey (Appendix D)</p>	<p>All comments were heard and read. However, due that there is limited funding, not all comments received will result in the creation of a goal. The amount of funding to be received dictates the number of projects that can be carried out.</p>	<p>N/A</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)
			out survey in person.			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The anticipated budget for FY 2023-2024 is as follows: CDBG \$3,228,384, HOME \$1,260,999 and, ESG \$299,176. The City of Laredo anticipates the receipt of \$125,000 in HOME program income. The City anticipates receiving \$80,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$7,000) and projects under this program (\$73,000), totaling \$3,308,384 of

CDBG funds expected to be available on year 1.

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	3,228,384	80,000	0	3,308,384	3,308,384	CDBG funds will be used for the housing rehabilitation loan program, code enforcement, graffiti removal, downtown elderly recreational program, homeless services Bethany House Expansion Project, Section 108 Loan Repayment and Three Points Village - Public Improvement Project. A minimum of 70% of funds will be used to address the low and moderate national objective. CDBG Funds used throughout the City will leverage other federal, local, and private funds. The City anticipates receiving \$80,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$7,000) and projects under this program (\$73,000), to be used for the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program totaling \$3,308,384 expected to be available on year 1.

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	1,260,999	125,000	0	1,385,999	1,385,999	HOME funds will be used to provide the Down Payment Assistance, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, fund Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), for a Homeowner Reconstruction Program and HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program. HOME funds will leverage other federal, local, and private funds.

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	299,176	0	0	299,176	299,176	Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds will be used to fund Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, and Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) in order to reduce homelessness in the city. ESG match requirements will be met by requiring organizations to achieve a 100% match of all funds received.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City of Laredo will use a combination of public and private funding to conduct activities identified in this plan. During this Consolidated Plan period, the City will research opportunities to apply for additional funding streams that are consistent with the goals of the Consolidated Plan. Currently, the City uses other funds to offset HUD funding reductions, when this occurs. The City of Laredo will continue to look for other sources of funding that are consistent with the goals of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan by working with community partners and non-profit

organizations to encourage leveraging of available funding sources and strengthen the capacity building.

The City of Laredo has been determined by HUD to be an area of severe fiscal distress, for this reason, the HOME matching requirement is waved 100% for FY 2023-2024. However, in support of the City's HOME funded Down Payment Assistance Program, the program is estimated to leverage approximately \$1,400,000 in private sector mortgage loan financing for FY 2023-2024.

The ESG program requires a 100% match for the total amount of funds drawn down during the federal fiscal year. The City requires all ESG subrecipients to provide a dollar-for-dollar match by calculating the value of volunteer hours, private donations, and the salary not covered by ESG, other grant funding, in-kind donations, or by other eligible methods as provided in the ESG regulations. The City's anticipated match obligation for 2023 is at least \$299,176.00. The City's ESG subrecipients submit the match documentation to city staff; the information is verified for compliance before payment is processed for reimbursement. In addition, 100% match on all expenditures must be provided after the date that HUD signs the grant agreement.

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

As previously stated, the City of Laredo continues to locate and identify several City owned properties to be used to address the needs identified in the plan. These lots can be used for the potential construction of affordable housing for qualifying low and moderate income families. As well as for the development of public facilities and the provision of public services. Currently the City received HUD approval on January 26, 2023 for the Section 108 loan which will help with the conversion of the Southern Hotel, a city-owned building located in downtown Laredo, into mixed income rental housing. The City has now awarded the construction contract for the initiation of this project as it is estimated to be completed within 18 months.

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	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs		Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$653,000 HOME: \$250,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 24 Household Housing Unit
2	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		New Construction of Housing	CDBG: \$300,000 HOME: \$460,499	Rental units rehabilitated: 24 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit
3	Homebuyer Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		New Construction of Housing Homebuyer Assistance		Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 9 Households Assisted
4	Rental Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs		Rental Assistance	HOME: \$300,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 100 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Homeless Assistance	2020	2024	Homeless		Homelessness Assistance	ESG: \$277,176	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 10 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 7518 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 10 Persons Assisted
6	Public Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Improvements	CDBG: \$240,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1090 Persons Assisted
7	Code Enforcement	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$634,998	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 102155 Persons Assisted
8	Public Service	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Service	CDBG: \$484,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 102155 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 300 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
9	Planning and Administration	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$996,386 HOME: \$125,500 ESG: \$22,000	

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Goal Description	<p>The Housing Rehabilitation program will provide persons of low-moderate income (at or below 80% of AMI) an opportunity to rehabilitate their homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Qualifying owner occupants may receive Housing Rehabilitation loans of up to \$50,000; Reconstruction loans in amounts determined on a case by case basis; and livability grants up to \$15,000. The City estimates to assist 17 households with the Housing Rehabilitation Program and 5 households with the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program.</p> <p>The Homeowner Reconstruction Program project will provide a low-moderate income (at or below 80% of AMI) household an opportunity to reconstruct its home and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Reconstruction loan amount will be determined on a case by case basis with an affordability period of 20 years. The City estimates to assist 2 household with this program.</p>

2	Goal Name	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation
	Goal Description	<p>The City will reserve HOME allocation for investment in housing to be developed, sponsored, or owned by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for the provision of decent housing that is affordable to low and moderate income persons. The City estimates to assist 2 households under this program.</p> <p>The HOME Affordable Rental Housing program entails the acquisition, rehabilitation, design and/or construction of rental housing units for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households. The City estimates to assist 2 households under this program.</p> <p>This Section 108 Loan Repayment will consist of the annual repayment of the loan used for the rehabilitation of an existing building located within City limits for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households. It is estimated to add a total of 22 units, consisting of 13 low-income and 9 market rate units with the Southern Hotel Rehabilitation Project.</p>
3	Goal Name	Homebuyer Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide down payment assistance to qualifying low-income first-time homebuyers citywide at or below 80% AMI. City estimates to assist 9 households under this program.
4	Goal Name	Rental Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide tenant-based rental assistance to elderly persons, who wish to live in the downtown area, at or below 60% of HAMFI. The City estimates to assist 100 households under this program.
5	Goal Name	Homeless Assistance
	Goal Description	Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds will be used to fund Homeless Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS), and Rapid Re-housing in order to reduce homelessness in the city. The City estimates to assist 10 households with the Rapid Rehousing Program, 10 households with the Homelessness Prevention Program and 7,518 persons at the homeless shelters.

6	Goal Name	Public Improvements
	Goal Description	This project will entail the partnership with a nonprofit to assist with the design, testing, and/or construction of public improvements to be located in low and moderate income area. This proposed Three Points Village - public improvement project will include street, water, and sewer improvements to increase the quality of life for the low income community. The City estimates that approximately 1,090 persons will benefit from this project.
7	Goal Name	Code Enforcement
	Goal Description	The Code Enforcement program promotes enforcement of city codes and education related to weeded lots, junked vehicles, and nuisances is essential to improving and maintaining low income neighborhoods and areas clean and safe, and promote a healthy environment. The City estimates to assist 102,155 persons residing in low/moderate income census tracts with this program.
8	Goal Name	Public Service
	Goal Description	The Graffiti removal program will provide services with manpower and materials in the removal of graffiti from public facilities such as parks, sidewalks, bridges, underpasses, and creeks that are located within CDBG target areas. The City estimates to assist 102,155 persons residing in low/moderate income census tracts with this program. The City of Laredo will continue to allocate funding for Homeless Services – Bethany House Expansion Project these funds will be used to pay for labor, supplies, and material as well to operate and/or maintain the portion of a homeless facility in which the public service is located. This includes the lease of a facility, equipment, and other property needed for the public service.
9	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	This consists of the payment of reasonable administrative costs associated with the planning and implementation of program activities.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City will receive \$3,228,384 in CDBG funds, \$1,260,999 in HOME funds, and \$299,176 in ESG funds from HUD.

Through the use of CDBG funds, the City anticipates funding the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, Code Enforcement Program, Graffiti Removal Program, Homeless Services – Bethany House Expansion Project, Section 108 Loan Repayment, Three Points Village - Public Improvement Project.

The City anticipates receiving, \$80,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$7,000) and projects under this program (\$73,000).

Through the use of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the City anticipates to fund a Down Payment Assistance Program, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, to fund Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), Homeowner Reconstruction Program and a HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program.

With the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG), the City will fund the following activities in order to reduce homelessness in the city:

ESG Program Administration: \$22,000

Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations: \$90,000

Emergency Shelter – Essential Services: \$33,139

Street Outreach: \$45,000

Rapid Re-housing: \$50,000

Homeless Prevention: \$51,037

Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS): \$8,000

The budgeted amount for the administration of this program is within the mandatory cap of below 7.5% as required by HUD. Additionally, the categories of Emergency Shelter - Shelter Operations, Emergency Shelter - Essential Services and Street Outreach (combined) are also within the mandatory cap of below

60% as required by HUD.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	2023 Community Development Administration
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program
4	Code Enforcement
5	Graffiti Removal Program
6	Homeless Services Bethany House Expansion Project
7	Section 108 Loan Repayment
8	Three Points Village - Public Improvement Project
9	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration
10	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program
11	HOME Program Administration
12	Down Payment Assistance Program
13	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
14	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
15	Homeowner Reconstruction Program
16	HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program
17	ESG 22 Laredo

Table 7 - Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	2023 Community Development Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation Homeless Assistance Public Improvements Code Enforcement Public Service Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Homelessness Assistance Code Enforcement Public Facilities Public Improvements Public Service Acquisition
	Funding	CDBG: \$645,000
	Description	This is for payment of reasonable administrative costs and carrying charges related to the planning and execution of community development activities assisted in whole or in part with Community Development Block Grant funds.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be reported in the various CDBG projects.
	Location Description	1301 Farragut St., Laredo, TX 78040
	Planned Activities	Administration
2	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$344,386

	Description	This consists of the payment of reasonable administrative project delivery costs associated with the planning and implementation of rehabilitation services such as rehabilitation counseling, loan processing, inspections, and other services related to assisting owners, tenants, contractors, and other entities.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be reported under Project # 3.
	Location Description	1301 Farragut St., Laredo, TX 78040
	Planned Activities	Administration
3	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$580,000
	Description	The Housing Rehabilitation Program will provide persons of low-moderate income an opportunity to rehabilitate their homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Qualifying owner occupants may receive Housing Rehabilitation loans of up to \$50,000; Reconstruction loans in amounts determined on a case by case basis; or livability grants of up to \$15,000. It is estimated that the program will fund 6 housing rehabilitation loans, 10 livability grants and 1 reconstruction loan.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 17 low and moderate income families will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Citywide in Laredo, TX.
	Planned Activities	Housing rehabilitation loans, livability grants, and reconstruction loans.
	Project Name	Code Enforcement

4	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement
	Needs Addressed	Code Enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$634,998
	Description	This program will provide project delivery costs of salaries for Code Enforcement officers, clerk and supervisor. Additionally, the operation services to ensure the goal of the program which is to eliminate slums and blighting influences and conditions which are detrimental to health, safety, and public welfare. The program responds to citizen complaints and performs inspections concerning the numerous violations detrimental to health, safety, and general welfare.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 102,155 low and moderate income persons will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	CDBG eligible areas in Laredo, TX.
	Planned Activities	Code Enforcement
5	Project Name	Graffiti Removal Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$44,000
	Description	This program will provide services where manpower and materials will be used to remove graffiti from public facilities such as parks, sidewalks, bridges, underpasses, and creeks that are located in CDBG areas.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 102,155 low and moderate income persons will benefit from this activity.

	Location Description	CDBG eligible areas in Laredo, TX.
	Planned Activities	Graffiti removal program.
6	Project Name	Homeless Services Bethany House Expansion Project
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Assistance Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$440,000
	Description	This project entails funds to be used to pay labor, supplies, and material as well to operate and/or maintain the portion of the new Bethany House Homeless facility expansion of a homeless shelter in which the public service is located. This may include the lease of a facility, equipment, and/or other items needed for the homeless public service program.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Based on the Point in Time count which reflects the total combination of sheltered and unsheltered homeless population to be 348 per year, we estimate to assist approximately 300 unsheltered people in a year.
	Location Description	901-911 Hidalgo St.
	Planned Activities	This activity will provide funds for the operational expenses in continued support of the Bethany House Homeless expansion shelter to ensure essential homeless services are provided.
7	Project Name	Section 108 Loan Repayment
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000

	Description	This project will consist of the repayment of the Section 108 Loan for the rehabilitation of an existing building located within City limits for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households. Proposed is the Southern Hotel Rehabilitation Project.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated to add a total of 22 units, consisting of 13 low-income and 9 market rate units.
	Location Description	1214 Matamoros St.
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehabilitation.
8	Project Name	Three Points Village - Public Improvement Project
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$240,000
	Description	This project will entail the partnership with a nonprofit to assist with the design, testing, and/or construction of public improvements to be located in low and moderate income area. This proposed public improvement project will include street, water, and sewer improvements to increase the quality of life for the low income community.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1,090 people under the 80% AMI will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	300 N. Arkansas
Planned Activities	Public Improvements	
9	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000
	Description	This consists of the payment of reasonable administrative project delivery costs associated with the planning and implementation of rehabilitation services such as rehabilitation counseling, loan processing, inspections, and other services related to assisting owners, tenants, contractors, and other entities.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be reported in Project # 10.
	Location Description	1301 Farragut St., Laredo, TX 78040.
	Planned Activities	Administration
10	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$73,000
	Description	The Housing Rehab Program will provide persons of low-moderate income an opportunity to rehabilitate their homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Qualifying owner occupants may receive Housing Rehabilitation loans of up to \$50,000; Reconstruction loans in amounts determined on a case by case basis; or livability grants of up to \$15,000.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 5 low and moderate income families will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Citywide in Laredo, TX

	Planned Activities	Housing rehabilitation
11	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homebuyer Assistance Rental Assistance
	Needs Addressed	New Construction of Housing Homebuyer Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$125,500
	Description	Consists of payment of reasonable administrative costs related to the planning and execution of housing programs funded through the HOME Investment Partnership Program.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be reported in Projects # 12-16.
	Location Description	1301 Farragut St. , Laredo, TX 78040
	Planned Activities	Administration
12	Project Name	Down Payment Assistance Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homebuyer Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homebuyer Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$250,000
	Description	Provide down payment assistance to qualifying low-income first-time homebuyers citywide at or below 80% of HAMFI. This years DPA loan program is funded from program income (\$125,000) generated from DPA loan payments and entitlement funds (\$125,000). Please note, the program was updated and restructured to become a forgivable loan over 5 years from the previous deferred loan structure. These new loans are not expected to generate additional program income.
	Target Date	9/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 9 qualifying low income homebuyers.
	Location Description	Citywide in Laredo, TX
	Planned Activities	Down Payment Assistance
13	Project Name	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rental Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Rental Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$300,000
	Description	Provide tenant-based rental assistance to elderly households at or below 60% of HAMFI.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 elderly households at or below 60% of HAMFI.
	Location Description	Downtown area
	Planned Activities	Tenant based rental assistance
14	Project Name	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation
	Needs Addressed	New Construction of Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$200,000
	Description	The City will reserve not less than 15 percent of its HOME allocation for investment in housing to be developed, sponsored, or owned by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for the provision of decent housing that is affordable to low-income and moderate-income persons.
	Target Date	9/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 2 households at or below 80% of HAMFI will benefit from the proposed project
	Location Description	To be determined
	Planned Activities	New construction of owner occupied housing
15	Project Name	Homeowner Reconstruction Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	HOME: \$250,000
	Description	The Homeowner Reconstruction Program will provide 2 low-moderate income household an opportunity to rehabilitate its homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Qualifying owner occupant may receive a reconstruction loan in an amount determined on a case by case basis with an affordability period of 15 years.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 2 low and moderate income household will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	Citywide in Laredo, TX
	Planned Activities	Housing reconstruction loan
16	Project Name	HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation
	Needs Addressed	New Construction of Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$260,499
	Description	This project entails the acquisition, rehabilitation, design and/or construction of rental housing units for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households.

	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that approximately 2 units will be constructed
	Location Description	To be determined
	Planned Activities	New construction of housing units
17	Project Name	ESG 22 Laredo
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Assistance
	Funding	ESG: \$299,176
	Description	This consists of the payment of reasonable administrative costs and programs for homeless assistance activities funded through the Emergency Solutions Grant.
	Target Date	9/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	During the next fiscal year, ESG funding will provide assistance to approximately: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Rehousing: 10 households • Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 7,518 Homelessness Prevention: 10 Households
Location Description	Laredo, TX	

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>With the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG), the City will fund the following activities in order to reduce homelessness in the city:</p> <p>ESG Program Administration: \$22,000</p> <p>Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations: \$90,000</p> <p>Emergency Shelter – Essential Services: \$33,139</p> <p>Street Outreach: \$45,000</p> <p>Rapid Re-housing: \$50,000</p> <p>Homeless Prevention: \$51,037</p> <p>Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS): \$8,000</p> <p>The budgeted amount for the administration of this program is within the mandatory cap of below 7.5% as required by HUD. Additionally, the categories of Emergency Shelter - Shelter Operations, Emergency Shelter - Essential Services and Street Outreach (combined) are also within the mandatory cap of below 60% as required by HUD.</p>
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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

According to the FY 2022 ACS 5-Year 2011-2015 low and moderate-income summary data, certain areas of the City have high concentrations of low-income residents. Census Tracts and block groups with populations of 51% or more of low and moderate income persons but less 70% include:

1.01 1, 3, & 4, 1.05 1 & 2, 1.06 2, 1.07 1, 1.08 1, 1.09 1, 2 1, 2, 3, & 4, 6.01 3, 6.02 1 & 2, 8 1, 9.01 1 & 3, 9.03 2, 9.04 1 & 3, 10.01 1 & 2, 10.04 2, 11.01 1 & 2, 11.03 1 & 2, 11.04 1 & 2, 12.01 2, 12.02 1, 13 1 & 2, 14.01 1 & 2, 15.01 1, 15.02 2, 16.01 2, 17.06 1, 2 & 4, 17.09 3, 17.10 1, 17.16 1, 17.17 1 & 2, 18.06 2, 18.07 1, 2 & 3, 18.08 3, 18.09 1, 18.11 1, 18.12 2, 18.13 1, 18.14 1, 18.17 1 & 3, 19 1 & 2

The following census tracts and block groups represent areas in which 70% or more of the residents are of low and moderate incomes:

1.01 2, 1.06 1, 1.07 2, 1.08 2, 1.09 2, 3 1 & 2, 6.01 1 & 2, 7 1 & 2, 8 2 & 3, 9.01 4, 9.03 1, 9.04 2, 10.03 1, 10.04 1, 11.05 2, 12.01 1 & 3, 12.02 2, 13 3, 14.01 3, 14.02 1, 15.01 2, 15.02 1, 17.06 3, 18.06 1, 18.08 2, 18.14 2, 18.15 2, 18.17 2, 18.18 1, 19 3.

According to the 2021 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, in terms of race, Laredo's population is 68% White, 0.4% Black or African American, 0.2% American Indian and Alaska Native, 0.2% Asian, and, and 0.26.7% two or more races. Of the total population, 95.5% are Hispanic or Latino and 3.2% are White alone. Because Laredo's ethnic population is 95.5% Hispanic or Latino, every area of the city is considered an area of minority concentration.

A map provided in the Appendix, Section E of the plan shows the low and moderate income areas, and City Council Districts. Some projects take place in only low and moderate income areas, and other take place city wide for the benefit of low and moderate income individuals. Locations of the remaining projects will be determined after proposals have been submitted and accepted.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

One rationale for assigning priorities to projects is feedback from the public regarding community needs.

Comments were received through an online Community Needs Survey collected by the City and through

an online live WebEx meeting hosted by the City where local organizations could voice their comments and/or questions.

Through surveys, the community provided information such as what their needs are and how the City could assist in accomplishing these. With the information provided, the City was able to identify what the public feels is most in need in order to make the community more livable. The investment of CDBG funds target the older sections of the City which are 51% or more low moderate income areas. It is in these same older neighborhoods where substandard housing exists and low income families reside. Distribution of funds was such that all CDBG target areas receive some benefit and/or improvement.

Discussion

The City plans to use its 2023-2024 CDBG allocation in CDBG eligible areas within the City of Laredo, no specific target area was identified for any of the proposed projects.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Affordable housing is a critical priority for the City of Laredo. The need for affordable housing for low income populations, special needs renters and homebuyers was reflected in the input received from the community through the survey process and agency consultations.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	10
Non-Homeless	38
Special-Needs	100
Total	148

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	120
The Production of New Units	28
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	148

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

Discussion

The City of Laredo will take a several approaches to meeting the affordable housing need for low and moderate income households. First, the provision ESG funds for homeless households. The Homelessness Prevention program will pay back owed rent, rent, utilities, deposits, and/or housing placement for approximately 10 households this year. The Rapid Re-housing program will assist approximately 10 households with rent, utilities, deposits, and housing placement. Second, the City will provide Rental Assistance to qualifying households. Through the Tenant-based Rental Assistance Program, rent is provided to 100 elderly households at or below 60% of HAMFI. Third, the City will assist in the preservation of existing housing stock through the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Programs; 22 low and moderate income homeowners will be given the opportunity to rehabilitate their homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Fourth, HOME funds will be awarded to a Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for investment in approximately 2 housing units to be developed for low and moderate income persons.

New construction activities will go through a Request for proposals (RFP) process. This process will include a market study involving a site and neighborhood review, at which time the specific new

construction activity will be specified and all applicable federal requirements will be included as part of the selected subrecipients contract. For example, if the selected subrecipients propose an activity involving construction of a multi-family dwelling project, then the design and construction requirements as per 24 CFR 100.205 and Section 504 will be applicable.

The 1st table above is comprised of the following estimated beneficiaries:

- Homeless: 10 households under the Rapid Rehousing Program
- Non-Homeless: 10 households under the Homelessness Prevention Program, 17 households under the Housing Rehabilitation Program, 5 households under the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program, 2 households under the Homeowner Reconstruction Program, 2 households by CHDOs, and 2 households under the HOME Affordable Rental Housing Project for a total of 48 beneficiaries.
- Special Needs: 100 households under the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program

The 2nd table above is comprised of the following estimated beneficiaries:

- Rental Assistance: 10 households under the Rapid Rehousing Program, 10 households under the Homelessness Prevention Program and 100 households under the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for a total of 120 beneficiaries.
- The Production of New Units: 2 households by CHDOs and 2 households under the HOME Affordable Rental Housing Project for a total of 4 beneficiaries.
- Rehab of Existing Units: 17 households under the Housing Rehabilitation Program, 5 households under the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program and 2 household under the Homeowner Reconstruction Program for a total of 24 beneficiaries.

The City also consulted with the Texas Homeless Network regarding the use of ESG funds and other related items.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Laredo's population is served by the Laredo Housing Authority (LHA). The LHA PHA Five Year and Annual Plan provides comprehensive information on the planned actions for the next five years to address the public housing needs of low-income residents. These actions are detailed below and in other sections of this Plan.

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

Throughout the year, the City of Laredo will continue working in collaboration with the Laredo Housing Authority to address our community needs. The City and LHA are both part of the Coordinated Entry process through which individuals and families are assisted with different services offered in the community. Also, the City, as the Responsible Entity for HUD funds, assists in the review and approves environmental reviews for LHA public housing projects.

Laredo Housing Authority's mission is to serve the diverse housing needs of families, to increase the availability of safe, decent, and sanitary housing in its communities, ensure equal opportunity in housing, promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals, improve quality of life and economic viability, and provide high-quality services. LHA is also committed to ultimately providing the necessary assistance which will allow residents to live independently. LHA will continue to assist families and individuals of very-low income to secure safe, decent, and sanitary housing. During the next fiscal year, LHA anticipates providing assistance through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV), Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Mainstream Vouchers, Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD), Project Based Vouchers (PBV), and Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). Assisted families are responsible for making rent co-payments, as applicable, and as per the requirements of HUD, depending on each assisted family's anticipated income. LHA will continue to work with the private sector in identifying available and suitable rental properties.

LHA will, through funding from different capital grants, continue to improve the physical condition of its units in the various housing developments, develop and collaborate with community partners, and improve its operations. In the Five-Year Plan, LHA has outlined their plans for the restoration and revitalization of the developments over the next five years. Planned improvements include: bathroom renovations, kitchen cabinets, door replacement, roof replacement, floor replacement, sidewalks, landscaping, grading and filling, shower renovation, electrical service upgrades, replacement of entry doors, sewer lines, exterior paint, boiler domestic water system, and HVAC system.

In addition, the City of Laredo continues to support the Laredo Housing Authority's efforts in creating more affordable housing opportunities for the citizens through initiatives such as tiny homes, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, redevelopment of the Russell Terrace Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) property, Meadow Elderly RAD property, and Low-Income Tax Credit properties

such as the Casa Verde Apartments and the River Bank Village Apartments.

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

LHA will continue to maintain activities and services that promote self-sufficiency, resident organizations, resident training, community development, and other services. These will be accomplished by providing resident training related to housekeeping, regulatory and policy requirements; conducting needs assessments, providing for future resource development, social services referrals, providing home maintenance; and promoting resident organization activities in the areas of resource development, adult basic education, technical and vocational training, and crime prevention.

LHA provides services to its residents, known as Resident Initiatives. These initiatives include: Community Services, Elderly and Disabled Supportive Service Program, After School Program, Kids Café Program, BiblioTech Digital Library, and Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS). Seven of LHA's developments have Resident Councils (RC), who coordinate and sponsor community services for their housing residents. The RCs meet on a monthly basis and participate in presentations covering an array of topics such as health care, job opportunities, education, nutrition, parenting classes, AIDS awareness, drug and alcohol abuse and awareness, and domestic violence. Job searching opportunities are provided through a partnership with Workforce Solutions for South Texas. In partnership with Laredo College, English as a Second Language classes are offered to residents. These classes are designed for adults of limited English proficiency. ESL consists of integrated listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.

In addition, as part of the Action Plan process, the city consults with the LHA and its residents regarding their needs. Also, the City publishes its HOME programs in the newspaper including the Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Program to encourage home ownership, with the intention of reaching low/moderate income populations including LHA tenants. The city has also delivered DPA program flyers to be distributed among LHA tenants.

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

The Laredo Housing Authority is not designated as “troubled” by HUD. In fact, the Housing Authority has been designated by HUD as a High Performer. With this designation, HUD provides more funding opportunities that help LHA address our community housing needs. In the past, LHA completed the development and construction of the Casa Verde Apartments, a 152-unit apartment complex, located on Casa Verde Rd. Additionally, LHA has completed the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the 162-units known as the Russell Terrace Development from Public Housing to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD). In collaboration with the City of Laredo, LHA has also completed the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Los Balcones Apartments, a 10-unit Transitional Housing

Property, located at 1505 O’Kane.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City anticipates receiving \$299,176 in ESG funds from HUD. Upon award of these funds, the City proposes to undertake eligible activities to address the needs of the homeless in our community. A match which equals 100% of the amount allocated by HUD will be generated through in-kind, volunteer, and/or donated contributions by the City and its sub recipients, as deemed acceptable. Through the use of Emergency Solutions Grants Programs funds, the City proposes to fund the following activities:

- ESG Program Administration - City \$22,000
- Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations \$90,000
- Emergency Shelter - Essential Services \$33,139
- Street Outreach \$45,000
- Rapid Re-Housing \$50,000
- Homelessness Prevention \$51,037
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) \$8,000

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

The special needs population includes individuals having mobility impairments, disabilities, or that require supportive services. Typically, this population has a severe or persistent mental illness, development, and physical disabilities. Several organizations provide facilities and services for special needs populations in Laredo.

- Casa de Misericordia (CASA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides secure, temporary residential services to victims of domestic violence.
- The Children's Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County (CAC) is a non-profit organization established in 1995 to service child victims of domestic violence and abuse.
- Laredo Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic - HUD-VASH implements case management efforts for Veterans to attain various services including eligibility screening services, referrals to VA primary care, mental health and substance abuse treatment, disability benefits, income assistance, employment support, money management skills and permanent housing subsidies (for Veteran participants and their immediate families) through its Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- Laredo Housing Authority (LHA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides housing assistance to include public housing, Section-8, and farm labor. LHA also provides family self-sufficiency instruction, senior/disabled services, and residential council opportunities.

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

In order to address the homeless needs of the community, the City of Laredo will continue to support organizations that reach out to homeless individuals in order to create a better service system to address these needs. Through the funding of the following ESG components: Homelessness Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach, and HMIS, the City continues to ensure those in most need will receive this type of assistance. The City advertised a Request for Proposals in June 2023, to make known what activities are eligible to be funded from the ESG program. Through the submissions, we will strive to allocate funds to those agencies most capable of carrying out these goals. By collaborating with partner agencies, it is anticipated that approximately 10 households will be assisted with homelessness prevention and approximately 10 households with rapid re-housing for a period of up to 6 months.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Laredo will continue to fund agencies providing emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families. 2023 Emergency Shelter funds will be utilized for the operating costs of local homeless shelters such as for maintenance, insurance, furnishings, food, and staff payroll. The City will also provide essential services including those related to employment, health, drug abuse, or educational services to those staying at the homeless shelter. By collaborating with agencies, the City will strive to serve approximately 7,518 or more people (possibly duplicate clients) at the shelters with the various programs available. The City continues to assess the growing need for shelter expansion with the assistance of a homeless consultant which provided a needs assessment study that included recommended action steps needed to address this issue.

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

The City has established a network of local agencies that work together to address the needs of homeless persons and those at risk of becoming homeless. Currently, the City conducts a monthly “Laredo Homeless Veterans By-name Master list” meeting to address individual housing barriers and needs of identified homeless veterans in the community. In addition, the City is addressing the lack of available rental units by prioritizing a “Homeless Veterans Preference” at its municipally owned rental housing to reduce wait time for available units for homeless veterans receiving housing assistance. The

City continues to work with other agencies to end veterans homelessness in the community.

In addition, ESG subrecipients require their participants that receive assistance to create and follow a stabilization plan. This plan sets in place achievable goals, such as job searches and assistance applications, to prevent these participants from becoming homeless again.

The City will increase the availability of affordable permanent housing for homebuyers through the following programs:

- Assist in the preservation of existing housing stock through the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program.
- HOME funds will be awarded to a Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for investment in approximately two (2) housing units to be developed for low and moderate income persons.

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.

Through the collaborations with the different community agencies, the City of Laredo will strive to assist low income individuals and families. In order to receive assistance through the ESG program, the individual/family must meet the requirements established by HUD.

In addition, the City continues to coordinate with other nonprofits to assisting low-income persons being discharged from publicly funded institutions or systems of care. Through this the City, partner agencies and providers refer eligible individuals that are exiting an institution and/or are at risk individuals of homelessness to sub-recipients providing Homeless Prevention Services. All participating providers and agencies are advised that Homelessness Prevention funds are available for the services mentioned above.

Discussion

The following agencies provide homeless services and facilities to meet the needs of homeless persons:

- Bethany House provides emergency shelter, onsite meals / street bound meals, counseling Services, free clothing and personal hygiene items, education classes and job training
- Casa de Misericordia (CASA) provides shelter and assistance for those experiencing domestic violence. CASA provides year-round multi-service programs of safety planning, support,

advocacy, 24 hour crisis hotline, referrals to appropriate agencies when necessary, counseling, support groups, court accompaniment, assistance with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) applications, assistance with first month's rent and/or utility bills and transportation (bus tickets).

- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Laredo provides rental and utilities assistance to families and individuals to prevent homelessness or regain housing stability. They also provide prescription medication assistance and low cost immigration services.
- Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN) provides services to children, adolescents, adults and their families. They provide prevention, intervention, substance abuse treatment outpatient and residential treatment, emergency shelter services, victim assistance, and outreach services.
- The Salvation Army helps others in times of need/disaster and the less fortunate; the organization distributes clothing vouchers, food baskets, and provides shelter.

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

Introduction:

The City of Laredo does not maintain restrictive city policies and fees. Laredo is a community in which according to the 2021 American Community Survey, 5-year estimates, show that 22.2% of individuals live below the poverty level.

The City contracted with Blulynx Solutions to develop the “2018 Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice”. The AI was a joint effort prepared for the City of Laredo and the Laredo Housing Authority. The AI revealed several impediments to fair housing choice. The suggested actions to address the key issues identified were designed to offer greater housing choice to the protected classes frequently experiencing discrimination in the housing market throughout the City of Laredo.

The impediments identified included: Lack of available housing units, lack of fair housing education, economic issues that affect housing choice, and racially/ethnically concentrated areas and impact on opportunity. In order to address these impediments, as suggested in the AI, the City has been working on increasing availability of affordable and habitable housing through the use of CDBG and HOME funds, setting aside funds for housing development, rehab of housing units, working with community partners to provide education, increasing the livable wage, among other.

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

During FY 2023-2024, the City and/or other organizations will continue to undertake efforts to promote affordable housing which include, but are not limited to:

- Through funding of the housing rehabilitation program, affordable housing supply will continue to increase.
- Reduce lead-based paint hazards by providing testing and remediation for households eligible to participate in the rehabilitation program.
- Making available down payment assistance to facilitate homeownership by individuals and families of low income.
- Working with the private sector to promote the construction of affordable housing by not implementing any restrictive building fees.
- Continue to partner with CHDO’s and other non-profits in the development of affordable housing to better leverage available funds.
- Implementation of Neighborhood Empowerment Zones in various City wide CDBG eligible areas which allow for tax abatement opportunities and other incentives, including waiver of building

fees.

- The City update to its Comprehensive Master includes an update on local land development code, smart code, allowing for better use of urban areas and walkability, as well as making buildings more street friendly, among other.
- Making available tenant-based rental assistance for the elderly.
- Keeping informed of innovative methods of construction, which help keep the cost of construction low.
- Providing homebuyer-counseling services.
- Continue to provide technical assistance to housing organizations and developers regarding reading federal, state, and local regulatory requirements and funding opportunities.
- Building more affordable housing near transit areas of the city to reduce transportation cost to low income households.
- Continue to identify public land for the creation of affordable housing.
- The property tax rate for the City of Laredo is expected to continue at the current level of \$0.570000 per \$100 value.

Discussion:

The City is making every effort to maintain the availability of affordable housing through the implementation of Neighborhood Empowerment Zones (NEZ) within areas of decline in downtown and central Laredo. This program promotes inner city redevelopment has shown to be a key part of the reinvestment in the areas targeted.

The City of Laredo is committed to collaborating with housing organizations and developers to explore strategies to address housing barriers as they may be identified. The City will continue to pursue partnerships, locate additional funding sources, and strategize on new ways to promote the development of affordable housing through private and public partnerships.

Additionally, the Laredo Housing Authority conducted a vacant residential lots study citywide which the City could use for the purpose of infill housing activities through various programs/activities by non-profits and the private sector.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Laredo plans the actions and strategies described below in order to address underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2021, Population Estimates indicated that 22.2% of people lived in poverty in Laredo, 32.6% of children under 18 lived below the poverty level, compared with 21.2% of people 18-64 years of age and 24.3% for those 65 years of age and over.

Actions taking place to address these obstacles include working with local colleges and universities and other job training and educational institutions to better prepare residents. The City is also taking steps to assure prospective visitors to Laredo that Laredo is indeed safe to visit. It has created a website with valid statistics regarding Laredo's safety (crime and auto theft) to offset media hype. This is being done with the intent of attracting more tourism, and to encourage business and industry to establish themselves in the area.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

- The City's HOME Program currently provides down payment assistance of up to \$30,000 to households at or below 80% HAMFI. The City will continue to study the feasibility of raising the levels of assistance given the current housing market and the need to maintain a unit's affordability. The amount of assistance is based on the amount needed to make the home affordable to the prospective homebuyer. The City coordinates closely with the mortgage company and the prospective homebuyer to facilitate this assistance. It is the intent of this program to assist low-income, first-time homebuyers with down payment assistance for the purchase of a new or existing home. Through the down payment program, the City proposes to expend \$250,000 derived from entitlement funds and program income, to assist approximately 9 low-income, first-time homebuyers.
- Promote Housing Rehabilitation efforts to improve and safeguard existing housing stock
- Support low income housing tax credit projects that increase the availability of affordable rental housing
- The City will implement various outreach efforts including the distribution of fliers detailing program guidelines to the residents and tenants of public housing to ensure that assistance is provided to such residents, tenants, and families. In addition, the City will work with private lending institutions, advising them of the availability of these funds.
- Funds will be used to target low and moderate income families. In order to ensure the suitability

of the families receiving DPA assistance, the City will require that homeowner(s) take homebuyer counseling courses and provide the City with a certificate of completion.

- The City of Laredo will continue to collaborate with housing organizations and developers to create affordable housing opportunities.
- The City of Laredo will continue to use Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreements in order to create programs that offer a range of incentives designed to promote local economic development and stimulate business and commercial activity.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Laredo has integrated Federal lead-based paint requirements into the Housing Rehabilitation (HR) program. Currently, lead-based paint testing is being conducted on all units built prior to 1978 that may be in need of rehabilitation. The evaluation process involves a visual inspection of all painted surfaces in the subject home by a state licensed and certified Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessor.

The City currently has two (2) Lead Risk Assessors with the Department of Community Development. The Department owns its own thermal scientific NitonXLt portable XRF analyzer. In order to reduce lead-based paint hazards, the City informs residents, through its HR Program and also through the Health Department, of the sources of lead-based paint, the symptoms associated with lead poisoning, and precautions to take to prevent lead-based paint poisoning. The Lead Risk Assessor evaluates the condition of the paint in the unit and forms an opinion as to the level of lead-based paint hazard using guidelines established by HUD and the EPA. If the Lead Risk Assessor determines there is a lead based risk hazard in the subject property, the Lead Risk Assessor, following established federal guidelines, determines what lead hazard control/abatement must be done.

Under the EPA rules, workers must follow lead-safe work practice standards to reduce potential exposure to occupants from dangerous levels of lead resulting from renovation and repair activities. As of April 2010, federal law requires contractors to be certified, and homeowners have also been required to sign a pre-renovation disclosure form. The City also provides home owners with a lead hazard information pamphlet before work is begun on their home.

The City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) continues to monitor all communicable and reportable diseases including lead levels. Through an active medical surveillance on the number of elevated lead levels in our community from housing, medical providers and environmental assessments they fully investigate, asses, confirm and remediate for health prevention. CLHD monitors all abnormal Reports of any elevated lead level in children received from doctors offices, clinics, hospitals, and directly from the TDSHS as well as from environmental assessments.

As a health department team, environmental health specialists, epidemiologists, and lead risk assessors we evaluate every elevated lead level case being referred. A meeting is established with the owner or manager of the dwelling and/or the family to fully investigate and review health data, exposure routes,

eating utensils, construction historical data on the building, and conduct a lead screening. Afterwards, sample from paint chips, soils, dust, food, pottery are analyzed by our lead assessor and sometimes sent to a lead certified lab for analysis. The child or adult is referred with a nutritionist or dietitian as well to their physician to share results and to establish a course of action. The goal is to bring the lead levels below the recommended threshold pre-established by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (5 micrograms per deciliter). If a dwelling needs remediation they work closely with the family and housing authorities to assure this gets done.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

In an effort to reduce the incidence of poverty in Laredo, the City will implement the following efforts during FY 2023-2024:

1. Promote economic development opportunities for persons living in poverty by providing economic incentives for businesses wishing to locate or/expand services in the community through non-federal sources.
2. Continue to support, contingent on the availability of funding, the efforts of the third party agencies, to promote the City of Laredo and encourage commercial and industrial development.
3. Implement infrastructure projects and other public improvements that serve to attract and maintain industry.
4. Make application to state and federal agencies in support of projects which help promote commercial and residential development in presently underdeveloped areas of the City.
5. Support initiatives that help further local educational objectives.
6. Support a program and utilize minority small business contractors as deemed possible in the award of all infrastructure and housing construction and rehabilitation contracts.
7. The City is supporting the Mile 1 Center which provides a collaborative co-working space where Entrepreneurs, Freelancers, Developers, Makers & Creators can help each other build businesses & explore ideas together. It counts with a dedicated office space for early-stage businesses with access to a full range of resources along with dedicated mentors and professional business network for support.
8. Adhere with the Section 3 requirements of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.
9. Continue to administer ESG funds, through partner agencies, to assist homeless individuals and families or those on the verge of being homeless become stabilized.
10. Continue conducting the monthly “Laredo Homeless Veterans By-name Master list” meeting to

address individual housing barriers and needs of identified homeless veterans in the community. In addition, the City is addressing the lack of available rental units by prioritizing a “Homeless Veterans Preference” at its municipally owned rental housing to reduce wait time for available units for homeless veterans receiving housing assistance. The City is working on ending veterans homelessness in the community through a coordinated entry process established through the local Homeless Coalition.

Ensuring that local and national objectives are being met involves not only effective monitoring practices, but also collaboration with community partners. The City collaborates with a complex and diverse network of partners for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. These partners, a majority of whom carry out the activities proposed in this Action Plan, include CHDO’s, non-profit organizations, housing developers, social service providers, and private financial institutions.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City will work to keep lines of communication open with institutions and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of entering into partnerships in promoting common objectives. The City will continue to provide “Third Party Funding” to local organizations to support health, education, and quality of life efforts. This year the City budgeted \$996,443 to assist third party organizations, many of which are identified in this Annual Plan. The City also manages a Non-Profit and Volunteer Center. As notices of funding opportunities and/or trainings are identified, the City will advise local organizations as may be appropriate.

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

In order to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies, the City will meet with agencies throughout the funding period. The City of Laredo will also make referrals and receive referrals from the various agencies. Additionally, the City will provide a copy of the Annual Plan (upon request) for participating entities. Lastly, if the City cannot provide funding for a particular agency, it will direct entities towards other sources of funds, when available.

Through United Way of Laredo, local agencies have been made part of 2-1-1 Texas, a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. The 2-1-1 Texas is a way community members in need and agencies can connect with the local services and agencies. This program provides a well-organized and easy to find directory of information from over 50,000 state and local health and human services programs. Agencies may search by service types including: housing and shelter, food assistance, financial and legal, employment help, health services, mental health services, crisis and emergency, child care and education, aging and disability, and veteran’s assistance.

Discussion:

The City of Laredo strives to enhance and refine its strategies to address underserved needs, foster and

maintain affordable housing, evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between housing and social service agencies. By developing greater collaboration, the City of Laredo will create increased opportunities for those in need.

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 City is not expecting to receive program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed, proceeds from Section 108 loan guarantees, surplus funds from urban renewal settlements, funds returned to the line of credit nor income from float-funded activities.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

Only those forms of investments stipulated in 92.205(b) including equity investments, interest and non-interest bearing loans or advances, interest subsidies, deferred payment loans, guarantee loans made by lenders, and grants, will be utilized by the City in administering its HOME allocation. The activities to be undertaken with HOME Investment Partnership Program funds include:

- HOME Program Administration - \$125,500
- Down Payment Assistance - \$250,000 (Program Income)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - \$300,000
- Community Housing Development Organizations - \$200,000
- Homeowner Reconstruction Program - \$250,000
- HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program - \$260,499

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City has adopted the recapture provisions for the Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Program which assists first-time homebuyers with 0% down payment assistance forgivable loans of up to \$30,000 for households with incomes equal to or below the 80% Housing Area Median Family Income guidelines. Applicant(s) must not exceed the allowable housing ratio of 28%-38% (Front-end) and the maximum debt-to-income ratio of 48% (Back-end). The affordability period on DPA loans is up to ten (10) years. The eligible borrower(s) must have a valid earnest money contract and show a receipt for the earnest money deposit (if applicable). The applicant(s) must have a valid, pre-approved conditional mortgage commitment & attend a HUD approved first time homebuyer education class. The recapture provisions ensure that the participating jurisdiction recoups all or a portion of the HOME assistance to the homebuyers, if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability.

The City of Laredo's Recapture guidelines states that: Owner must continuously use the residence located on the Property as Owner's principal residence for the period of affordability. City will forgive Owner's outstanding DPA Funds on the Repayment Date in an amount equal to the DPA Funds. If the Owner sells the Property within the period of affordability through a voluntary or involuntary transfer, the City will recapture all or a portion of the direct subsidy provided to the homebuyer. The loan will be forgiven pro rata over the period of affordability under the following terms, as long as the home remains the principal residence of the home buyer. As an example for a 5 year forgivable loan, upon completion of the 1st year of the Loan Documents -20% of the original

principal amount will be forgiven; upon completion of the 2nd year of the Loan Documents -40% of the original principal amount will be forgiven; upon completion of the 3rd year of the Loan Documents - 60% of the original principal amount will be forgiven; Upon completion of the 4th year of the Loan Documents - 80% of the original principal amount will be forgiven; and Upon completion of the 5th year of the Loan Documents -100% of the original principal amount will be forgiven. If the net proceeds from a voluntary or involuntary sale are insufficient to repay the prorated amount of the HOME subsidy, the City shall recapture the entire amount of net proceeds from the sale. If there are no net proceeds from the sale, no repayment is required. Net proceeds are defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment and any closing costs incurred by the homebuyer.

In the event that the City determines that the assisted homebuyer(s) is non-compliant with the residency requirements and the other requirements stated in the Down Payment Assistance Program (DPA) contract then the entire face value of the DPA loan is immediately due and payable to the City. Homebuyer will be given 30 days to return to compliance. If homebuyer(s) does not return to compliance, the entire face value of the DPA will be due and payable and will incur a four percent (4%) interest per annum.

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 recapture guidelines are stated in the loan and program documents which include the Real estate lien note, the deed of trust lien and the Homebuyer contract. All three of these documents are signed by the homebuyer to ensure compliance during the affordability period.

Annually, staff monitors and confirms homeowner compliance by requiring each homeowner to confirm their primary residency requirement and ensure the affordability of the home assisted units.

Recapture is triggered when a default occurs. Each of the following constitutes a default as defined by the loan document:

- Homeowner fails to owner-occupy the property as their principal residence.
 - Homeowner transfers any interest in the property through a voluntary or involuntary sale.
 - Homeowner fails to follow terms of loan agreements.
4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that

will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Not applicable.

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)

Written standards for providing ESG assistance are included in the Appendix under Section F.

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

The City of Laredo has worked closely with the CoC and other participating agencies to create and follow the Laredo/Webb County Coordinated Entry policy and procedures, in order to identify shelter and unsheltered homeless persons and provide the services necessary to help those persons to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. Participating agencies include: Bethany House, Border Region, Casa de Misericordia, Endeavors, Laredo Housing Authority, and The Salvation Army.

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

The City anticipates receiving \$299,176 in ESG funds from HUD. Upon award of these funds, the City proposes to undertake eligible activities to address the needs of the homeless in our community. A match which equals 100% of the amount allocated by HUD will be generated through in-kind, volunteer, and/or donated contributions by the City and its subrecipients, as deemed acceptable. Through the use of Emergency Solutions Grants Programs funds, the City proposes to fund the following activities:

- ESG Program Administration - City \$22,000
- Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations \$90,000
- Emergency Shelter - Essential Services \$33,139
- Street Outreach \$45,000
- Rapid Re-Housing \$50,000
- Homelessness Prevention \$51,037
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) \$8,000

The City advertised a Request for Proposals in June 2023, to make known what activities are eligible to be funded from the ESG program. Funds will be awarded once proposals are received.

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

The City of Laredo will meet this requirement by reaching out and consulting with homeless individuals at the local homeless shelter by asking them to fill out the Community Needs Survey

The City also requires its subrecipients to meet the homeless participation requirement by having not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policy-making entity of the subrecipient, to the extent that the entity considers and makes policies and decisions regarding any facilities, services, or other assistance that receive funding under ESG.

All ESG funded agencies, have satisfactory met this requirement by having a former shelter resident as a member of their board of Director's, Advisory Board, and/or Transitional Housing Committee.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The collecting and reporting timely data are an essential component of the ESG program. The City will require its sub recipients to input the client's information and the services provided in HMIS or a compatible software system in order to obtain an accurate count of homeless or at risk of becoming homeless individuals/families and which services have been provided.

The City of Laredo works in partnership with various local homeless service providers to offer services to those that are homeless and at risk of becoming homeless. The number of street homeless individuals and families is visible in the City's downtown area, under bridges, near the highway and at convenience stores and restaurants. The City and various homeless service provider agencies receive calls from individuals/families seeking assistance due to eviction or foreclosure, from those that are now living in their cars, in overcrowded conditions with other family members, or in locations with no basic services such as electricity or water. While significant progress has been done to reduce the number of individuals experiencing homelessness, there is still a significant need within the community.

In relation to our homebuyer programs.

Our two homebuyer programs consist of Down Payment Assistance (DPA) and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), which are promoted through the distribution of flyers, television and radio public service announcements, newspaper ads, public events, and/or on the City of Laredo website in order to maximize public awareness and to notified the public of where and how to apply. As specified in the HOME Policy and Procedures Manual, the terms of the DPA (pg.6) and CHDO selection process (pg. 17).

Attachments

Grantee Unique Appendices

**APPENDIX C
PUBLIC NOTICES**

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Laredo, Department of Community Development, will be conducting surveys and receiving public comment at various sites throughout the City in order to give citizens an opportunity to express their housing and community development needs. Staff will also be providing information regarding current Community Development programs and services available to the community. Comments received will be made part of the 2023 One-Year Action Plan that will outline how funding made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be utilized.

CITY OF LAREDO STAFF WILL BE ACCEPTING COMMENTS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

City of Laredo, City Hall at 1110 Houston

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

City of Laredo, City Hall Annex at 1102 Bob Bullock Loop

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

El Eden Recreation Center at 4735 Loma Vista

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

City of Laredo Health Department Courtyard 2600 Cedar Ave.

Thursday, March 23, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Hamilton Apartments at 815 Salinas

Thursday, March 23, 2023 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Haynes Health & Wellness Center at 2102 Clark Crossing Blvd.

Monday, March 27, 2023 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Marcos Aranda Recreational Center (Farias) at 4418 Old Santa Maria Rd

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Laredo Housing Authority Offices at 2000 San Francisco

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Laredo Public Library – Main at 1120 E. Calton Rd.

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

MOS Branch Library at 1920 Palo Blanco

Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Bethany House of Laredo at 817 Hidalgo St.

Also, fill out the survey online through Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comments23> (English) or <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/comentarios23> (Spanish)

In addition, a public meeting will be held on Monday, April 3, 2023 during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers located at 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, 78040. City staff would like to invite the community to attend and make their needs known. Special services will be made available upon timely request for the physically impaired. Comments may be provided at the public hearing or submitted orally or in writing to Ms. Tina Martinez, Community Development Director, P.O. Box 1276 or 1301 Farragut, Transit Center, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Laredo, Texas 78040. For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at 795-2675.



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Adicionalmente, una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el Lunes, 3 de Abril del 2023 durante la junta regular del Cabildo a las 5:30 de la tarde en la Sala de Cabildo localizada en City Hall, 1110 Houston, Laredo, Texas 78040. El personal de la Ciudad los invita a que asista y nos exprese sus necesidades/sugerencias. Servicios para personas con impedimentos físicos serán disponibles con previo aviso. Comentarios pueden ser proporcionados en la audiencia pública o presentados oralmente o por escrito al Sra. Tina Martínez, Director del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad, P.O. Box 1276 o 1301 Farragut, Centro de Transito, Tercer piso, al lado este, Laredo, Texas, 78040. Para obtener información adicional, por favor llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al número (956)795-2675.



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Russia, Ukraine agree to allow grain exports to flow to areas where hunger is growing

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Dating show winner grateful for experience

Anissa Aguilar was featured on Paramount+, MTV series 'Are You the One?'

By Jorge A. Vela LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Laredo's Anissa Aguilar officially became one of the winners of the long running reality show 'Are You the One?' this week. During its ninth season, the MTV dating show was streamed

this time around by Paramount+ and featured Aguilar and 21 others vying for not only love but also a \$1 million prize. It officially concluded Wednesday night, with Aguilar, the instructional mathematics coach, finding a match to end the show. 'This experience was truly life

changing," Aguilar said. "I learned so much about myself throughout this entire process and was challenged immensely. It's a bittersweet thing for it to be officially over. This has been my life for the past year now, including the casting process." Aguilar said she was grateful with the final result, as she was able to make 21 new family members. She also made some money along the way, although as all 22

matched into 11 couples, they all had to split the overall prize money. And as the \$1 million maximum prize actually shrank as the challenges went forward — ending at \$750,000 — it ended up being around \$34,090 per person. The primary question Aguilar is now facing is what is the verdict of her relationship — as the show officially was shot months ago. She matched with Aqel Car-

son, as the two were considered throughout the show as one of the strongest couples. While she was vague on their exact relationship status, it appears the pair are no longer dating but are instead friends. Carson can still be seen posting his well wishes and support on her social media. While the relationship doesn't seem to have stuck, Aguilar said the experience has helped her Dating continues on A10



Michael Gonzalez/For The Texas Tribune

Joseph Hein at his 580-acre ranch on the Webb and Zapata county line on Feb. 15. Hein breeds horses at his ranch, but he fears that if the border wall is built through a portion of his land, it will restrict access to the Rio Grande, which will likely force him to sell his horses.

Laredoan fears border wall's major impact on his ranch

Anti-border wall activists racing to find landowners along Rio Grande before they sign contracts

By Samantha Aguilar THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Joseph Hein drives about 20 miles from his Laredo home to the 580-acre Rancho Santo Niño, which has belonged to his family for nearly 100 years. The 67-year-old makes the trip four times a week, and when he does, he uses the horn of his 2002 Ford Explorer Sport Trac to call his 12 Appaloosa horses to their barn for feeding time. Hein has been breeding and selling horses for over 40

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him off from his hobbies and ruin the view of the Rio Grande his family has enjoyed since his great-grandfather first bought the land. More important, he says, it would cut off his herd of spotted horses from their only source of water and force Hein to get rid of them along with the income they provide for his family. And his property taxes would increase if he gave up his horses because he would no longer qualify for an agriculture exemption.

NUEVO LAREDO

Former mayor set to testify before anti-corruption agency

Charges have been filed against Enrique Rivas Cuellar, two councilmembers

By Malena Charur LAREDO MORNING TIMES

A project that promised to boost the region by establishing a World Trade Center in Nuevo Laredo was not only halted but has taken a new turn by trying to

file charges against the former mayor of the city, Enrique Rivas Cuellar, along with two other officials. Early in March, the Government of Nuevo Laredo — chaired by Carmen Lilia Cantu Rosas — announced to the media that the Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office requested a hearing for Rivas Cuellar and former councilmembers Dorina Lozano and Santiago Saenz of the 2018-21 administration after having found Testify continues on A8

Trump says he expects to be arrested, calls for protest

By Michelle L. Price, Jill Colvin and Eric Tucker ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump claimed on Saturday that his arrest is imminent and issued an extraordinary call for his supporters to protest as a New York grand jury investigates hush money payments to women who alleged sexual encounters with the former president. Even as a Trump lawyer and spokesperson said there had been no communication from prosecutors, Trump declared in a post on his social media platform that he expects to be arrested.

signed to preempt a formal announcement from prosecutors and to galvanize outrage from his base of supporters in advance of widely anticipated charges. Within hours, he sent a fundraising email to supporters while influential Republicans in Congress issued statements in his defense. In a later post that went beyond simply exhorting loyalists to protest about his legal peril, the 2024 presidential candidate directed his overarching ire in all capital letters at the Biden administration and raised the prospect of civil unrest: "IT'S TIME!!!" he wrote. "WE JUST WANT ALL OF THEM TO GO AWAY."

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CITY OF LAREDO STAFF WILL BE ACCEPTING COMMENTS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
City of Laredo, City Hall at 1110 Houston

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK SERVICES

The Cotulla Independent School District will receive qualifications statements in response to a Request for Qualifications from Construction Managers-at-Risk for **Cotulla ISD 2022 Bond Projects**. This is the first step in a two-step process pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2269.253. Responses must be submitted in accordance with the terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the Request for Statements of Qualifications.

Sealed responses should be delivered to the following address not later than **3 P.M., April 3, 2023:**

Cotulla Independent School District
Attention: Ruben Cervantes, Superintendent of Schools
310 N Main Street
Cotulla, Texas 78041

The Qualifications Statements will be opened at the District's Administrative Offices immediately after expiration of the above deadline and the names of the CMAR firms submitting responses will be read aloud.

You may obtain a copy of the RfQ by contacting Jeannette Ramirez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, at the address above or by telephone (830) 879-3073 ext. 1011 or via e-mail at jeannette.ramirez@cotullaisd.net.

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GITATION
The State of Texas

To any sheriff or any constable within the State of Texas:

TO: Involuntary Plaintiff, JESSE A. PEREZ and All Other Unknown, and Known but Unbound, Heirs, Successors, Assigns, Administrators, Executors, Representatives, or Trustees of Sarantova G. de Perez, Deceased; Pedro Leal, Deceased; Felicitas (B) de Leal, Deceased; Arnaldo Perez, Deceased; Hermenegildo Perez de Treviño, Deceased; Alfredo Treviño, Deceased; Estela Perez de Perez, Deceased; Adnan Perez, Deceased; Eduardo Perez, Deceased; Aurora G. de Perez, Deceased; Celis Perez de Vies, Deceased; Rodolfo Vies, Deceased; Leonor Perez de Landa, Deceased; Lenora Landa, Deceased; Carlos Perez, Deceased; and Oscar Perez, Deceased (collectively, the "Involuntary Plaintiff").

You, and each of you, are hereby commanded to appear and file a written answer to Petitioner's Original Petition (the "Petition") with the clerk of the Court who issued the citation at or before 30:00 a.m., of the first Monday after the expiration of 45 days from the date of issuance of this citation. The suit is pending in the 49th Judicial District Court of Webb County, located at 1110 Victoria Street, Suite 304, Laredo, Texas 78040. The Petition was filed on April 29, 2022. The suit is numbered Cause No. 2022CV0060001. The attorneys for the Plaintiff are Keith W. Franklin and Rodolfo Morales, B. at Martinez, Franklin & Morales, P. L.L.C., whose address is 104 Del Court, Suite 300, Laredo, Texas 78041. The address of the clerk who issued this citation is Webb County, District Clerk, 1110 Victoria Street, Suite 203, Laredo, Texas 78040.

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The plaintiff named in the Petition are Adnan S. Perez, Jr., Bernardo Perez, Jr., individually and as Attorney-in-Fact for Rosita A. Perez, Genaro Perez, Jr., Nora H. Perez, Alfredo Treviño, Jr., Robert Treviño, Aurora Elena Garcia, Pedro Luis Treviño, Arnoldo O. Treviño, Yolanda Ramirez, Nancy Guzman, Ernestina Treviño, Alfredo Treviño II, Juliana Treviño, Cynthia Treviño, Maria Linda Reyna, Juan Decordo, Nora Chapa, Laura Treviño, Adrian Treviño, Maria Marcela V. Lopez, Araceli Vela, Bryan Vela, Michael Justin Vela, James Eric Vela, Marty Vela, Sara V. Martinez, Lucinda Vela, Guisela L. Vela, Cristian Vela, Beatriz Garcia, Day V. Treviño, Estela Vela, Jr., Pedro Leal, as Trustee of the Leal Family Irrevocable Trust, Norma L. Sotran, Eric Landa, Alvaro Landa, Cynthia Salazar, Melicia Landa, Virginia Coles, Familia Gonzalez, Diana Perez, Carlos Perez, Eduardo Perez, Estelita Perez, Irma Berarducci, Martha Elisa Treviño, and Gilberto Guerra, Jr. (collectively, "Petitioner").

The involuntary plaintiff named in the Petition are Aida Guzman, Miguel Pardo, Jr., David E. Perez, Eva P. Hernandez, Humberto Gonzalez, Melissa Gonzalez Sotran, Aylina Gonzalez Hernandez, Letricia Sotri, Margot Perez, Cynthia Perez Plascido, Jennie A Perez, Abatado Treviño, Perez, Jr., Ramiro J. Perez, Gerardo Lopez Gloria Leal, Adelfa Perez Darnell, Hector Garcia, Oscar Perez, Jr., Velma Perez, and all other unknown, and known but unbound, heirs, successors, assign, administrators, executors, representatives, or trustees of Sarantova G. de Perez, Deceased; Pedro Leal, Deceased; Felicitas (B) de Leal, Deceased; Arnaldo Perez, Deceased; Hermenegildo Perez de Treviño, Deceased; Alfredo Treviño, Deceased; Estela Perez de Perez, Deceased; Adnan Perez, Deceased; Eduardo Perez, Deceased; Aurora G. de Perez, Deceased; Celis Perez de Vies, Deceased; Rodolfo Vies, Deceased; Leonor Landa, Deceased; Rodolfo Vela, Deceased; Leonor Perez de Landa, Deceased; Carlos Perez, Deceased; Carlos Perez, Deceased, and Oscar Perez, Deceased.

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The Project consists of Furnishing and installing approximately 730 LF of 36" PVC Sewer Main, with related manholes, concrete aprons, appurtenances, and incidentals.

Contract time is Ninety (90) working days.

Each bid and bid guarantee in the form of a Bidder's Best Rating A according to Best's Bid Rating Guide, Latest Edition from a surety duly authorized and licensed in the State of Texas, certified check or cashier's check must be original and must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked with the name of the project as shown above, and the name and address of the Bidder. When submitted by mail, this envelope shall be placed in another envelope addressed as indicated in this Notice to Bidders.

Only bids and bid guarantee actually in the hands of the designated official at the time set in the Notice to Bidders shall be considered. Bids submitted by telephone, teletype, or fax, will not be considered.

Bidders are expressly advised to review Section C-3.10 of the General Conditions of the proposed Contract as to the clauses which may lead to the disqualification of a bidder and/or the rejection of a bid proposal. Unless all bids are rejected, the Owner agrees to give Notice of Award of Contract to the successful bidder within sixty (60) days of the bid opening.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Bidders are advised to review the Key Points of Public Right-of-Way Ordinance on Local Relations and Responsibilities to the Public, Division C-7.15. The entire ordinance may be viewed at the following website under Building Services Department: <http://www.ci.laredo.tx.us/Bidder/>

A virtual pre-bid conference with prospective bidders will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 10 A.M. through link below:
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Plans and Specifications may be reviewed and downloaded from the City of Laredo website:
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Refer to the City of Laredo Website for Manual Bid Drop-Off procedures:

Mike A. York, Jr.
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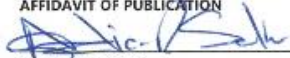
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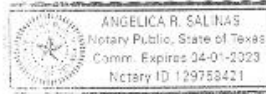
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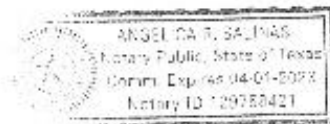
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Public Notice

The City of Laredo prepared its 2023-2024 One Year Action Plan which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a prerequisite for receiving continued funding from the same. The One Year Action Plan outlines the specific federal, state, and local resources that are anticipated to be made available and the specific housing and non-housing activities to be carried out over the next year. The City anticipates receiving **\$3,228,384** in 49th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, **\$1,260,999** through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and **\$299,176** through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

An additional **\$80,000** is anticipated to be received in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and **\$125,000** in HOME program income. The following projects are proposed and subject to City Council approval.

49th AY Community Development Block Grant		
1	Community Development Administration	\$645,000
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$344,386
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$580,000
4	Code Enforcement	\$634,998
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$44,000
6	Homeless Services	\$440,000
7	Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$300,000
8	Public Improvement Project	\$240,000
	TOTAL	\$3,228,384
Revolving Loan		
9	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$7,000
10	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$73,000
	TOTAL	\$80,000
HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
11	HOME Program Administration	\$125,500
12	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI) & (EN)	\$250,000
13	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$300,000
14	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$200,000
15	Homeowner Reconstruction Program	\$250,000
16	HOME Affordable Rental Housing Program	\$260,499
	TOTAL	\$1,439,355
Emergency Solutions Grant		
17	ESG Program Administration	\$22,000
18	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$90,000
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Passing along wisdom to graduating seniors

Ursuline Academy 1956 class discusses the bond they've formed nearly 70 years after graduation

By Valerie Godines LAREDO MORNING TIMES

The graduates of Ursuline Academy Class of 1956 have a special message that they want to pass along to graduating seniors: Don't forget each other.

All in their mid-80s, the women gather regularly for reunions (the 66th reunion was in October), birthday clubs and other special occasions. They have been there for each other for their weddings, the births of their babies and their grand-

children. They have cheered each other during professional successes. And they have been there for each other during periods of sadness and mourning.

"I just feel that the friends I made throughout my life have been the best part of my life," said Graciela Botello, 86, who runs the office at her son's Driving Academy, All-Tex and beat a bout with cancer in 2018 and has remained optimistic throughout her life, all with her friends by her side.

"I feel that I have a commit-

ment and responsibility to nurture that friendship and it does take commitment and respect and love."

Originally, there were 34 women from this class, including the late Gracie Ramirez — the first female superintendent of Laredo Independent School District. Now there are 26 members who remain active in the community.

"I have to tell you that Aurora Dominguez Cruz has been a wonderful leader," Botello said. "She has somehow

Grads continues on A8

A year after the shooting, Uvalde Strong is a part of the Texas town's landscape

The massacre's aftermath also remains. And its reach extends way beyond Robb Elementary School.

By Andrea Ball STAFF WRITER

James Alvarado stared at the 22 white crosses for people he did not know.

One cross stands in Uvalde's plaza for each victim of the massacre. Another is for the husband of a mother who died

ter his wife was murdered. Mementos huddle around each cross. Purple balloons for Makenna Lee Elrod. A stuffed giraffe for Rojelio Fernandez Torres.

From his seat on a metal bench, Alvarado, 40, motioned his head toward two crosses tucked with one another. A small

old sweethearts who died in their classroom together. Their crosses stand side by side in this memorial surrounding a pool and bubbling fountain.

The lovebirds. That's what Alvarado calls them. But he never knew them in life. Or any of them, really.

His eyes were glued and

LC board member hospitalized with third-degree burns

By Jorge A. Vela LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Mercurio Martinez Jr., who currently serves as a board member at Laredo College, was severely burned during an incident a few weeks ago at a ranch.

Martinez Jr. slipped and fell into a fire as he was sent to a hospital in San Antonio. He is the current LC Board of Trustees District Place 3 and he also served as Webb County Judge from 1994 to 2002.

Although his prognosis seems to be OK, according to his family he did suffer third-degree burns and his road to recovery will take some time.

The news was confirmed to LMT by his son, Mercurio Martinez III, who is the former city councilmember for District III and was the runner-up in the most recent mayoral race.

"My father slipped and fell into a burning pile of brush during a visit to the ranch early

Burns continues on A7

Mayor credits immigration changes, preparedness for border success

By Jorge A. Vela LAREDO MORNING TIMES

The end of Title 42 has not created the major disaster many worried about, especially in the Laredo border sector, as the mayor and several other agencies have reported that good preparation and seemingly lower numbers have led to the city being in good shape when it comes to migrant totals.

Although migrant figures have been steady, the number

of people trying to cross illegally is still not yet known as those records are reported monthly. However, many are touting that the strong preparation from CBP and the changes by the Biden administration in immigration policy has helped quell the problem.

"The city is still seeing transfers of migrants but nothing to what was originally anticipated — primarily due to a number of changes in

Border continues on A7



Jason Mack/Laredo Morning Times

Laredo Mayor Dr. Victor Trevino speaks at a press conference discussing the city's preparations for the end of Title 42, as the Holding Institute Program Director Joe

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'I WANT TO PLAY EVERY DAY'

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Tecolotes Dos Laredos center fielder Cade Gotta was suspended for three games for hitting the team's official scorekeeper on May 25, 2023 after the game.

Scorekeeper discusses being attacked by Tecos player over error call

Gotta allegedly hit staffer after game in press box, was suspended 3 games and fined \$200

By Garrett Kroeger LAREDO MORNING TIMES

If it was up to scorekeeper Gil Galindo, Tecolotes Dos Laredos center fielder Cade Gotta would be suspended for the entire season.

A week ago Friday, the Mex-

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During the bottom of the seventh inning of that game, Gotta reached first base on what Galindo ruled as a throwing error. According to Galindo, the Braves' pitcher fielded the ball cleanly but his throw was a little high, which allowed

Tecos continues on A3

LPD: Woman dies in central Laredo exiting a moving vehicle

By Zach Davis LAREDO MORNING TIMES

a.m. at the 100 block of Highway 83.

A woman died in Laredo after it appears she tried to exit a moving vehicle in central Laredo, according to the Laredo Police Department.

The incident occurred Saturday morning at around 3

Police said they arrived on the scene to find a woman seriously injured.

The woman was taken to a local hospital in critical condition but "unfortunately expired as a result of her injury"

Crash continues on A10



Courtesy/Google Maps

Pictured is the 100 block of Hwy 83 in Laredo. A woman was found dead in at this location on Saturday, June 3, 2023 with injuries consistent of exiting a moving vehicle.

Laredo's Julio Cesar Ruiz talks writers' strike

'The Suicide Squad' and 'Mayans MC' actor discussed the importance of the writers' strike

By Jorge A. Vela LAREDO MORNING TIMES

do's most prolific actors who has appeared in various hit TV and film productions such as "The Suicide Squad" and "Mayans MC."

The 2023 Writers Guild of America strike is affecting many entertainment productions, including one of Lare-

Julio Cesar Ruiz recently Strike continues on A6

Biden signs debt ceiling bill that pulls US back from brink of unprecedented default

By Chris Megerian ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — With just two days to spare, President Joe Biden signed legislation on Saturday that lifts the nation's debt ceiling, averting an unprecedented default on the federal government's debt.

White House, in an emailed statement in which Biden thanked congressional leaders for their partnership.

The Treasury Department had warned that the country would start running short of cash to pay all of its bills on Monday, which would have sent shockwaves through the U.S. and global econ-

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23	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 8,000
TOTAL		\$299,176

If feasible, copies of the draft Plans can be viewed in person at the offices of the City Secretary located in City Hall at 1110 Houston, 3rd Floor, and at the Laredo Public Library located at 1120 E. Canton Road during the hours of operation.

A copy of the plans will also be available at the Department of Community Development located at 1301 Farragut, Transit Center, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The plan can also be viewed in the Community Development Department website at: <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/CommunityDevIndex.html>

The period of time to review the plans and provide comments will be from **May 26 - June 24, 2023**

Also, a public hearing will be scheduled to provide interested citizens an opportunity to comment on the draft One Year Action Plan. The hearing will be held on **June 5, 2023** in the City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 1110 Houston during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. Special services will be made available, upon timely request, for the physically impaired and translators in Spanish. Citizens will be able to submit Public Comments.

and can fill out a participation form online or in person. Participation forms can be found at <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/comments/>

Comments may be provided at the public hearing or submitted in writing during the 30 day comment period to Tina Martinez, Community Development Director, P.O. Box 1276 in Laredo, Texas 78042-1276 or 1301 Farragut, Transit Center, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Laredo, Texas 78040. Comments may also be submitted via email to: cdcomments@laredo.tx.us. Comments will be accepted until **June 24, 2023, 5:00 p.m.** For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at (956)795-2675.

Equal Housing Opportunity



Tina Martinez
Community Development Director

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Aviso Público

La Ciudad de Laredo preparó su Plan de Acción para el año 2023-2024 que será sometido al Departamento Federal de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano como un requisito previo para continuar recibiendo fondos financieros del departamento. El Plan de Acción de un año describe los recursos federales, estatales, y locales específicos que se anticipa serán disponibles y las actividades de vivienda y otros tipos de actividades que se llevarán a cabo el próximo año. La Ciudad anticipa recibir \$3,228,384 para el año de acción No. 49 en fondos del Programa "CDBG", \$1,260,000 del programa "HOME", y \$299,176 del programa "ESG".

Además, se anticipa que \$80,000 dólares adicionales sean recibidos en fondos adicionales del Programa "Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan" y \$125,000 en ingresos del programa "HOME". Los proyectos siguientes son propuestos y sujetos a la aprobación del Cabildo de la Ciudad.

Año de Acción No. 49 del Programa "CDBG"		
1	Administración	\$645,000
2	Administración del Programa de Rehabilitación de Viviendas	\$344,386
3	Programa de Rehabilitación de Viviendas	\$580,000
4	Programa de Cumplimiento de Códigos	\$634,998
5	Programa de Eliminación de Graffiti	\$14,000
6	Servicios a Personas sin Hogar	\$440,000
7	Pago de préstamo Sección 108	\$300,000
8	Proyecto de Mejora Pública	\$240,000
TOTAL		\$3,228,384
Préstamo Giratorio		
9	Administración del Programa "Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan"	\$ 7,000
10	Programa "Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan"	\$73,000
TOTAL		\$80,000
HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
11	Administración del Programa "HOME"	\$125,500
12	Asistencia Financiera para Eganche de Viviendas (PI) & (EN)	\$250,000
13	Asistencia de Renta para Arrendatarios	\$300,000
14	Fondos Reservados para Organizaciones llamadas "CHDO"	\$200,000
15	Programa de Reconstrucción de Viviendas de Propietarios	\$250,000
16	Programa de Viviendas de Renta Accesible de HOME	\$260,499
TOTAL		\$1,385,999
Emergency Solutions Grant		
17	Administración del Programa "ESG"	\$22,000
18	Operaciones del Programa de Refugio de Emergencia	\$90,000
19	Servicios Esenciales del Programa de Refugio de Emergencia	\$53,139



The Board of Trustees for the Laredo Independent School District will accept sealed proposals until **2:30 p.m. June 20, 2023 on RFP 23-020 Repairs and Installations of Wrought Iron and Chain Link Fences Districtwide** at which time they will be submitted electronically via Bonfire e-bid system or via hand-delivery to the Laredo Independent School District Administration Building Procurement Department, Room #D322, 3rd Floor, 2400 San Bernardo Avenue, Laredo, Texas 78040. Hand-delivered proposals will be stamped, with time and date received, at the time of delivery to the Procurement Department. If timely submitted, electronic submissions will be automatically time stamped at the time of submission on Bonfire. Proposals will be considered late and will not be accepted after the stated time and date. Proposals will be opened at 3:00 p.m. on June 20, 2023 at the Laredo Independent School District Procurement Department located at 2400 San Bernardo Ave. Specifications can be retrieved by registering to Bonfire at www.laredoisd.net/bonfire. The Board of Trustees at Laredo Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any formalities and/or irregularities.

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JOB LOCATION: Laredo, TX

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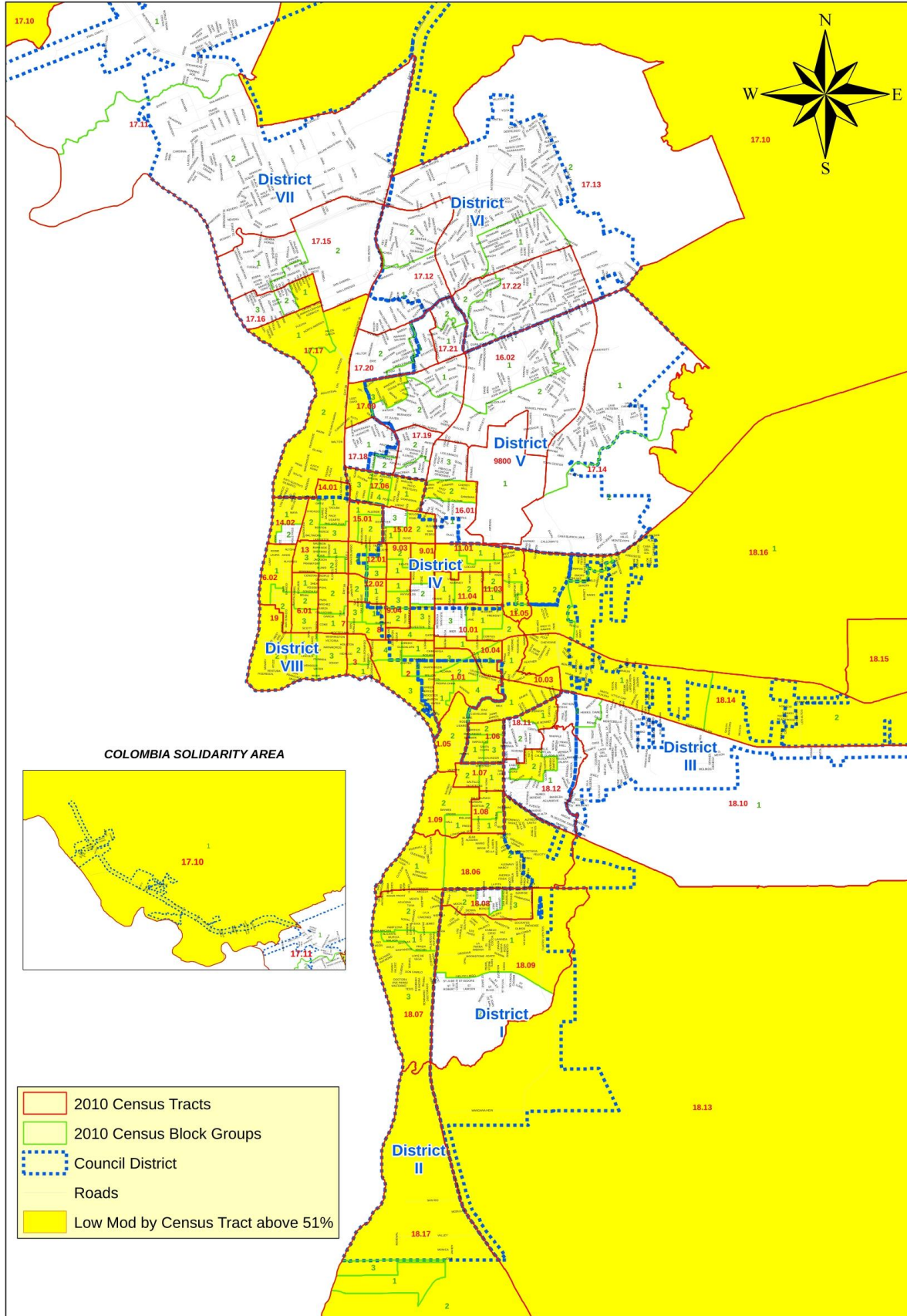
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APPENDIX E

CDBG MAP



APPENDIX F
ESG WRITTEN STANDARDS

CITY OF LAREDO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANT (ESG)
WRITTEN STANDARDS

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WRITTEN STANDARDS FOR PROVISION OF ESG ASSISTANCE

The City has developed written standards for the provision of ESG assistance which include policies and procedures for evaluating each individual or family's eligibility to obtain ESG assistance. The Emergency Solutions Grants program written standards serve as a guide in administering the City's ESG Funds. While ESG regulations 24 CFR Part 576, as amended, are clear regarding eligible program uses, the City has the discretion of identifying how program funds can best be utilized based on the needs of the homeless in the community. The City will continue to refine its written standards as the community adapts and further develops strategies for targeting resources and as new best practices are established.

The written standards were developed using information obtained from the various service providers in the community who presented their views on how the program could best serve the homeless population within the community and through consultation with the Continuum of Care. These standards include client eligibility requirements including the number and types of risk factors that will be used to determine those that are most in need of assistance. The standards also discuss coordination of services, prioritization of homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing services, the limits on services such as the amounts, length of participation in the program, and the number of times an applicant can receive services within the 3-year period limitation.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

At the initial assistance and at the time of re-evaluation, households applying for/receiving homelessness prevention assistance must have an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area based on household size (AMI), and as updated annually by HUD. Individuals and/or families who meet the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 576.2 paragraphs 1 or 4 and live in an emergency shelter or other placed described in paragraph 1 of the homeless definition, are not required to meet an income threshold at initial evaluation but incomes must be at or below 30 percent of AMI at the time of re-evaluation.

The most recent table of income limits is available on the Internet at:

<http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il.html>.

Certain rules and requirements apply in determining income as well as eligibility:

1. The ESG Program regulations require that income of all qualifying family and/or household members be included in the determination of income, as may be applicable. The applicant's income must not exceed 30% of the Housing Area Median Family Income (HAMFI).
2. The City or sub-recipient program staff must ensure the applicant's income meets low-income criteria within thirty (30) days prior to the time of the ESG application.
3. Staff must consider anticipated income in determining eligibility. To do so, a "snapshot" of the household's current circumstance is used to project future income, whether or not it is clear that the type of income received will continue in the coming year.

Recipients and/or sub-recipients will determine income eligibility of ESG applicants by examining source documents. The client must sign a General Release Form which will be notarized to allow staff to verify employment, income, and any other information required to process application.

In order to determine total applicable household income the documents noted below will be requested and updated, as necessary, for each qualifying individual who resides within the household to be assisted. The report of income determination will be documented on the application.

1. Last thirty (30) days of current employment payment stubs.
 - a. Should overtime be reflected in the last thirty days of check stubs submitted, the last three (3) months of checks stubs will be needed.
 - b. Should overtime in the last three (3) months prove to be sporadic, the overtime will not be used to calculate the household's income.
 - c. Should overtime in the last three (3) months prove to be constant, the overtime will be used to calculate the household's income.

2. Self-employed households must:
 - a. Submit a Profit and Loss Quarterly Report from a book keeper or accountant
 - b. Submit a Profit and Loss report for the last thirty (30) days from a book keeper or accountant.
 - c. If odd jobs were performed, invoices and receipts from the customers need to be submitted as well.

3. Verification of Employment Forms

4. Agency Assistance Statements including but not limited to:
 - A. Social Security Benefits
 - B. Disability Benefits
 - C. Unemployment Compensation
 - D. Retirement funds
 - E. Pension
 - F. Worker's Compensation
 - G. Child Support

* If child support was court-ordered but has not been paid, proof must be submitted.

5. Other Applicable Income Sources

6. If the individual has no income or is paid in cash and has no way of obtaining income verification from the employer, then a Declaration of Income form may be used, but only as a last measure for obtaining verification of income.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

There are two important factors in the coordination of services. The first being helping individuals/families define and realize their goals to end homelessness and obtain permanent housing. The second part involves coordinating with service providers to become more aware of what assistance is offered and what funding is available. The service agency receiving ESG funds will work collaboratively with the individual/ family and other support providers to design a plan that will assist them to stabilize. This will involve advocating on behalf of the individual/family and working with a network of supports to enable them to increase skills or obtain the services necessary to achieve independent living. ESG funds may be utilized to pay for the costs of assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to facilitate housing stability for a program participant who resides in permanent housing or to assist a program participant in overcoming immediate barriers to obtaining housing. This assistance cannot exceed 30 days during the period the program participant is seeking permanent housing and cannot exceed 6 months during the period the program participant is living in permanent housing.

Component services will consist of:

- (A) Using the centralized system to evaluate individuals and families applying for or receiving homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance;
- (B) Conducting the initial evaluation required under § 576.401(a), including verifying and documenting eligibility, for individuals and families applying for homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance;
- (C) Counseling;
- (D) Developing, securing, and coordinating services and obtaining Federal, State, and local benefits;
- (E) Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress;
- (F) Providing information and referrals to other providers;
- (G) Developing an individualized housing and service plan, including planning a path to permanent housing stability; and
- (H) Conducting re-evaluations required under § 576.401(b).

PRIORITIZATION OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING SERVICES

Homelessness Prevention

ESG Homelessness Prevention assistance funds may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short and/or medium term rental assistance up to 6 months including rental arrears when necessary to prevent an individual or family from moving into an emergency shelter or another place as described in the "homeless" definition. Homelessness prevention may be provided to individuals and families who meet the criteria under "at risk of homeless" and have an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD. The costs of homelessness prevention are only eligible to the extent that the assistance is necessary to help the program participant regain stability in the program participant's current permanent housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

Homeless Discharge Coordination

The City of Laredo continues to coordinate with other nonprofits to assisting low-income persons being discharged from publicly funded institutions or systems of care. Through this the City, partner agencies and providers refer eligible individuals that are exiting an institution and/or are at risk individuals of homelessness to sub-recipients providing Homeless Prevention Services. All participating providers and agencies are advised that Homelessness Prevention funds are available for the services mentioned above.

Rapid Re-Housing

ESG funds may be used to provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and/or medium-term rental assistance for up to 6 months to help a homeless individual or family move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. This assistance, referred to as rapid re-housing assistance, may be provided to program participants who meet the criteria of the "homeless" definition or who meet the criteria of the "homeless" definition and live in an emergency shelter or other place as describe in the "homeless" definition.

Participant Eligibility for HP &RRH

All participants must lack sufficient resources or support networks to retain housing without ESG or CoC assistance. Individuals & families assisted under ESG are required to have annual incomes at or below 30% of the area median at annual assessment.

Eligible Activities for HP and RRH:

- Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services:
- Moving Costs; No Limits
- Rent Application Fees;
- Security Deposits;
- Last Month's Rent;
- Utility Deposits;
- Utility Payments (ESG only);
- Housing Search/Placement;
- Housing Stability Case Management;
- Mediation and Legal Services;
- Credit Repair/Budgeting/Money Managemen

Street Outreach

Essential Services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and provide them with urgent, non-facility-based care. Component services generally consist of engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, and transportation. For specific requirements and eligible costs, see 24 CFR 576.101.

Emergency Shelter

- Essential Services for individuals and families in emergency shelter. Component services generally consist of case management, child care, education services, employment assistance and job training,

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outpatient health services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, and transportation.

- Shelter Operations, including maintenance, rent, security, fuel, equipment, insurance, utilities, and furnishings.

For specific requirements and eligible costs, see 24 CFR 576.102.

HMIS

Grant funds may be used for certain Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and comparable database costs, as specified at 24 CFR 576.107.

LIMITS ON RENT SHARE AND UTILITY COSTS

The City's ESG program will be administered in compliance with 24 CFR 576, interim rule, with the exception that the City has the discretion to set a cap on the amount or percentage of rental assistance that a program participant may receive, and may also require program participants to share in the costs of rent and utilities.

If at any time during the program participant's term of assistance they are employed, obtain employment, or receive some type of financial income or benefit, they will as determined to be possible be encourage to pay increasing amounts of their income towards their rent and utilities until they exit the program based on need.

HOW LONG A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT WILL BE PROVIDED RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND ADJUSTMENT OVER TIME

The City has the option to set a maximum length of time that an individual/family may participate and receive assistance under the program. The City will provide no more than 6 months of assistance for a program participant including rent in arrears.

STANDARD FOR DETERMINING TYPE, AMOUNT, AND DURATION OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE: MAXIMUM AMOUNT; MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MONTHS; MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TIMES

Housing relocation and stabilization services.

- (a) Financial assistance costs. Subject to the general conditions under 24 CFR § 576.103 and § 576.104, ESG funds may be used to pay housing owners, utility companies, and other third parties for the following costs:
 - (1) Rental application fees. ESG funds may pay for the rental housing application fee that is charged by the owner to all applicants.
 - (2) Security deposits. ESG funds may pay for a security deposit that is equal to no more than 2 months' rent.
 - (3) Last month's rent. If necessary to obtain housing for a program participant, the last month's rent may be paid from ESG funds to the owner of that housing at the time the owner is paid the security deposit and the first month's rent. This assistance must not exceed one month's rent and must be included in calculating the program participant's total rental assistance, which cannot exceed 6 months during any 3-year period.

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(4) **Utility deposits.** ESG funds may pay for a standard utility deposit required by the utility company for all customers for the utilities listed in paragraph (5) of this section.

(5) **Utility payments.** ESG funds may pay for up to a total of 6 months of utility payments per program participant, per service, including utility payments in arrears, per service.

A partial payment of a utility bill counts as one month. This assistance may only be provided if the program participant or a member of the same household has an account in his or her name with a utility company or proof of responsibility to make utility payments.

Eligible utility services are gas, electric, water, and sewage. No program participant shall receive more than 6 months of utility assistance within any 3-year period nor receive assistance more than once within a 12 month period.

Staff will ensure that timely and accurate HMIS data is kept on each program participant to ensure that those assisted do not receive more than 6 months of assistance including rent and utilities in arrears within any 3-year period and that they receive assistance only once every 12 months.

(6) **Moving costs.** ESG funds may pay for moving costs, such as truck rental or hiring a moving company. This assistance may include payment of temporary storage fees for up to 3 months, provided that the fees are accrued after the date the program participant begins receiving assistance under paragraph (b) of this section and before the program participant moves into permanent housing. Payment of temporary storage fees in arrears is not eligible.

Short-term and medium-term rental assistance.

(a) **General provisions.** Subject to the general conditions under § 576.103 and § 576.104, the recipient or subrecipient may provide a program participant with up to 6 months of rental assistance during any 3-year period. This assistance may be short-term rental assistance, medium-term rental assistance, payment of rental arrears, or any combination of this assistance.

(1) Short-term rental assistance is assistance for up to 3 months of rent.

(2) Medium-term rental assistance is assistance for more than 3 months but not more than 6 months of rent.

(3) Payment of rental arrears consists of a one-time payment for up to 2 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.

(4) Rental assistance is tenant-based and program participants must live within the City of Laredo limits.

(b) **Use with other subsidies.** Except for a one-time payment of rental arrears on the tenant's portion of the rental payment, rental assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is receiving tenant-based rental assistance, or living in a housing unit receiving project-based rental assistance or operating assistance, through other public sources. Rental assistance may not be provided to a program participant who has been provided with replacement housing payments under the URA during the period of time covered by the URA payments.

(c) **Rent restrictions.**

(1) Rental assistance cannot be provided unless the rent does not exceed the Fair Market Rent established by HUD, as provided under 24 CFR part 888, and complies with HUD's standard of rent reasonableness, as established under 24 CFR 982.507.

(2) For purposes of calculating rent under this section, the rent shall equal the sum of the total

monthly rent for the unit, any fees required for occupancy under the lease (other than late fees and pet fees) and, if the tenant pays separately for utilities, the monthly allowance for utilities (excluding telephone) established by the public housing authority for the area in which the housing is located.

Prioritization / Diversion / Referral:

When appropriate, based on the individual’s needs and wishes, the provision of or referral to Homelessness Prevention (HP) or Rapid Rehousing (RRH) services that can quickly assist individuals to maintain or obtain safe, permanent housing shall be prioritized over the provision of Emergency Shelter (ES) or Transitional Housing (TH) services. ESG and/or CoC Programfunded RRH and ESG Prevention projects must serve participants referred from the local Coordinated Entry System, which prioritizes the following characteristics:

- Households with the highest service needs
- Households with the longest history of homelessness
- Households sleeping in an unsheltered location

Coordinated Entry System

ESG sub-recipients are required to participate in the Laredo-Webb County coordinated entry system in order to initially assess the eligibility and needs of each individual or family who seeks homeless assistance or homelessness prevention assistance.

- Reduce the burden on households experiencing a housing crisis
- Identify the most appropriate housing resource to facilitate a rapid and permanent exit from homelessness
- Prioritize the most vulnerable households with the longest time homeless for housing resources
- Collect system-wide data to inform necessary shifts in resources, identify gaps, and enable data-driven decision making at the CoC, organizational and project levels.

Reporting Requirements

All agencies requesting Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds are required to provide a certification letter stating that the agency has a software program that is compatible with HUD’s Sage HMIS Reporting Repository (Sage). Funding is contingent on the software compatibility and its availability to create reports. In addition, the City will request a test report from the agency’s software to confirm the compatibility. The agency must also ensure that the personnel are accurately reporting the homeless populations being served.

The City of Laredo will conduct on-site monitoring visits to provide training and require the sub-recipients to run a test report to ensure all data is being collected accurately and software is compatible.

On-site visits will be scheduled as follows:

- 1st year sub-recipients: Will be required to host on site monitoring visits and run a test of the Sage report on a quarterly basis.
- 2nd year sub-recipients: Will be required to host on site monitoring visits and run a test of the Sage report on a bi-annual basis.
- 3rd year sub-recipients and older: Will be required to submit the Sage report on an annual basis.

(NOTE: Requirements are subject to change depending on compliance with reporting tool.)

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During the required on-site monitoring visits, City staff will review the sub-recipient's intake process. The City will make suggestions regarding changes that the City may consider appropriate to improve the agencies' intake process. After the visit, the City will detail all deficiencies and provide suggestions and/or new requirements in a letter addressed to the agency's leader (Executive Director, President, etc.), giving the agency a timeline to abide to the changes, if any. Failure to comply with the required changes in a timely manner may result in termination of funding.

It is also required for all new sub-recipients' to be awarded ESG funding to attend a mandatory training regarding the creation of reports to be submitted to the City of Laredo (e.g. Sage, request for payments, etc.).

Sub recipients are strongly encouraged to visit the following site for additional information.

[Sage Guidance for ESG Subrecipients Webinar](#) :

<https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/sage-guidance-for-esg-subrecipients-webinar/2193/>

APPENDIX G
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN



City of Laredo, Texas

Citizen Participation Plan

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Annual Action Plan
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CITY OF LAREDO

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The City of Laredo is identified as an Entitlement City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and consequently, receives funding annually through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnership Program and the Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant (ESG). The amount of each CDBG, HOME, and ESG entitlement is determined by statutory formula. Within the statutory constraints of each of the HUD programs, the City of Laredo is able to develop its own programs and funding priorities.

It is the policy of City of Laredo to ensure adequate citizen involvement in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of its housing and community development programs. The City of Laredo has developed this Citizen Participation Plan in an effort to encourage citizen participation for its HUD programs, specifically in the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

In application for funding through these programs, the City of Laredo is required to develop and submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan which identifies the housing and non-housing funding priorities of the community and the specific activities to be carried out with CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. In developing the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, the City is charged with the responsibility of consulting with local citizens, community service organizations, and others as applicable in assessing needs and determining the best use of program funds.

The City of Laredo has amended its Citizen Participation Plan to adhere with 24 CFR Part 91.105 (pertaining to the Consolidated Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs) and 24 CFR Part 5 (the grantee's obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)). Also, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91.103 (3), the City will provide this Plan in a format that is accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request. The City's policies and procedures to encourage and allow for citizen participation in the development and submission of the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, any substantial amendments to the plans and the performance report.

I. ENCOURAGEMENT OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- A. The City of Laredo shall take appropriate action to encourage the participation of all its citizens in the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and any substantial amendments to the plans, and on the performance report.

- B. Particular emphasis will be placed on encouraging the participation of protected classes, low-and moderate-income persons, and particularly those living in slum and blighted areas and in areas where CDBG funds are proposed to be used. The City of Laredo will take whatever action is appropriate in the encouragement of the participation of all its citizens, including minorities and non-English speaking persons as well as persons with disabilities.

Consultations, direct mailings/emails and/or other contact will be made with local and regional organizations that serve those in protected classes, or that provide assisted housing, health services, and social services, including those focusing on services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and homeless persons.

- C. The City shall encourage, in conjunction with consultation with the Laredo Housing Authority, the participation of residents of public and assisted housing developments, in the process of developing and implementing the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, along with other low-income residents of targeted revitalization areas in which the developments are located. During the consultation process, coordinated emphasis will be made to achieve comprehensive community development goals and ensure strategies and actions are taken to affirmatively further fair housing. Moreover, local and regional fair housing organizations and enforcement agencies will be consulted with.
- D. The City shall provide citizens with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the development and submission of the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, any substantial amendments to the plans and the performance report. The citizen participation plan shall be in a format accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request.
- E. In the event of a local or national emergency, the City will undertake other steps feasible in order to encourage citizen participation.
- F. In the event of a local or national emergency, only if stated by HUD in each situation, ESG funds will not be subject to the citizen participation requirement. However, the City will publish on its website how the ESG funds will be utilized.

II. DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING, CONSOLIDATED PLAN, ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

- A. Before adopting the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, the City will make available to citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties information that includes the amount of assistance the City is expected to receive (including grant funds and program income) and the range of activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low-and moderate income.

B. City staff charged with the responsibility of preparing the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan will meet and request input from local citizens, service organizations, the Public Housing Authority, and other interested parties, when feasible, through:

1. Neighborhood meetings held in each of the City's regions (North, South, East, and West), will be scheduled in a timely fashion to allow for sufficient time for preparation of the plan. Social Media sources and/or online platforms may be used when necessary.
2. At least one public hearing will be held at a location easily accessible to all, prior to the development of the plan in order to obtain the views of citizens on housing and community development needs, including priority non-housing community development needs. Social Media sources and/or online platforms may be used when necessary.
3. Scheduled meetings with service organizations, the Public Housing Authority, and others as necessary. Social Media sources and/or online platforms may be used when necessary.

In case of a local and/or national emergency, the City will undertake other feasible steps to encourage citizen participation. These steps could include but are not subject to or limited to:

1. Online live meetings such as City Council meetings and/or department organized meetings, through social media or other online platforms.
2. Availability of an office land line and/or City e-mail account.
3. Availability of a Community Needs Survey via the City of Laredo website
4. Availability of receiving oral and/or written comments at the City of Laredo Community Development Department physical office located at:
1301 Farragut, Transit Center Building, 3rd Floor, East Wing
Laredo, TX 78042

C. At the time the proposed plan is made available for public comment, a summary of the proposed Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan will be published in the Laredo Morning Times or other local newspaper which maintains the greatest circulation.

D. Paper copies of the complete Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan will be made available at City Offices and local libraries, for public review for a 30 day period. In case of a local and/or national emergency, the comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days or as directed by HUD in each situation.

Notice will be given through the Laredo Morning Times or other newspaper of greatest circulation; the Public Access Channel, and/or TV regarding the comment period.

- E. A reasonable number of copies of the proposed Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan will be made available free of charge to citizens and groups who request it.
- F. A public hearing noting the proposed activities to be carried out with CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds will be held before a request is made for City Council authorization to submit the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan to HUD.
- G. In preparing the final Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, City staff will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally at public hearings/meetings. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views and the reasons therefore, shall be made part of the final Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan.

III. DISPLACEMENT OF PERSONS

The City of Laredo does not anticipate any displacement to occur as a result of any HUD funded activities. All programs will be carried out in such a manner as to safeguard that no displacement occurs. However, in the event that a project involving displacement is mandated in order to address a concern for the general public's health and welfare, the City will take the following steps:

- A. A public hearing will be held to allow interested citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed project and voice any concerns regarding possible relocation. Notice of the public hearing/meeting will be made as per the procedure noted in a separate section of the Citizen Participation Plan.
- B. In the event that a project involving displacement is pursued, the Community Development or other City staff will contact each person/household/business in the project area and/or hold block meetings, depending on the project size; inform persons of the project and their rights under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and respond to any questions or concerns.
- C. Relocation assistance will be provided in adherence with the City's Project Relocation Plan and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

IV. SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

In the event that substantial amendments to the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan are found necessary a notice will be published by the same procedures indicated above for a thirty (30) day comment period and a public hearing. In case of a local and/or national emergency, the comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days or as directed by HUD in each situation. Any written or oral comments received will be considered and a summary will be attached to the substantial amendment of the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan/ and or Annual Action Plan.

A substantial amendment shall be defined as any one or more of the following:

1. A change in the fair housing goals in the Assessment of Fair Housing Plan,
 2. Any addition or deletion of the established priorities or activities described in the Consolidated Plan/ and or Annual Action Plan,
 3. Any change in the purpose, location or beneficiaries of an identified CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds project or activity providing for the addition/deletion of a project including the purpose, scope, location or beneficiary of an activity,
 4. A change in the scope of an activity, such that an increase or transfer in the funding of a previously disclosed CDBG or HOME activity, if the additional allocation, increase or transfer equals or exceeds \$500,000; for ESG activities when increase or transfer equals or exceeds \$50,000. In case of a local and/or national emergency, the ESG allocation, increase or transfer must equal or exceed \$500,000 to trigger a substantial amendment.
 5. A change in allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds.
- A. City staff will insure that citizens and interested groups have an opportunity to comment on any substantial amendments to the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan.
1. Notice of the proposed substantial amendment and request for comment will be made through the Laredo Morning Times or other newspaper of greatest circulation.
 2. Citizens will be provided a 30 day comment period to express views regarding the substantial amendment before the amendment is implemented. In case of a local and/or national emergency, the comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days or as directed by HUD in each situation. Copies of the substantial amendment will be made available at the Dept. of Community Development, the office of the City Secretary, and at the public library.

3. In preparing the substantial amendment, City staff will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally. Comments can be addressed to :

Director:
Department of Community Development
1301 Farragut, Transit Center Building, 3rd Floor, East Wing
Laredo, TX 78042

Or be mailed to:
P.O. Box 1276
Laredo, TX 78042

4. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore, shall be made part of the substantial amendment to the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan.

V. PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The City will also will prepare a performance report for submission to HUD on an annual basis which is due within ninety (90) days of the close of the program year. This report, called the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), shall be made available at the Community Development Department, on the City's web page at www.ci.laredo.tx.us, and made available at public buildings for review by the public for no less than fifteen (15) days before the City submits the report to HUD.

- A. Notice of each annual performance report and request for comment shall be made through the Laredo Morning Times or other newspaper of greatest circulation.
- B. Citizens will be provided a 15 day comment period to express views regarding the performance report before the report is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Copies of the performance report will be made available at the Department of Community Development, at the office of the City Secretary, and at the Laredo Public Library.
- B. In preparing the performance report, City staff shall consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing or orally. Comments can be addressed to:

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Department of Community Development
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Or be mailed to:

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VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

Public hearings will be held at least twice per year at key stages of the process to obtain the public's views and to provide the public, to the greatest extent possible, with responses to their questions and comments. The City holds public hearings to obtain input regarding community needs during the development of the Assessment of Fair Housing and Consolidated Plan; to review proposed uses of the funds in each Annual Action Plan; and to review program performance in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

The City will hold at least two public hearings prior to the submission of the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan to HUD.

The initial public hearing will be held before the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan is published for comment. This will be both an informational session and an opportunity for citizens to comment on the housing and community development needs in the City.

In case of a local and/or national emergency, only one public hearing for amendments will be conducted to expedite the process.

Citizens will be provided with reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information, and records relating to the Assessment of Fair Housing and Consolidated Plan, and Annual Action Plan, with the City's proposed and actual use of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant funds, through the following actions:

A. Schedule of Public Hearings/Meetings

1. The City will hold at least 2 public hearings each fiscal year to obtain citizens' views and to respond to proposals and questions to be conducted at a minimum of two different stages of the program year. In case of a local and/or national emergency, only one public hearing will be conducted to expedite the process. The hearings shall address:
 - a. Housing and community development needs. In order for the City to obtain views of citizens on housing and community development needs, including priority non-housing community development needs, the at least one of these hearings must be held before the proposed Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan is published for comment.
 - b. Development of proposed projects, and
 - c. Review of program performance.
2. If a hearing is scheduled as part of a City Council meeting, a notice of the public hearing will be included in the City Council agenda which will also be posted by the City Secretary 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

3. When feasible, public hearings will be held at times and location convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries, and with accommodation for persons with disabilities.
 - a. The City will insure that meeting locations are centrally located, accessible by both private and public transportation, and present no barriers to persons with disabilities.
 - b. Upon timely notice (at least 72 hours), City staff will make special arrangements for persons who are hearing impaired or have a special need.
 - c. The City shall ensure that non-English speaking residents be presented with an opportunity to participate and comment in public hearings by conducting, upon request, the hearing in Spanish.
 4. Additional public hearings can and will be held upon the request of City Council and/or concerned citizen requests to City Council.
 5. When feasible, the City shall ensure that public meetings be held in neighborhoods that are in CDBG target areas in order to obtain citizen's views and to respond to proposals and questions.
 6. Advertisement of public meetings shall be made both in English and Spanish in order to afford non-English speakers an opportunity to be aware of public meetings. When feasible, advertisements will be in the local newspaper of greatest circulation at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the meeting in order to provide timely notice to neighborhood residents. In case of a local and/or national emergency, a notification of no less than three days will be provided to neighborhood residents in order to expedite the process.
 7. As appropriate, press releases will be issued through TV, to announce special scheduled meetings.
 8. As appropriate, flyers noting a neighborhood meeting's purpose and scheduled time shall be distributed at locations frequented by affected residents (i.e. neighborhood schools, recreation centers, housing authority, etc...)
 9. The Public Access Channel shall be utilized to broadcast information about the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan meetings, etc... in both English and Spanish.
- B. When feasible, the intended use of the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Shelter/Solutions Grant and other applicable HUD program funds will be publicized by and through:

1. **Public Hearing.** Prior to the request by staff that City Council approve the proposed Consolidated Plan, a hearing will be held, and the specific projects proposed to be carried out will be identified.
 2. **Neighborhood meetings.** Residents will be encouraged to attend and learn of the proposed and ongoing activities of the City, including the projects/programs funded and proposed to be funded through CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, at neighborhood meetings held prior to the start of the fiscal year.
 3. **City Council Budget Hearings.** Proposed CDBG, ESG, and HOME budgets are discussed at City Council Budget Hearings, which are held approximately 60 days prior to the start of the new fiscal year. They are open to the public.
- C. In case of a local and/or national emergency, or in the case where health authorities recommend social distancing and/or limit public gatherings for public health reasons, the City will undertake other feasible steps to conduct a public hearing and/or meeting. These steps could include but are not subject to or limited to:
1. Online live (real-time) public hearings and/or meetings such as City Council meetings and/or department organized meetings, through social media or other online platforms.
 2. Hosting only one public hearing at a City Council meeting and conducting a motion to approve the emergency item after the public hearing is closed if no substantial comments are received during the public hearing on that same day.

If online hearings and/or meetings are conducted, real-time responses and accommodations for persons with disabilities and/or with limited English proficiency will be made available to the greatest extent possible.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT/AVAILABILITY TO THE PUBLIC

The draft Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan will be made available for public comment for a minimum of thirty (30) days. In case of a local and/or national emergency, the comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days or as directed by HUD in each situation. A notice of the public comment period, the locations where the plan is available for review, and a summary of the plan will be published in a newspaper of general circulation and will also be posted at the City Office Building and in other places frequented by the public, especially low- and moderate-income persons and persons benefiting from or affected by proposed CDBG activities. The notice of the public comment period, as well as the draft, will be posted on the City's website at www.ci.laredo.tx.us. Additionally, direct outreach to local and regional organizations that serve those in protected classes, assisted housing providers, public housing agencies, social service agencies, and advocacy groups, as well as their beneficiaries, will be utilized to broaden the efforts to notify all.

A reasonable number of free copies of the plan will be available upon request by calling or visiting the City's Community Development Department during regular business hours. During the comment period, at least one public hearing will be held. In case of a local and/or national emergency, the public hearing does not need to be held during the comment period; it can be held after the comment period is over.

A summary of the written and/or oral comments and the response to those comments will be included in the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan.

A. Plan Approval:

The draft Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan and/or Annual Action Plan will be presented to the City Council for approval before it is submitted to HUD. The presentations will be made during regularly scheduled Board meetings which are open public meetings and broadcast live.

B. Substantial Amendments Approval: In case of a local and/or national emergency, a public hearing followed by an approval motion for submission to HUD will occur on the same day during the City Council meeting

City Council meetings will be aired through the Public Access Channel for the purpose of allowing all residents of the community to be informed of City Council Action.

1. The Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, and Annual Action Plan, as adopted, substantial amendments, and the annual performance report, shall be available to the public, including the availability of materials in a form accessible to persons with disabilities, upon request, at the offices of the Department of Community Development.
2. It is the City's policy that all information required to be made public by the Texas Open Records Act, be made available for public review in accordance with Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. The City of Laredo will provide citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties with reasonable and timely access to information and records relating to the City's Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and the City's use of assistance under the programs covered by 24 CFR 91 during the preceding 5 years.

IX. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical Assistance shall be provided to groups representing persons of low and moderate income that request assistance in developing proposals, be it for CDBG, HOME, ESG or other projects covered under the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

A City staff shall meet with group representatives informally as well as formally, to discuss program needs and provide guidance as applicable.

B. City staff shall coordinate with other City Departments to ascertain information needed and/or requested by group representatives.

X. COMPLAINTS

- A. The City of Laredo maintains an Open Door Policy and encourages citizens to express their needs and issues of concern. All grievances shall be addressed in a courteous and timely manner.
- B. Oral complaints will be addressed by the staff person receiving the complaint. If the complaint is not addressed to the satisfaction of the complainant, then the concern will be referred to the staff person's supervisor. If the complainant is still not satisfied, then the concern will be addressed by the Community Development Director. The nature of the complaint will be documented for further reference in the 311 Customer Service system or other complaint documentation system, as appropriate.
- C. Written complaints will be addressed through a formal written response for the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, and Annual Action Plan, any amendments and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. Staff will respond to such complaints in writing within 15 working days after having received the complaint.

XI. NEEDS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING RESIDENTS

City staff will accommodate the needs of non-English speaking residents to insure their participation. If non-English speaking or hearing impaired residents request assistance to participate in a public hearing, the City will make arrangements to have an interpreter present given reasonable advanced notice. Instructions for making such request will be outlined in the public notice.

- A. Newspaper notices regarding all HUD funded activities administered by the City, substantial amendments, and performance reports will be published both in English and in Spanish.
- B. Depending on the needs of the residents in attendance, staff will insure that public hearings are conducted in English and/or Spanish, as appropriate.
- C. Public comments will be received both in English and in Spanish during City Council meetings where the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, substantial amendments, and the performance report are discussed.

XI. OTHER

- A. The City of Laredo reserves the right to amend its Citizen Participation Plan as it relates to its HUD grants, as necessary, in order to meet the needs of citizens of the community and changes in program requirements.
- B. Following City Council's approval of the amended Citizen Participation Plan, the City of Laredo is responsible for adhering, to the greatest extent feasible, to the citizen participation policies and procedures, as noted, in regard to the development and submission of the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, Substantial Amendments, and Performance Report.
- C. In case of a local and/or national emergency, the City of Laredo will abide by the regulations provided by HUD and may utilize the waivers provided by HUD for each grant.
- D. The Citizen Participation Plan, as amended, does not restrict the responsibility or authority of the jurisdiction for the development and execution of the Assessment of Fair Housing, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan.

APPENDIX K
HIC AND PIT COUNT DATA

HUD Point in Time Report - Combined

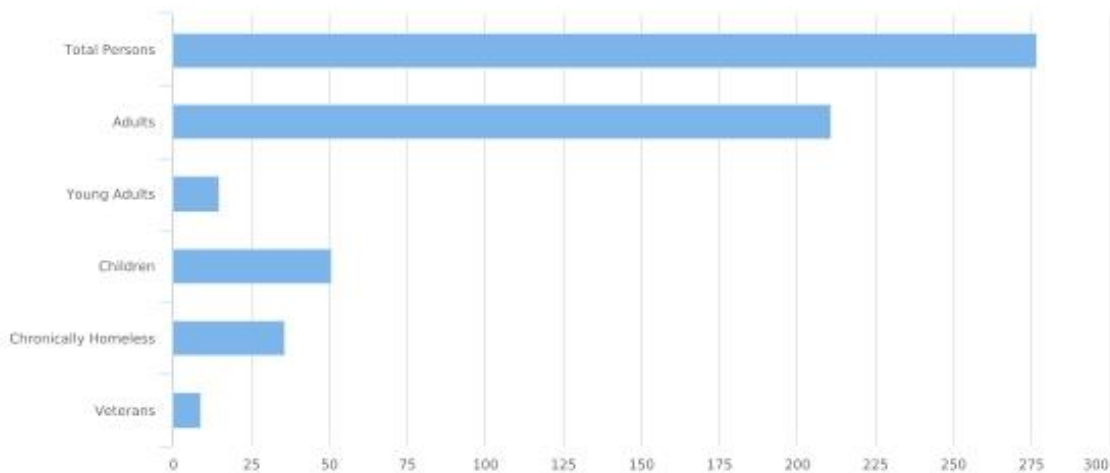
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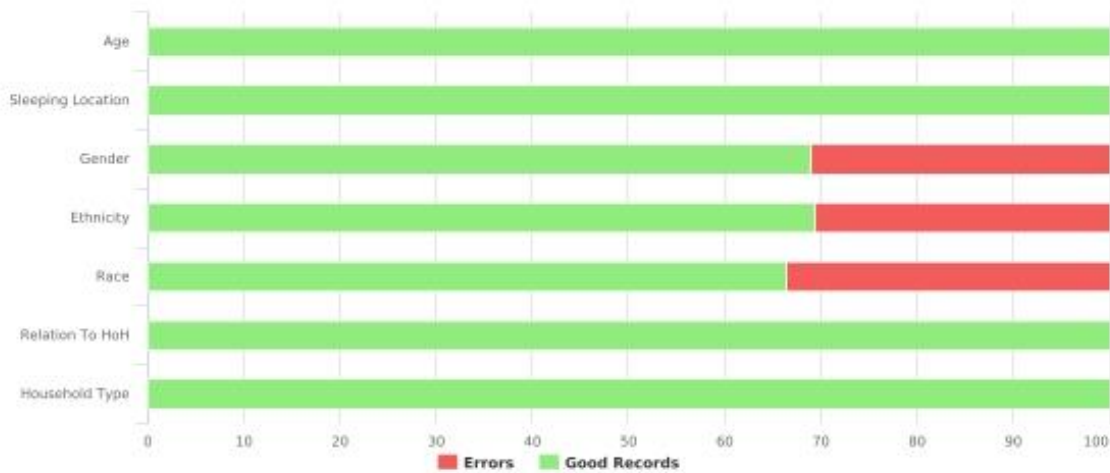
Summary



Total number of persons	277
Number of children (under age 18)	51
Number of youth (age 18 to 24)	15
Number of adults (age 25 to 34)	51
Number of adults (age 35 to 44)	43
Number of adults (age 45 to 54)	38
Number of adults (age 55 to 64)	46
Number of adults (age 65 or older)	33
Observed age 25 or older	0
Unknown Age	0
Chronically Homeless	36
Veterans	9



Data Quality Checks	
Persons Missing Age Information	0
Persons Missing Sleeping Location	0
Persons Missing Gender	86
Persons Missing Ethnicity	85
Persons Missing Race	93
Persons Missing Relation to HoH	0
Persons with Unknown Household Type	0



All Households

Households with at Least One Adult and One Child

Household and Person Breakdown

Total number of households	18
Total number of persons	68
Number of children (under age 18)	46
Number of youth (age 18 to 24)	3
Number of adults (age 25 to 34)	10
Number of adults (age 35 to 44)	7
Number of adults (age 45 to 54)	2
Number of adults (age 55 to 64)	0
Number of adults (age 65 or older)	0
Observed age 25 or older	0

Gender

Female	41
Male	25
Transgender	0
A gender other than singularly female or male (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender)	0
Questioning	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	0
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	67

Race

White	68
Black, African American, or African	0
Asian or Asian American	0
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
Multiple Races	0

Chronically Homeless

Total number of households	0
Total number of persons	0

Race



White Black or African American Asian
American Indian Native Hawaiian Multiple

Gender



Female Male Transgender
A gender other than singularly... Questioning

Households without Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total number of households	204
Total number of persons	204
Number of youth (age 18 to 24)	12
Number of adults (age 25 to 34)	41
Number of adults (age 35 to 44)	36
Number of adults (age 45 to 54)	36
Number of adults (age 55 to 64)	46
Number of adults (age 65 or older)	33
Observed age 25 or older	0

Gender

Female	32
Male	88
Transgender	0
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Questioning	0

Ethnicity

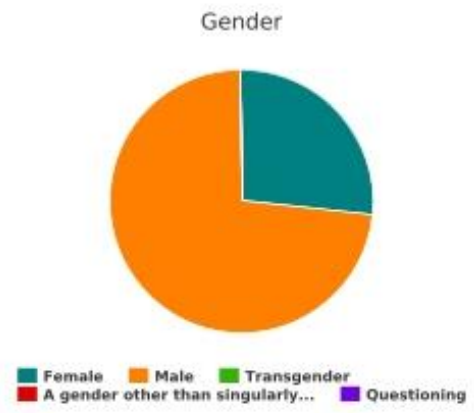
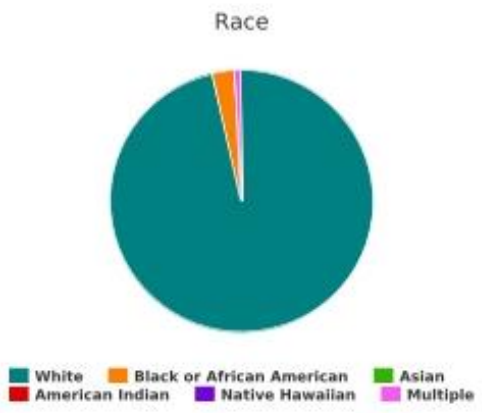
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	17
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	103

Race

White	107
Black, African American, or African	3
Asian or Asian American	0
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
Multiple Races	1

Chronically Homeless

Total number of persons	36
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Households with Only Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total number of households	5
Total number of children (persons under age 18)	5

Gender

Female	2
Male	3
Transgender	0
A gender other than singularly female or male (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender)	0
Questioning	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	0
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	5

Race

White	5
Black, African American, or African	0
Asian or Asian American	0
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
Multiple Races	0

Chronically Homeless

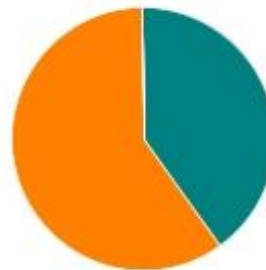
Total number of persons	0
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Race



■ White
 ■ Black or African American
 ■ Asian
 ■ American Indian
 ■ Native Hawaiian
 ■ Multiple

Gender



■ Female
 ■ Male
 ■ Transgender
 ■ A gender other than singularly...
 ■ Questioning

Veteran Households

Veteran Households with at Least One Adult and One Child

Household and Person Breakdown

Total number of households	0
Total number of persons	0
Total number of Veterans	0

Gender (veterans only)

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
A gender other than singularly female or male (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender)	0
Questioning	0

Ethnicity (veterans only)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	0
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	0

Race (veterans only)

White	0
Black, African American, or African	0
Asian or Asian American	0
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
Multiple Races	0

Chronically Homeless

Total number of households	0
Total number of persons	0

Race

Gender



Veteran Households without Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total number of households	9
Total number of persons	9
Total Number of Veterans	9

Gender (veterans only)

Female	0
Male	9
Transgender	0
A gender other than singularly female or male (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender)	0
Questioning	0

Ethnicity (veterans only)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	4
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	5

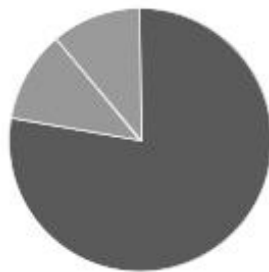
Race (veterans only)

White	7
Black, African American, or African	1
Asian or Asian American	0
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
Multiple Races	1

Chronically Homeless

Total number of households	2
Total number of persons	2

Race



White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian
 Native Hawaiian
 Multiple

Gender



Female
 Male
 Transgender
 A gender other than singularly...
 Questioning

Youth Households

Unaccompanied Youth Households

Household and Person Breakdown

Total number of unaccompanied youth households	17
Total number of unaccompanied youth	17
Number of unaccompanied youth (under age 18)	5
Number of unaccompanied youth (age 18 to 24)	12

Gender (unaccompanied youth)

Female	5
Male	11
Transgender	0
A gender other than singularly female or male (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender)	0
Questioning	0

Ethnicity (unaccompanied youth)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	1
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	15

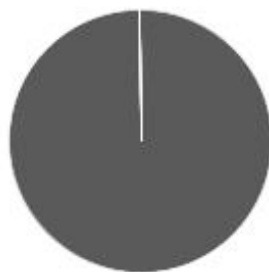
Race (unaccompanied youth)

White	15
Black, African American, or African	0
Asian or Asian American	0
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
Multiple Races	0

Chronically Homeless

Total number of persons	0
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Race



Gender



White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian
 Native Hawaiian
 Multiple

Female
 Male
 Transgender
 A gender other than singularly...
 Questioning

Parenting Youth

Household and Person Breakdown

Total number of parenting youth households	2
Total number of persons in parenting youth households	5
Total Parenting Youth (youth parents only)	2
Total Children in Parenting Youth Households	3
Number of parenting youth under age 18	0
Children in households with parenting youth under age 18	0
Number of parenting youth age 18 to 24	2
Children in households with parenting youth age 18 to 24	3

Gender (youth parents only)

Female	2
Male	0
Transgender	0
A gender other than singularly female or male (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender)	0
Questioning	0

Ethnicity (youth parents only)

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	0
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	2

Race (youth parents only)

White	2
Black, African American, or African	0
Asian or Asian American	0
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	0
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
Multiple Races	0

Chronically Homeless

Total number of households	0
Total number of persons	0

Race



■ White ■ Black or African American ■ Asian
 ■ American Indian ■ Native Hawaiian ■ Multiple

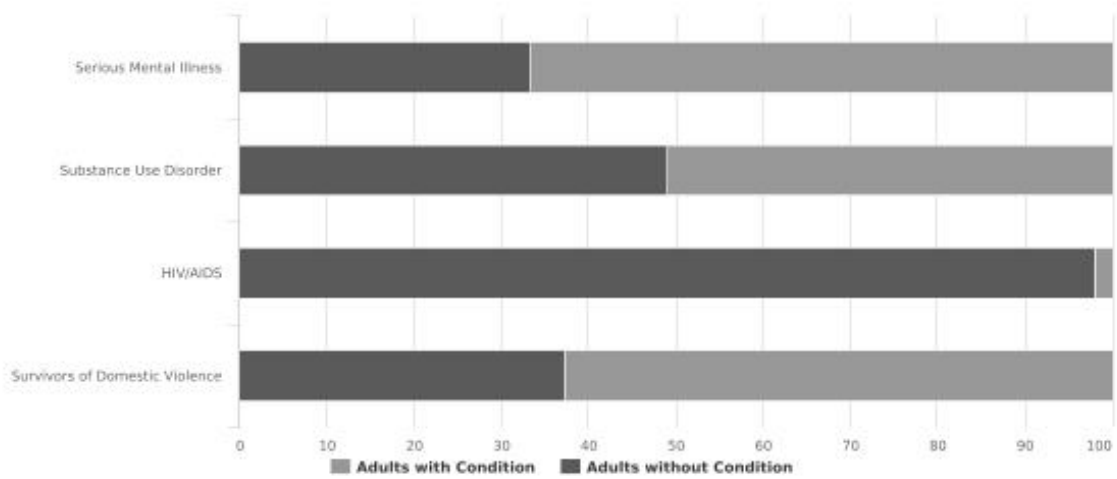
Gender



■ Female ■ Male ■ Transgender
 ■ A gender other than singularly... ■ Questioning

Additional Homeless Populations (Adults Only)

Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	34
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	26
Adults with HIV/AIDS	1
Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence (optional)	32




Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4843-0004
Expiration Date: 11/30/2025

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<p>Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/></p>	
<p>Division Name: <input type="text"/></p>	
<p>f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:</p>	
<p>Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/> * First Name: <input type="text" value="Marie"/></p>	
<p>Middle Name: <input type="text" value="K"/></p>	
<p>* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Martinez"/></p>	
<p>Suffix: <input type="text"/></p>	
<p>Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Director"/></p>	
<p>Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/></p>	
<p>* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="3561 795-2675"/> Fax Number: <input type="text" value="3561 795-2689"/></p>	
<p>* Email: <input type="text" value="martinez28@ci.laredo.tx.us"/></p>	

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* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Neab"/>	
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* Email: <input type="text" value="jneab@ci.laredo.tx.us"/>	
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


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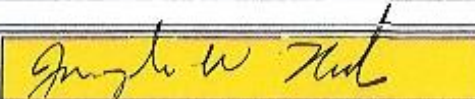
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Toledo	11/7/23

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State Use Only:		
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Department Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
* f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Maria"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="E."/>		
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Renteria"/>		
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Director"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="1956/195-2675"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="1915/195-2689"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="martin@ci.laredo.tx.us"/>		

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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Joseph"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="W"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Beeb"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="City Manager"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(956) 791-7302"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="(956) 791-7498"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="jbeeb@ci.laredo.tx.us"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="11/7/23"/>

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* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	
* 2. Type of Application: * If Revision, select appropriate item(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/> 4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text"/> * c. UEI: <input type="text"/>	
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application: Prefix: <input type="text"/> * First Name: <input type="text"/> Middle Name: <input type="text"/> * Last Name: <input type="text"/> Suffix: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/> Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/> * Telephone Number: <input type="text"/> Fax Number: <input type="text"/> * Email: <input type="text"/>	

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<p>* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:</p> <input type="text" value="City or Township Government"/> <p>Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:</p> <input type="text"/> <p>* Other (specify):</p> <input type="text"/>	
<p>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</p> <input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
<p>11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:</p> <input type="text" value="14.230"/> <p>CFDA Title:</p> <input type="text" value="HOUS Investment Partnerships Program"/>	
<p>* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <input type="text" value=""/> <p>* Title:</p> <input type="text" value=""/>	
<p>13. Competition Identification Number:</p> <input type="text"/> <p>Title:</p> <input type="text"/>	
<p>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</p> <input type="text"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/> </div>	
<p>* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:</p> <input type="text" value="Administration, Down Payment Assistance, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), Homeowner Reconstruction Program, and Affordable Rental Housing."/>	
<p>Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/> </div>	

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: * b. Program/Project:

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: * b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,260,999.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="125,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,385,999.00"/>

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an Internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

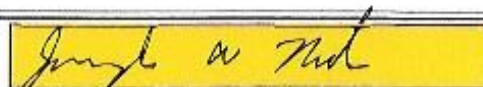
Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
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* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

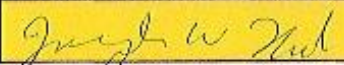
1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4726-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4601 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 ad-3 and 230 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-623); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11693 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
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APPENDIX B CERTIFICATIONS

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2023-2024 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.


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Specific HOME Certifications

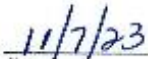
The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;


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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.



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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.