



CITY OF LAREDO

Community Development Department



2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan



1st Amendment: The City is cancelling an activity described in the 2020-2021 Action Plan and adding a new activity to this plan. 2nd Amendment: The City is cancelling an activity described in the 2020-2021 Action Plan and adding a new activity to this plan.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Every five years, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the creation of a Consolidated Plan to assist the City of Laredo in determining community needs and further provide a community-wide dialogue regarding affordable housing and community development priorities. This document is the Consolidated Plan for the City for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020 to 2024. It also includes the Annual Action Plan which serves as the City's official application to HUD for the following federal resources:

- 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. The City anticipates \$3,850,188 in CDBG funds for the first year of the Consolidated Plan period.
- 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. The City anticipates \$1,167,858 in HOME funds for the first year of the Consolidated Plan period.
- 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. The City anticipates \$327,812 in ESG funds for the first year of the Consolidated Plan period.

Purpose of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan: As a recipient of federal grant funds, HUD requires the City of Laredo to produce a Consolidated Plan every five years and an Annual Action Plan every year. These documents serve as the application for funding for the following federal entitlement programs that help low-income individuals and families:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

On June 17th, 2021, the City of Laredo amended the initial version of the 2020-2021 Action Plan to include a substantial amendment which took place during FY 2020-2021. This amendment is discussed throughout this amended version of the plan. On October 28th, 2021, the City of Laredo amended the 2020-2021 Action plan once again to include a 2nd substantial amendment which took place during FY 2020-2021. This amendment is also discussed throughout this amended version of the plan.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the City of Laredo Needs Assessment outcomes (in exhibit section) revealed several priority needs. The priority needs helped to identify the objectives mentioned below which will be addressed by the City over the 2020-2024 plan period consist of:

- Housing Rehabilitation
- New Construction of Affordable Housing
- Acquisition
- Rental Assistance
- Public Facility Improvements
- Public Infrastructure Improvements
- Code Enforcement
- Public Services
- Economic Development
- Administration/Planning
- New Homebuyer Financial Assistance

The substantial amendment of June 17, 2021 added the “District III Public Improvements and Infrastructure” project and deleted the “Park Improvements in District III” project to the 2020-2021 Action Plan. The 2nd substantial amendment of October 28, 2021 added the “Park Facility in District VII” project and deleted the “Bike Lanes in District VII” project to the 2020-2021 Action Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

As reported in the City’s 2018-2019 CAPER, the City of Laredo was able to undertake and complete activities consistent with the priorities identified in the 5 Year Consolidated Plan and One Year Annual Plan.

Highest Priority:

1. REHABILITATION OF HOUSING: During the reporting year, 31 units were rehabilitated through the Housing Rehabilitation program.

2. HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE: Through the use of \$23,518.12 of 2017 HOME funds for the Down Payment Assistance program, the City assisted two homeowners.

3. RENTAL ASSISTANCE: Through the use of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, a total of 106 elderly individuals were supported, exceeding the goal of 100 for the program year.

4. HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE: Through the utilization of 2017 ESG program funds, a total of 69 persons were served with homeless prevention activities, while a total of 68 persons were assisted with rapid rehousing. Concerning homelessness assistance, the City was fortunate to benefit from the combined efforts of numerous non-profit organizations that provided direct and supportive services to families and individuals in need. Also, through the use of ESG funds, the total number of bed-nights available was 42,340, and the total number of bed-nights provided was 27,865 during the fiscal year.

Other:

1. NEW CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING: Through the use of 2016 CHDO funds and the partnership with Habitat for Humanity, the City completed the construction of 3 homes during FY 2018-2019, which were made available to low/mod income households. The 2017 CHDO funds were awarded for the development of two houses.

2. CODE ENFORCEMENT: This program's efforts benefitted a total of 82,075 persons living in low- and moderate-income areas in the city of Laredo. During the reported period, 1,430 verbal warnings were given to property owners, 3,833 written warnings, 43 citations, 481 junked vehicles were tagged. 2,111 high vegetation violations and 2,671 nuisance violations were identified. The use of electronic tablets for all Property Code Enforcement Inspectors has facilitated access to information when Inspectors are on the field, and it has assisted in tracking each case, including orders, citations, court appointments, etc. to ensure compliance.

3. PUBLIC SERVICES: Graffiti Removal Program - a total of 82,075 persons living in low- and moderate-income areas in the city of Laredo were benefitted. The program resulted in 560 walls cleaned, 70 easements cleaned, 70 sidewalks cleaned, 250 city buildings cleaned, and 115 overpasses cleaned.

4. THE DOWNTOWN SENIOR CENTER: The Center had a total of 12,406 visits from 233 elderly individuals. A total of 75 new members registered to start attending this Center during the fiscal year. The Center offers physical activities and crafts for the participants and is opened Monday through Friday 7:00 am-4:00 pm.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The City of Laredo Community Development Department published a newspaper ad on Sunday, March 22, 2020, regarding the surveys intake locations and requests for public comments. However, a second ad was published on April 2, 2020 to provide an update on the way the community was able to submit

comments due to the social distancing restrictions implemented by the city due to the widespread pandemic known as COVID-19. Comments received are included in multiple sections of the 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan. To increase and provide for greater outreach for comments, Community Development staff initiated a survey online through Survey Monkey.

The survey was advertised in the newspaper, in the City of Laredo website and Facebook page, e-mailed to all City of Laredo employees and multiple agencies and contacts, available on the Laredo Housing Authority website, distributed in paper at Bethany House of Laredo and advertised during the City Council meeting held on April 6, 2020 meeting as a public hearing.

Due to the recent emergency pandemic, the Community Development staff was unable to conduct in-person visits at different public facilities to obtain public input as usual. However, the Community Development Department held a virtual public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2020, during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, a live public meeting via the “Zoom” website on April 8, 2020 and a virtual general Needs Assessment meeting with community stakeholders on Thursday, April 9, 2020

Additionally, the community was encouraged to provide comments regarding their community needs via phone, e-mail, regular mail, or by filling out the Community Needs Survey posted on the City of Laredo’s and Laredo Housing Authority’s websites and Facebook pages.

A total of 396 surveys were submitted online from February 28, 2020, through April 14, 2020. A second public hearing was held on May 18, 2020 at City Council to allow the community an opportunity to comment on proposed projects and a 30 day comment period occurred from May 18 – June 16, 2020.

On March 29, 2021, a public hearing was held to allow citizen to comment on the proposed reprogramming of two previously identified projects: (1) “Park Improvements in District III” described in the 2020 plan as the design, construction and other amenities as deemed necessary to improve a park located in District III, in the amount of \$127,500 and (2) “District III Design of South Laredo Nature Center Trails” described in the 2019-2020 plan as the design and construction of the South Laredo Nature Center walking trails and other amenities as deemed necessary, in the amount of \$25,000. The reprogramming and cancellation of these projects will allow the creation of the newly proposed “District III Public Improvements and Infrastructure” project which entails the design and/or construction of sidewalks, bike lanes, bus bays, lighting, traffic signals, street signs, landscaping, sewer and water systems, electric poles, utility improvements, and other necessary improvements and infrastructure as deemed necessary for a total funding amount of \$152,500.

As part of the reprogramming of these funds, citizens were given 30 days to comment on the proposed reprogramming, from March 22 – April 20, 2021. No comments were received.

Summary of Citizen Participation Subst. Amend.

On July 26, 2021, a public hearing was held to allow citizens to comment on the proposed reprogramming of a previously identified project “Bike Lanes in District VII” described in the 2020 plan as the design and construction of bike lanes to include lighting, markings, signage and related improvements, in the amount of \$147,500.

It is also proposed to cancel/reprogram the following projects from prior fiscal years:

- FY 2019-2020 District VII Neighborhood Bike Lanes \$125,000
- FY 2018-2019 Bike Lanes in District VII \$120,000
- FY 2017-2018 Bike Lanes in District VII \$43,759 (project balance)
- FY 2014-2015 Sidewalks in District VII \$10,651 (project balance)

The reprogramming and cancellation of these funds will allow the creation of the newly proposed “Park Facility in District VII” project which will entail the acquisition and/or construction of a park facility to include park amenities and other items as deemed necessary to enhance recreational activities in District VII. Funding for this new project derived from this reprogramming totals \$446,910.00

As part of the reprogramming of these funds, citizens were given 30 days to comment on the proposed reprogramming, from June 28 – July 27, 2021. No comments were received.

Summary of Citizen Participation Subst. Amend. No.2

5. Summary of public comments

Significant needs highlighted during the General Needs Assessment meeting held on April 9, 2020 are as follows:

Affordable Housing Needs

Mixed-Use Housing

New construction of affordable housing

Lower Land Costs

Reducing the lots zoning restrictions for developers not to have difficulty building.

Public Facility Needs

Infrastructure improvements in the inner City of Laredo (i.e., sidewalks and waterlines)

Need more access to grocery stores

The downtown area needs revitalization

Public Service Needs

Need more social services for homeless

Need more homeless shelters

Comments received during the “Zoom” virtual public meeting included considering more down payment assistance funds to be disbursed and the possibility of bringing back the Façade Improvement Program.

In addition, no comments were received for the 1st and 2nd substantial amendments that took place during FY 2020-2021.

Below is a summary of the survey results of the top 10 needs expressed by survey participants:

City of Laredo - Community Development Department
2020-2021 Community Needs Survey Summary
ALL DISTRICTS
TOTAL OF 396 SURVEYS

Community Need	TOTAL (ENGLISH AND SPANISH COMBINED)				%	TOP NEEDS	
	Great Need	Some Need	No Need	TOTAL		TOP 5 NEEDS	TOP 10 NEEDS
1 Counseling, Referral/Support Services	213	116	58	387	53.79%		
2 Job Training	201	125	66	392	50.76%		
3 Rental Assistance for low income elderly individuals	197	117	76	390	49.75%		
4 New housing construction for purchase by low-income households	193	95	103	391	48.74%		
5 Parks and Playgrounds	186	108	100	394	46.97%		
6 Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance	184	122	86	392	46.46%	TOP 10 NEEDS	
7 Street Lighting	181	126	85	392	45.71%		
8 Recreation centers	181	109	102	392	45.71%		
9 Homelessness Prevention (rent and utility assistance)	168	145	75	388	42.42%		
10 Construct Sidewalks	168	118	107	393	42.42%		

Top 10 Needs from Survey Results (Chart)

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

All public comments were received and incorporated into the Consolidated Plan.

7. Summary

In summary, the City of Laredo’s Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan have been developed with community input and reflect the needs of the City.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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

The Community Development Department manages the City’s HUD grant portfolio and develops the Annual Action Plan and five-year Consolidated 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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PR-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Laredo conducted significant consultation with the public, nonprofit leaders, elected officials, City staff, homeless service providers, and fair housing advocates in the preparation of this plan. The Community Development Department staff hosted two virtual needs assessment meetings and a public hearing before the development of the plan and one public hearing to review the draft priorities. The public meetings and hearings are summarized in the Citizen Participation section of this plan.

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

The overall success of the programs offered in the City of Laredo hinges on the efficiency or concerted efforts among service providers. The City connects individuals and families in crisis with local resources to improve outcomes of the families. The Community Development Department meets with various service providers throughout the program year to identify needs, set priorities, plan resources, and mobilize solutions to the City's most pressing needs.

Additionally, the 2009 HEARTH Act requires ESG grantees and subrecipients to utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Specific benefits to homeless persons include streamlined referrals, coordinated intake and assessment, and coordinated case management. Furthermore, case managers also benefit from HMIS case planning and management tools, eligibility determination assistance, and simplified reporting. The HMIS data allows providers to track client outcomes, review the coordination of services, simplify reporting for agency stakeholders, and analyze program data.

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

The City of Laredo is a member of the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) administered by the Texas Homeless Network. All ESG activities funded by the City of Laredo must address the needs identified in the Balance of State CoC and must pursue the Homeless Goal(s) and one or more of the priority objectives to address the needs of the homeless. In the sections detailed below, the City of Laredo describes how it consults with the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care on (1) Determining how to allocate ESG funds for eligible activities; (2) Developing the performance standards for activities funded under ESG; and (3) Developing funding, policies, and procedures for the operation and administration of the Homeless Management Information System [HMIS].

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

Allocating ESG Funds for Eligible Activities

The City of Laredo consults with the State to coordinate solutions to end homelessness in the City. In consultation to develop this plan and all other plans, the City and the State allocate resources based on a common set of priorities to ensure that funding is allocated to the highest needs within the City. Additionally, ESG projects chosen for funding by the State must address the needs identified by the City's Consolidated Plan. Agencies are required to certify that their project is consistent with the City's Consolidated Plan, including its strategic priorities and long-term objectives.

Developing the Performance Standards and Outcomes for Activities Funded Under ESG

Performance standards provide a measure for ESG grantees to evaluate the effectiveness of each ESG service provider in the areas of (a) Targeting those who need assistance most; (b) Reducing the number of people living on the streets or in emergency shelters; (c) Reducing the time people spend homeless, and (d) Reducing clients housing barriers or housing stability risks.

Laredo's performance standards for ESG funded activities are reflective of needs identified by the CoC while meeting entitlement area priorities. These performance standards are reviewed annually, and consultations will be held before the implementation of any changes.

Developing Funding Policies and Procedures for the Administration of HMIS

ClientTrak is the assigned HMIS provider for the Texas CoC. Consultation with the Continuum of Care determined that the Balance of State would be a resource. Still, the City of Laredo would be responsible for HMIS Administration for its entitlement community. The City of Laredo will ensure that data on all persons served, and all activities assisted under ESG are entered into the HMIS by HUD's standards on participation, data collection, and reporting for HMIS. Victim service providers will be required to use a comparable database to meet HMIS requirements. When necessary and available, ESG funds will be used to cover the costs of HMIS.

During the 30 day comment period, the City participated on a call with the Texas Homeless Network (THN) to review the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan. THN provided a letter of support (located in the exhibits section) and mentioned that the plans fit the CoCs goals and priorities.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Bethany House of Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the stakeholders needs assessment virtual meeting and through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. The agency provided input on homeless housing needs in the City. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the homeless population. As a result, a proposal from this agency is being considered for funding.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Border Region MHMR Behavioral Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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.
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

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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. As a result, a proposal from this agency is being considered for funding.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Driscoll Health Plan
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Health
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and programs or projects to address these needs.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Gateway Community Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Health
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and programs or projects to address these needs.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Endeavors
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LAREDO, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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. As a result, a proposal from this agency is being considered for funding.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Holding Institute Community Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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. As a result, a proposal from this agency is being considered for funding.
9	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
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is to identify the needs of the community, identify programs or projects to address these and be better prepared in case of a flood and other emergencies in our community.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Laredo Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the stakeholders needs assessment virtual meeting and through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. The agency provided input on affordable housing needs in the City. 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. Also, collaboration from past and current projects has strengthen the partnership with this agency.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Laredo Main Street
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Preservation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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	Literacy Volunteers of Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Mercy Ministries of Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Health

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	NeighborWorks Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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. As a result, a proposal from this agency is being considered for funding
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Sacred Heart Children's Home
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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. As a result, a proposal from this agency is being considered for funding.

17	Agency/Group/Organization	Webb County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Government
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Webb County Veteran's Service Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Veteran's Assistance
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Government
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment virtual meeting. 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.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Spectrum
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband Internet Service
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is to identify the needs of the community and identify programs or projects to address these.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Viasat
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband Internet Service

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is to identify the needs of the community and identify programs or projects to address these.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	AT&T
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband Internet Service
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is to identify the needs of the community and identify programs or projects to address these.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	EarthLink
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband Internet Service
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through the community needs assessment. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is to identify the needs of the community and identify programs or projects to address these.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Laredo Information Services and Telecommunications (IST) Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband Internet Service
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This department was consulted by phone and e-mail. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is to identify the needs of the community and plan projects that will provide better connectivity within public facilities for the low/mod income population.

24	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Laredo Real Estate Division
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This division was consulted by phone to identify available land for future projects. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is to get appropriate land suitable to address the needs in our community.

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

Representatives from the broad community, social service agencies, businesses, housing agencies, community development corporations, non-profit organizations and other government agencies were invited to take the online survey in February 2020. The Community Development Department also hosted a virtual stakeholder meeting that included representatives from the organizations in the table above.

It is important to note that the City's ability to conduct robust public engagement was severely impacted by a widespread pandemic known as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-COV-2) or COVID-19. During this time, all public interactions, meetings, and large gatherings were halted nationwide due to the highly contagious nature of this virus. Nonetheless, the City did not exclude any agency type or agency during this process in the preparation of this Consolidated Plan.

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 to ensure that the plan fits the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX Bos CoC) goals and priorities. As per THN, there is no CoC formal plan yet.
2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan	City of Laredo	The Consolidated Plan and the Capital Improvement Plan address public improvement and infrastructure needs in the City of Laredo.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Annual Plan	Laredo Housing Authority	The Housing Authority's annual plan and the Consolidated Plan both identify public housing needs and resources to address those housing needs.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

The City of Laredo will continue to partner with local government agencies and groups to ensure complete implementation of the Consolidated Plan. The City will strive to address community needs collaboratively.

Narrative (optional):

Broadband internet service providers are mentioned under Section MA-60.

PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

The process for involving citizens is described in the Citizen Participation Plan found in the Appendix. The City of Laredo conducted a consultation with the public, nonprofit leaders, elected officials, staff from other city departments, providers of services to homeless, and fair housing advocates in the preparation of this plan. City staff hosted 2 virtual needs assessment meetings and 1 virtual public hearing before the development of the plan and 1 virtual public hearing to review the draft priorities and proposed projects. The City of Laredo’s public participation was severely impacted by the pandemic known as COVID-19. During this time, all public interactions, meetings, and large gatherings were halted nationwide due to the highly contagious nature of this virus. City staff quickly pivoted to ensure that all citizens were able to participate in virtual meetings through online platforms (“Zoom” and “GoToMeeting”) to provide input and feedback.

Citizen participation was received through several methods. Local organizations and members of the public provided input on Fair Housing and Needs Assessment using the following: **Stakeholder and Public Engagement:** Stakeholders included the general public, nonprofit leaders, elected officials, staff from other city departments, providers of services to homeless, fair housing advocates, among other. A list of stakeholders was identified and encouraged to provide thoughts on housing and community needs, as well as opportunities and challenges facing the City. **Live Public “Zoom” Meeting:** The City held a virtual needs assessment meeting to solicit public input on their community needs. City staff also educated attendees about the Plan and provided information about the programs available. **Stakeholder Interviews:** The City held a second virtual needs assessment meeting to solicit input. Stakeholder representatives were interviewed to identify issues, opportunities, and perceptions regarding the City have needs for planning and program decisions to meet the requirements of the community. **Public Hearings:** A total of two public hearings were conducted during the process. Additional information on these is included in the Citizen Participation Outreach table below. Public hearings are advertised in the Laredo Morning Times in English and Spanish and on the City of Laredo website. **Flyers:** Community Development (CD) Department staff posted signs at locations initially scheduled for in-person outreach to receive citizen input. Residents were given the opportunity to provide comments through other means such as by phone, e-mail, in person at the CD office or by filling out a survey online. **Surveys:** A Housing and Community Development Needs Survey was developed to solicit additional input from the community. From February 28, 2020, through April 9, 2020, the Community Development Department staff distributed the survey to the public and stakeholders seeking input regarding fair housing and needs in the community. The surveys were available in English and Spanish in electronic and paper form. Survey access was also available via Survey Monkey link distributed via email, advertised during the City Council meeting, in the City of Laredo’s and Laredo Housing Authority’s website and Facebook pages. The survey received a total of 396 responses.

Comment Period: The City's plans were available for public comment from Monday, May 18, 2020 – Tuesday, June 16, 2020. **Actions to Improve Participation:** When feasible, the City will continue to conduct public meetings, conduct virtual meetings (emergency), provide ADA accessibility, provide interpretation for limited English proficiency clientele, use electronic and print media to solicit public input, send emails, advertise on the City's website, and update contact distribution list.

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	Stakeholder Interviews	Community Stakeholders	One virtual community stakeholder meeting was held on April 9, 2020 to assess needs in the City. 8 attendees provided input.	Comments are included in Section ES-05 No.5	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 Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on April 6, 2020, to receive citizen input from residents on community development, housing, and homeless needs.	No comments received.	N/A	https://www.cityoflaredo.com/council-agendas.html

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	A second public hearing was held on May 18, 2020, to receive citizen input from residents on proposed priorities and goals.	No comments received.	N/A	https://www.cityoflaredo.com/council-agendas.html

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	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	One virtual public meeting was held to receive citizen input from residents and stakeholders on community development, housing, and homeless needs and impediments to fair housing in the City. It was attended by over 40 persons.	Comments received included considering more DPA funds to be disbursed and the possibility of bringing back the Facade Improvement Program.	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	Stakeholder Interviews	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	396 survey responses were received about the Consolidated Plan. Survey was available in English and Spanish.	Comments received are included in the Appendix section.	All comments were read. However, due to limited funding, not all comments received resulted in the creation of a project. The amount of funding received dictates the number of projects to be carried out.	www.surveymonkey.com/r/DDRZJFF

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Stakeholder Interviews	Non-targeted/broad community	Flyers posted outside multiple locations such as the public libraries and recreation centers, provided advertisement for Public Hearings, Needs Assessment survey links and other ways to provide comments.	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)
7	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Plans were posted on the City website for review and comment. Also, survey link was advertised on the City of Laredos and Laredo Housing Authority websites and Facebook pages.	No comments received during 30 day comment period. Survey comments are included in the Appendix section.	N/A	www.cityoflaredo.com/CommDev/index.htm

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	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	A total of 4 public notices were posted in the Laredo Morning Times newspaper. The publications were on March 22, April 2, May 3 and May 10 of 2020. These advertised the public meetings, ways to provide comments, promote public hearings and the 30 day comment period.	No comments received.	N/A	
9	Stakeholder Interviews	Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Laredo provided an e-mail address for the public to send comments via e-mail.	No comments received.	N/A	ndeleon@ci.laredo.tx.us and 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)
10	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	The City of Laredo held a public hearing on 3/29/2021 during the City Council Meeting in order to receive comments regarding the substantial amendment for the fiscal year, the proposed programming of CDBG funds in the amount of \$152,500.00. Comment period ran from 3/22/2021-4/20/2021.	No comments received.	Not Applicable.	

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)
11	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities	The City of Laredo held a public hearing on 7/26/2021 during the City Council Meeting in order to receive comments regarding the 2nd substantial amendment for the fiscal year, the proposed programming of CDBG funds in the amount of \$446,910.00. Comment period ran from 6/28/2021-7/27/2021.	No comments received.	Not applicable.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
12	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	A notice of public hearing was posted in the Laredo Morning Times newspaper on 6/27/21 in English and Spanish. These provided information about the substantial amendment, advertised the public hearing, and the 30 day comment period.	No comments received.	Not applicable.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

The needs assessment is based on an analysis of housing problems in the City of Laredo by income level among renters, owners, and households with special needs. The City of Laredo, like many border cities, has a high demand for housing. Using the most recent Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data provided by HUD, the following tables highlight the housing problems affecting the City of Laredo. A review of the tables provides an overall view of the housing needs, including number and type of household and those experiencing housing problems such as substandard conditions, overcrowding, and cost burdens, for both renters and owners. Extreme cost burden occurs when a household pays more than 50% of its gross income on housing costs.

Assessing the specific housing needs of the City of Laredo is critical to creating a realistic and responsive affordable housing strategy. As such, an assessment of the City's affordable rental and single-family homes was conducted based on available demographic, economic, and housing data for Laredo. The assessment utilized HUD's new eCon Planning Suite downloaded in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). The eCon Planning Suite pre-populates the current housing and economic data available to assist jurisdictions in identifying funding priorities in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. Highlights of this assessment are provided in this section.

The tables and narratives below present housing need data for the City of Laredo, provided by HUD, as part of its online eCon Consolidated Plan program. The data originally derived from the 2011-2015 ACS and the HUD CHAS database.

NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

In 2009, there were 236,091 residents in the City of Laredo, 66,310 housing units, and a median income of \$39,711 per year. According to the 2011-2015 American Community Survey (ACS), the City's population increased by 12,764, a 5% increase from 2009. The total housing stock increased by 13%, adding 7,449 housing units, and the median annual household income increased by 8% or \$2,927 annually.

Demographics	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2015	% Change
Population	236,091	248,855	5%
Households	58,861	66,310	13%
Median Income	\$36,784.00	\$39,711.00	8%

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	12,500	8,860	11,405	6,125	27,420
Small Family Households	4,860	3,845	5,115	2,705	15,285
Large Family Households	2,895	1,980	3,455	1,845	5,865
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	2,055	1,600	2,010	1,314	4,950
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	1,554	1,369	1,095	410	1,659
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	4,365	3,055	3,720	1,644	6,110

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	480	120	95	40	735	89	40	30	19	178
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	625	455	300	200	1,580	195	155	260	185	795
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	1,120	880	625	275	2,900	345	400	1,030	425	2,200
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	3,130	1,160	270	125	4,685	1,815	1,375	950	124	4,264
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	745	1,240	1,640	310	3,935	485	1,030	1,800	830	4,145

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	1,680	0	0	0	1,680	640	0	0	0	640

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	5,355	2,620	1,290	650	9,915	2,445	1,965	2,265	755	7,430
Having none of four housing problems	1,400	1,820	3,325	1,300	7,845	980	2,450	4,530	3,425	11,385
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	1,680	0	0	0	1,680	640	0	0	0	640

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	2,505	1,945	1,150	5,600	900	1,115	1,515	3,530
Large Related	1,470	760	500	2,730	750	690	880	2,320
Elderly	804	394	190	1,388	919	840	395	2,154

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Other	775	445	425	1,645	200	155	380	735
Total need by income	5,554	3,544	2,265	11,363	2,769	2,800	3,170	8,739

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	2,195	860	115	3,170	720	720	460	1,900
Large Related	1,300	130	90	1,520	630	275	240	1,145
Elderly	420	185	0	605	714	355	120	1,189
Other	560	185	70	815	135	120	185	440
Total need by income	4,475	1,360	275	6,110	2,199	1,470	1,005	4,674

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	1,600	1,070	705	344	3,719	345	298	710	295	1,648
Multiple, unrelated family households	245	250	195	110	800	195	260	585	325	1,365
Other, non-family households	4	30	45	14	93	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	1,849	1,350	945	468	4,612	540	558	1,295	620	3,013

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source
Comments:

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

According to the 2011-2015 ACS, the estimated number of total households in the City of Laredo is 66,310. Of those, 5,367 or 8% are occupied by single-person households. Using the statistical CHAS data of the total households in the City of Laredo, it is estimated that 8,860 or 13% of the total households of the population are of low and moderate-income and, therefore, may need housing assistance.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Casa de Misericordia, the only domestic violence shelter in the City of Laredo, provided statistical data based on their requests for assistance. On an annual basis, a total of 665 people are assisted with housing who are victims of domestic violence. The Laredo Housing Authority reported assisting 166 disabled families with 1,372 requesting accessibility features. Also, the U.S. Census Bureau reported the total population, 28,998 or 12.2 % have a disability. Disabilities can include those related to hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, or self-care difficulty. Based on the total numbers reported by the various entities, we can presume that an average of 734 families need housing assistance.

What are the most common housing problems?

The most common housing problem within the City is cost burden, with 12% of all households (6% of renters and 6% of owners) paying more than 30% of their income towards housing costs. In summary, 3,935 households are cost-burdened at 30%-50% AMI, and 745 are severely cost-burdened at 0-30% AMI.

When considering the total number of low- and moderate-income households who pay more than 30% of their total monthly income towards housing. The housing trend reflects renters and extremely low-income households are much more likely to have housing problems than homeowners and higher-income households.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

CHAS data on severe housing problems indicated 9,915 renter households, and 7,430 owner households had one or more problems are related to cost burden. Small related renters and other renters were most affected with cost burdens housing problems.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

Individuals with an imminent risk of residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered typically have a combination of financial factors present in their lives: lack of living wage job, rent consuming more than 30% of their income, and high child care, medical, or transportation costs. In addition to these factors, individuals at risk of homelessness will often have additional issues present such as family conflicts, domestic violence, doubling up with family members, recent crisis, housing with code or safety violations, family members with disabilities, criminal histories, history of mental health or chemical dependency, difficulty navigating systems to access public benefits or community-based services, and prior experience with homelessness.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

The City of Laredo does not provide estimates of the at-risk populations but it participates in the annual Point In Time (PIT) count which aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area, over the course of one night.

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

Severe cost-burden is the greatest predictor of homelessness risk, with populations paying more than 50% of their income towards housing costs or having incomes at or below 50% AMI. There are a large number of households in Laredo paying greater than half of their income for housing costs. This housing cost burden decreased the available income left for food, utilities, transportation, childcare, healthcare, and other necessary costs. As a result, a household can be more vulnerable to homelessness if an unexpected crisis such as a job loss, illness, or other unforeseen expense occurs. Limited or lack of income can be linked to instability and the risk of becoming homeless.

Discussion

The lack of affordable housing is a significant problem in the City of Laredo. Based on Table 2, demonstrating housing problems for renters and owners, problems of substandard housing, overcrowding, and cost burdens are shown to be affecting those of low income at elevated levels. These households do not have enough income to afford safe and decent housing that is within their budget.

NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

According to HUD, a disproportionately greater need exists when the members of a racial or ethnic group at a given income-level experience housing problems at a greater rate (10 percentage points or more) than the income level as a whole. In this section, we discuss whether racial or ethnic groups are disproportionately impacted by housing problems at 0-30 percent, 30-50 percent, 50-80 percent, and 80-100 percent of AMI. The 2011-2015 CHAS data provided in the tables below include households with or more of the following housing problems:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities.
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities.
3. Overcrowding (more than one person per room); and
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%.

The following four tables illustrate the breakdown of these housing problems by several problems in the house and by race. The tables are separated into four ranges of 0% - 30% of Area Median Income, 30% - 50% of Area Median Income, 50% - 80% of Area Median Income, and 80% - 100% of Area Median Income.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	9,040	1,145	2,320
White	380	45	95
Black / African American	10	0	0
Asian	0	0	14
American Indian, Alaska Native	8	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	4
Hispanic	8,645	1,105	2,200

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	6,850	2,000	0
White	194	4	0
Black / African American	0	0	0
Asian	30	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	6,630	1,995	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	7,000	4,415	0
White	245	105	0
Black / African American	0	0	0
Asian	18	4	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	0	0
Pacific Islander	4	0	0
Hispanic	6,705	4,290	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,545	3,580	0
White	144	180	0
Black / African American	0	0	0
Asian	20	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	2,365	3,400	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

Discussion

The disparate impact analysis for housing problems determined that Hispanic populations represented 95% of the jurisdiction as a whole. Households at every income level had a high frequency of housing problems across all racial and ethnic groups. Low-income Whites and African Americans in every income category experienced a disproportionately, more significant need in terms of housing problems. The housing assessment determined that incomes at 0% and 30% of AMI overwhelmingly experienced one or more of the housing problems.

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

HUD defines a disproportionately greater housing need when a racial or ethnic group experiences housing problems at a rate of over 10 percentage points than that of the corresponding income level as a whole. The data table below summarizes the percentage of each racial/ethnic group experiencing housing problems by HUD Adjusted Median Family Income (HAMFI) levels. Where the HUD tables below report AMI, they refer to HAMFI. Housing problems include:

- Lacks complete kitchen facilities
- Lacks complete plumbing facilities
- More than 1.5 persons per room
- Cost Burden over 50%

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	7,800	2,380	2,320
White	355	70	95
Black / African American	0	10	0
Asian	0	0	14
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	4	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	4
Hispanic	7,445	2,295	2,200

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	4,585	4,270	0
White	139	60	0
Black / African American	0	0	0
Asian	25	4	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	4,425	4,205	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,555	7,855	0
White	105	245	0
Black / African American	0	0	0
Asian	8	14	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	4	0
Pacific Islander	0	4	0
Hispanic	3,440	7,560	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,405	4,725	0
White	25	300	0
Black / African American	0	0	0
Asian	10	10	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,370	4,400	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

Discussion

The disparate impact analysis for housing problems determined that Hispanic populations had percentages at least 10% higher than the jurisdiction as a whole. Extremely low-income households had the highest frequency of housing problems across all racial and ethnic groups. Low-income Whites in the 0% to 30% AMI category experienced disproportionately greater need in terms of housing problems.

The housing assessment determined that cost burdens at 30% and 50% (of housing costs) were the overwhelming problem among the four housing problems. At 0 to 30% AMI, 50% cost burdens were the most significant problem. Cost burdens are the most pressing housing problems, especially at the lower income levels for renters and owners.

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction:

Regular income plays an important role in determining how much money a household needs to budget for housing expenses, such as mortgage/rent payment and utilities, compared with income the household may need to maintain their standard of living. Regular income is also a strong indicator for mortgage lenders and property owners in determining their potential buyers’ or tenants’ capacity to maintain the affordability of their future residence.

While budgeting priorities are different for each household, a standard of 30% of household income is utilized as a threshold for housing cost burdens that have evolved from rent limits originally established in the United States National Housing Act of 1937. After 1937, rent limits for low-income subsidized households were adjusted again by the Brooke Amendment (1969) of the 1968 Housing and Urban Development Act. Data provided in Table 22 displays household demographics about the number of households that spend 30% or less of their income on housing costs and compares this population to the number of households with increased housing cost burdens over 30% of their income.

Per HUD definitions, a “disproportionate need” exists when any group has a housing need that is 10% or higher than the jurisdiction as a whole. A household is considered cost-burdened when they are paying more than 30% of their income towards housing costs, including utilities. This section analyzes the extent of the cost burden and identifies populations that are disproportionately affected.

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	39,590	12,440	11,469	2,815
White	2,285	529	545	110
Black / African American	194	10	0	0
Asian	315	55	33	14
American Indian, Alaska Native	19	8	4	0
Pacific Islander	0	4	0	4
Hispanic	36,770	11,800	10,885	2,685

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Discussion:

In the City of Laredo, 12,440 households spend 30-50 percent of their income on housing-related costs. Moderately cost-burdened households account for 18.7 percent of the 66,314 households citywide. The number of households of Hispanic ethnicity is disproportionately affected by moderate housing cost burden at 95% of the jurisdiction as a whole.

Severely cost-burdened households (i.e., households spending more than 50 percent of their income on housing) account for 17.3 percent of the City of Laredo households, an estimated 11,469 households citywide. At the severe level of the cost burden, Whites and Hispanic households are disproportionately impacted, with 99% expending more than 50 percent of their income on housing-related costs.

Since low-income residents are identified as those most likely to be suffering from housing cost burden, it is difficult for them to afford high priced homes in higher economic opportunity areas or afford rents that go above fair market value. This limits housing choice and perpetuates the problems that already exist. We can see this problem through the Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RCAPs/ECAPs) that currently exist.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)

Are there any Income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

The disproportionately greater need analysis is not necessarily reflective of the number of households in need. Instead, the analysis determined whether any racial or ethnic group has a need, which is disproportionately greater than all the households in that particular income group. A disproportionately greater need exists when the percentage of households in a category of need who are members of a racial or ethnic group is at least 10% higher than the percentage of households in the category as a whole.

Hispanic households make up more than half of the households experiencing housing problems in Laredo. In particular, families with extremely low incomes at 0%-30% of AMI experiencing one or more housing problems are significantly higher at 95.6% of the jurisdiction as a whole.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

Households that experience a disproportionately greater need may be faced with other needs such as affordable rentals that are safe and in areas of opportunity (e.g. in proximity to public transit), additional supportive services, and housing for the mentally ill. All significant needs were identified.

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

To determine the location of minority concentrations with disproportionately greater needs, low and moderate-income areas (block groups where more than 51% of the households are low-and moderate-income) were compared with areas of minority concentration. Areas of minority concentration are block groups where populations of minority racial or ethnic groups are at least 10% greater than for the city as a whole. LMI areas with minority concentrations indicate where these disproportionately greater needs are located.

Because Laredo's ethnic population is 95% Hispanic, these households are located throughout the City and are not limited to a specific area. Housing problems, including cost burdens, may cause more difficulty no matter the household's income. However, these burdens may cause additional strain on those with lower incomes. As a result, a low-income household can be more vulnerable if any type or unforeseen expense occurs. Census tracts with 51% or more low and moderate-income are mostly located in the West, Central, and Southern sections of the city.

NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

Introduction

The Laredo Housing Authority (LHA) serves the community by providing residents affordable housing and opportunities to become self-sufficient. (LHA) LHA manages and maintains 988 units of public housing and administers 1,372 tenant-based vouchers.

The Laredo Housing Authority’s mission is to serve the diverse housing needs of families within its jurisdiction by:

- Increasing the availability of constructive, safe, decent, sanitary, and affordable in its communities.
- Ensuring equal opportunity in housing.
- Promoting self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals.
- Improving the resident quality of life and economic viability.
- Providing high-quality client services.

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	10	988	1,372	0	1,372	0	0	0

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Characteristics of Residents

	Program Type							
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
Average Annual Income	0	7,536	12,105	10,772	0	10,772	0	0
Average length of stay	0	8	9	6	0	6	0	0
Average Household size	0	2	3	3	0	3	0	0
# Homeless at admission	0	0	1	8	0	8	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	316	278	0	278	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	2	60	166	0	166	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	10	988	1,372	0	1,372	0	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	10	986	1,370	0	1,370	0	0	0
Black/African American	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Ethnicity of Residents

Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	9	985	1,365	0	1,365	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	1	3	7	0	7	0	0	0

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

Of the families currently participating in the LHA's programs, a total of 166 are disabled families. However, there are a total of 1,372 that are requesting accessibility features. Elderly program participants (>62) account for 316 individuals.

The most current waiting lists for LHA include 150 for Section 8 Housing, 2 for Public Housing, and 14 for Farm Labor Housing. As the population of Laredo grows, the number of low-and-moderate income households does as well, and this increases the demand for public housing and vouchers. While LHA administers 998 public housing units and 1,372 vouchers, there is a clear need for additional housing assistance for low-income families.

Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders

The most current waiting lists for LHA include 150 for Section 8 Housing, 2 for Public Housing, and 14 for Farm Labor Housing. Public housing residents have extremely low incomes. As a result, public housing residents need help increasing their incomes through job training, financial literacy, credit score improvement, and financial assistance to afford the region's housing costs and move toward self-sufficiency.

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

The prohibitive cost of housing poses a challenge for many of the City's residents. Still, the needs are more acute among public housing residents, as evidenced by the fact that the average annual income is \$10,772.00. Compared to the general population, public housing residents have increased needs. While they only pay 30 percent of their income on housing costs, their salaries are too low to sustain themselves should the assistance cease.

Discussion

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

Introduction:

The Annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT) was conducted on January 23, 2020, in the City of Laredo to identify the needs of households residing in Unsheltered locations (such as cars, streets, parks, etc.) as well as Sheltered locations (Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing). The PIT Count aims to provide a snapshot of the individuals and families experiencing homelessness in a geographical area, throughout one night. The count identified 304 homeless persons in total, 102 or 50% of whom were sheltered and 102 or 50% were unsheltered. The following characteristics were found in the homeless population:

- Unsheltered individuals without children represented the most sizable number of homeless persons in the City, with 202 individuals or 66.4% of the homeless population.
- Individuals who are chronically homeless represented 12.8%, veterans 3.9%, and unaccompanied youth, 3.6% of the homeless population.



Total Persons	304
Adults (18+)	268
Children (Under 18)	36
Unknown Age	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Adult	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Child	0
Young Adults (18-24)	15
Female	74
Male	208
Transgender	2
Chronically Homeless	39
Veterans	12

PIT Count Table

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

Data is available on the table provided.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	30	0
Black or African American	0	0
Asian	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	49	0
Not Hispanic	2	0

Data Source
Comments:

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

According to the Point-in-Time Count, 36 children (under 18) and 15 young adults (18-24) were unsheltered. The count of homeless men represented 68% of the homeless population, while women were only 24 % of the homeless population. There were 12 homeless veterans counted.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

The majority (82%) of homeless individuals in the City of Laredo, according to the 2020 Point-in-Time Count, were White. Three percent of homeless individuals were black, and 10% of the individuals’ race was unknown. More than 78% of homeless individuals were of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

According to the 2020 Point-in-Time Count 102 or 34% of the individuals were sheltered, 94 or 31% individuals were unsheltered, and 108 or 36% were observed as homeless.

Discussion:

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction:

Non-homeless special needs characteristics describe the various subpopulations of the City who are not homeless but may require supportive services including the elderly (31,977), frail elderly (10,851), persons with disabilities including mental, physical, developmental (18,480), persons with HIV/AIDS (742), persons with alcohol or drug addiction (29,575), victims of domestic violence (719), persons with a criminal record (5,155), those who have limited English proficiency (113,589), and those who are transportation disadvantaged (1,894). Persons belonging to this population may have additional needs before, during, and after an incident in functional areas, including maintaining independence, communication, transportation, supervision, and medical care. The section below will describe why identifying the characteristics and needs of these sub-populations are essential to the planning process for these federal dollars.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

Both the elderly and persons with disabilities have difficulties in finding accessible and affordable housing. In addition to housing, these populations are challenged to find transportation and other supportive services. Persons with alcohol and other drug addiction problems often have difficulty finding resources and treatment facilities, including the lack of a pivotal point reference for persons seeking assistance. Persons living with HIV/AIDS are more likely to have income instability because of their medical condition, and this can lead to an increased likelihood of homelessness. The needs of victims of domestic violence can vary to include shelter, transitional, and long-term housing, medical, counseling, and legal services.

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

Many of the needs of these special populations are the same as the community as a whole. Needs were determined through analysis of the CHAS tables and results from consultations with organizations that work with these special needs groups.

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

Case surveillance data provides the basis for understanding the burden of HIV and is used to guide public health action at the federal, state, and local levels. In 2018, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) reported 11 HIV in Webb County. Knowing how many people are diagnosed with HIV

infection each year, and their stage of disease at diagnosis is important for planning and resource allocation and monitoring trends and disparities between groups. Similarly, monitoring HIV incidence is critical for allocating resources and evaluating the effectiveness of HIV testing and other prevention programs. Improved surveillance methods allow resources to be better directed for programs and resources to the populations most affected.

Discussion:

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Facilities:

The improvement of existing public facilities and the creation of new ones would enhance the City of Laredo’s quality of life. Public facilities are needed to benefit low- and moderate-income residents as well as provide more amenities in existing neighborhoods. Public facilities are also needed to provide services for low- and moderate-income residents of persons with special needs. Parks, playgrounds, and recreation centers were identified as needs.

How were these needs determined?

Public facilities needs were identified through a community needs assessment survey distributed to the public and a virtual public needs assessment meeting. Other resources consulted were prior plans and progress reports from the City and other agencies that serve the City. Needs are also based on ongoing revitalization initiatives that are undertaken by the City.

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Improvements:

Public improvements are essential to the quality of life in the City of Laredo. Adequate sewer, safe water, and excellent public safety services are essential to the function of every home and business in the City.

Public Improvements needs identified include:

- Infrastructure improvements in the inner City of Laredo (i.e., sidewalks and waterlines)
- Need more access to grocery stores
- Downtown area revitalization
- Street lighting
- Sidewalks

How were these needs determined?

Public improvement needs were identified through a community needs assessment survey distributed to the public and a virtual public needs assessment meeting. Other resources consulted were prior plans and progress reports from the City and other agencies that serve the City. Needs are also based on ongoing revitalization initiatives that are undertaken by the City.

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Services:

The City of Laredo has many low- and moderate-income families and persons with special needs that are more vulnerable to finding and securing housing. Through the provision and enhancement of existing public services, including health care, recreational programs, and graffiti removal, this population would be provided with a more suitable living environment and enhanced quality of life. An additional need is the elimination of slum and blighting influences. A section of the Community Needs Survey resulted in over 15% of participants expressed a great need for Graffiti removal services.

- Need more social services for homeless
- Lack of homeless shelters

How were these needs determined?

Public services needs were identified through a community needs assessment survey distributed to the public and a virtual public needs assessment meeting. Other resources consulted were prior plans and progress reports from the City and other agencies that serve the City. Needs are also based on ongoing revitalization initiatives that are undertaken by the City.

City of Laredo - Community Development Department
2020-2021 Community Needs Survey Summary
ALL DISTRICTS
TOTAL OF 396 SURVEYS

Community Need	TOTAL (ENGLISH AND SPANISH COMBINED)				%	TOP NEEDS	
	Great Need	Some Need	No Need	TOTAL		TOP 5 NEEDS	TOP 10 NEEDS
1 Counseling, Referral/Support Services	213	116	58	387	53.79%		
2 Job Training	201	125	66	392	50.76%		
3 Rental Assistance for low income elderly individuals	197	117	76	390	49.75%		
4 New housing construction for purchase by low-income households	193	95	103	391	48.74%		
5 Parks and Playgrounds	186	108	100	394	46.97%		
6 Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance	184	122	86	392	46.46%		
7 Street Lighting	181	126	85	392	45.71%		
8 Recreation centers	181	109	102	392	45.71%		
9 Homelessness Prevention (rent and utility assistance)	168	145	75	388	42.42%		
10 Construct Sidewalks	168	118	107	393	42.42%		

Top 10 Needs from Community Survey

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The primary challenge to creating and preserving affordable housing in Laredo and communities across the country is that household income is failing to keep up with rising housing costs. The increase of housing costs is driven by supply and demand, which is impacted by interest rates, price of materials, demographic changes within the market, land values, increased regulatory costs, labor costs, natural disasters, and federal, state, and local policy. A summary of housing needs data identified in 2018 ACS 5-year estimates and local sources is on the table below.

This market analysis identifies the need to preserve existing affordable housing opportunities while advancing efforts to create a diverse supply of additional affordable units. The City's housing strategies will be guided by the increasing mismatch between incomes and housing costs and the specific accommodations necessary to ensure that special needs populations have adequate, affordable housing options with appropriate supportive services where needed.

CITY OF LAREDO HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS	
Total Occupied Housing Units	78,601 households
Cost Burdened Owners	24,623 households
Cost Burdened Renters	12,949 households
Average Median Home Value	\$144,300
Median Rent	\$826 per month
Persons Experiencing Homelessness (2020 PIT)	304 persons
• Chronic	102 persons
• Unsheltered	94 persons

City of Laredo Housing Characteristics

MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

The tables and narrative below portray the housing market in the City of Laredo by unit number, type, tenure, and size. Data provided by the 2011-2015 ACS, as shown in the following tables, reveals 69% of the city’s housing stock was of single-family configuration with attached and detached unit structures. The remaining housing stock was in a variety of multi-family configurations, ranging from 2- 4-unit structures to structures with 20 or more units.

According to the 2018 ACS, the city had a total of 76,283 housing units, with 69,908 (91.6%) occupied housing units and 6,375 (8.3%) vacant housing units. In 2018, the city’s housing stock contained 52,404 (68.6%) single-family units; 5,276 (6.9%) with 2- 4 units; 6,146 (8%) with 5-19 units, and 5,228 (6.8%) with 20 or more units. The city also had 7,219 (9.4%) mobile home structures in its inventory, while boats, RVs, and vans had the lowest number of structures in units at 10 (0.00%).

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	47,645	66%
1-unit, attached structure	1,980	3%
2-4 units	5,685	8%
5-19 units	6,055	8%
20 or more units	4,035	6%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	6,320	9%
Total	71,720	100%

Table 26 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	605	1%	615	2%
1 bedroom	570	1%	4,615	19%
2 bedrooms	5,080	12%	11,165	45%
3 or more bedrooms	35,115	85%	8,535	34%
Total	41,370	99%	24,930	100%

Table 27 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

The City of Laredo administers a variety of housing programs to assist low and moderate-income residents in affording and maintaining housing. These are funded primarily through federal Community Development Block Grant and the HOME Investment Partnership program, through which the City utilizes public funds to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan.

The lack of affordable housing in the City is a major obstacle for residents. This lack of affordable housing particularly affects low and moderate-income households, seniors, people with disabilities, single heads of households, and young adults. To foster the development of affordable housing, the City utilizes HOME resources to expand housing opportunities.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition’s National Housing Preservation database on expiring project-based rental assistance (PBRA), which includes project-based Section 8, Section 202, Section 811, RAP, LIHTC, and HOME, there are 2,323 units in Webb County that are at-risk for conversion to market-rate units. In the absence of intervention to preserve the affordability of these units, this would occur when the rental assistance or affordability period expires within the next five years.

This housing is some of the most affordable housing throughout the City of Laredo. The City will continue to monitor this database over the next five years to assess when any units could be lost due to expiring contracts and what actions the City can take to preserve these units.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

According to the 2019 HUD Picture of Subsidized Household data, the Laredo Housing Authority has a total of 2,357 subsidized housing units with a reported waiting list timeframe of 30 months. The Housing Authority reported an occupancy rate of 96 percent, with 2,285 families reported for its Public Housing units. This aligns with the nationwide trend of communities experiencing a significant shortage of affordable and available rental units for extremely low, low-, and moderate-income households.

There is also a concern for providing housing for lower-income renters as federal housing subsidies expire. Furthermore, as demonstrated by the CHAS data analyzed in the Needs Assessment, more renters than owners experience one or more housing problems. However, the cost burden is a problem for both owners and renters. Affordability is a significant barrier for most residents in the City, renters, and homeowners.

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

There is a need for safe, sanitary, accessible, and affordable housing throughout the City of Laredo. Specifically, the data reflects that there is a strong need for housing affordable to households earning less than 50% of the median income, and practical options are needed to ensure the availability of accessible units for the elderly and people with physical disabilities.

Discussion

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

Introduction

The following tables reflect the cost of both owner and renter-occupied housing in Laredo. These tables use 2007-2011 ACS data from HUD's eCon software. There have been significant changes in housing prices in recent years that are not fully captured in this data and will be discussed at the end of this section.

The table reflecting the amount of rent paid by residents of the City demonstrates that 53.8% of rental units rent for between \$500 and \$999 per month, while 37.3% rental units rent for less than \$500 per month. The Housing Affordability table also shows that there were 1,490 units available to households earning below 30% of the city's HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI).

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2015	% Change
Median Home Value	103,700	112,400	8%
Median Contract Rent	491	587	20%

Table 28 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2005-2009 ACS (Base Year), 2011-2015 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	9,293	37.3%
\$500-999	13,414	53.8%
\$1,000-1,499	1,689	6.8%
\$1,500-1,999	295	1.2%
\$2,000 or more	230	0.9%
Total	24,921	100.0%

Table 29 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	1,490	No Data
50% HAMFI	5,020	5,230
80% HAMFI	15,645	13,145
100% HAMFI	No Data	18,389
Total	22,155	36,764

Table 30 – Housing Affordability

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	664	676	857	1,130	1,307
High HOME Rent	659	676	851	974	1,066
Low HOME Rent	513	550	661	763	851

Table 31 – Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

Families in the City of Laredo with multiple children may have trouble finding sufficiently sized rental units. Owner-occupied homes in the City comfortably accommodate this need, with most of the stock in the city have three or more bedrooms. But the City has only 17% of rental units having three or more bedrooms, and rents on the rise, low-income families with children are likely to have a tough time locating affordable rentals.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

Affordable housing in the City of Laredo is anticipated to be more difficult to find, given the slow rise in wages, the increasing costs to produce new affordable housing, and the transient nature of the labor force. As the cost to produce new affordable housing increases, City staff anticipates an accelerating increase in rent and mortgage costs for low to moderate populations.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

HOME rents and Fair Market Rent rates have increased similarly to average median rent rates. However, the rates are lower. This data will impact the City of Laredo’s strategy to preserve affordable housing by planning continued support of the Laredo Housing Authority’s efforts to rehabilitate and preserve public housing units. The City also assess and use these numbers as a benchmark to offer subsidies to households for homeownership at a level that may be equal to or less than the average fair market rent rate by household size.

Discussion

MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

Introduction

The age and condition of the City’s housing stock are important variables in assessing the overall characteristics of a local housing market. This section will review important data about the City of Laredo’s housing stock. Older housing stock, particularly older rental housing, often has code and deferred maintenance issues that can impact the longevity of the housing structure, which in turn impacts the housing supply in terms of accessibility and affordability.

Definitions

Using definitions established by HUD:

- Cost burden is calculated as gross housing costs, including utility costs, as a percentage of gross income. Households that pay more than 30% of their incomes on housing are considered cost-burdened.
- Households that pay more than 50% of their incomes are severely cost-burdened.
- Standard Condition: No major structural defects; adequate plumbing and kitchen facilities; the appearance which does not create a blighting influence; and the house meets additional, more stringent, local standards and building codes, including lead-based paint clearance.
- Substandard Condition but Suitable for Rehabilitation: The nature of the substandard condition makes rehabilitation both financially and structurally feasible.
- Housing Conditions: Condition of units is assessed using the following criteria which include: 1) lacks complete plumbing facilities, 2) lacks complete kitchen facilities, 3) more than one person per room, 4) cost burden (amount of income allocated to housing) is greater than 30%, and 5) complies with applicable building code standards.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	13,705	33%	11,340	45%
With two selected Conditions	1,525	4%	3,125	13%
With three selected Conditions	0	0%	225	1%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	15	0%
No selected Conditions	26,150	63%	10,225	41%
Total	41,380	100%	24,930	100%

Table 32 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	14,200	34%	5,759	23%
1980-1999	15,860	38%	9,545	38%
1950-1979	8,850	21%	7,590	30%
Before 1950	2,475	6%	2,035	8%
Total	41,385	99%	24,929	99%

Table 33 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	11,325	27%	9,625	39%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	14,275	34%	8,625	35%

Table 34 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Total Units) 2011-2015 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 35 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

Older housing typically requires more continual maintenance. In the absence of routine maintenance, older housing can quickly become substandard. A common age threshold used to signal a potential deficiency is around 50 years or more. The age of the housing stock in Laredo is slightly younger than the U.S. overall. According to ACS estimates, 15.3% of the nation’s overall housing stock was built between 1970 and 1979, while 38% of the units in Laredo were built between 1980 and 1989. Owner and renter households, especially those located in low-income target neighborhoods, have a greater need for rehabilitation assistance to maintain their homes. Both owner and rental units may require rehabilitation from normal wear and tear; the need is slightly greater for rental units considering 30% of the renters reside in housing that was built between 1950 and 1979.

Renter-occupied units in the City have a much higher prevalence (45%) of having at least one selected condition than owner-occupied units (33%). It is uncommon for both owner- and renter-occupied units to have more than one selected condition, and this may indicate that more renter-occupied than owner-occupied units require rehabilitation. However, “selected condition” includes cost burden and overcrowding, which are not reflections of the physical state of the unit.

Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards

Lead-based paint was banned from residential uses in 1978. All houses constructed before 1978 are therefore considered at risk for containing lead-based paint.

According to 2011-2015 CHAS data, the City of Laredo has a total of 22,900 low- and moderate-income households (80% HAMFI and below) with at least one child age six or younger live in housing units built before 1980. These households, 5% of all households, are at risk for lead-based paint hazards.

According to 2007-2011 CHAS data, 27% of housing units in Laredo were built before 1980 and are at greater risk of containing lead-based paint. Of those units built before 1980, 34% of these homes have children present, and 35% of renter-occupied housing units built before 1980. This information provides an estimate of 22,900 of Laredo's housing units that could be at risk of containing lead-based paint hazards that are occupied by low- or moderate-income families.

Discussion

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

Introduction

Since 1939, the Laredo Housing Authority (LHA) has provided safe, decent, and affordable public housing units and currently administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program in the private housing sectors in Laredo, Zapata, and Asherton. Through supportive services and self-sufficiency classes, LHA fortifies residents’ knowledge and skills necessary to improve their quality of life.

Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available	0	10	994	1,367	0	1,367	0	0	0
# of accessible units									
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 36 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

The Laredo Housing Authority (LHA) owns and manages 994 public housing units in 8 locations and administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program for 1,390 families in the private sector.

The LHA's Guadalupe Development was constructed in 1941 and has 272 units and has a total of 84 one-bedroom units, 138 two-bedroom units, 42 three-bedroom units, and eight four-bedroom units. There are 14 accessible units at the Guadalupe Development. LHA's Russell Terrace Development was constructed in 1957 and had 200 units. There are 24 one-bedroom units, 64 with two bedrooms, 84 with three, and 28 with four bedrooms. There are ten accessible units at Russell Terrace. The Springfield Acres development was built in 1980. It has 126 units consisting of 12 one-bedroom units, 60 two-bedroom units, 48 three-bedroom units, and 6 with four-bedrooms. There are six accessible units at Springfield Acres. The Carlos Richter Development was built in 1960 and had 100 units. There are 16 units with one bedroom, 46 with two bedrooms, 28 with three bedrooms, and 10 with four bedrooms. There are five units equipped for disabled residents. The Senior Citizen complex has a total of 100 units. There are five accessible units at the Senior Complex. It was constructed in 1963 and had 88 one-bedroom units and 12 units with two bedrooms.

Meadow Elderly was built in 1983 with a total of 30 units for seniors. There are 26 one-bedroom units and four two-bedroom units. There are four accessible units at Meadow Elderly. Meadow Acres is a residential complex that was developed in 1983. It has a total of 76 units, of which 13 are one-bedroom units, 24 are two-bedroom units, 21 are three-bedroom units, and 18 are four-bedroom units. There are five accessible units at Meadow Acres. The South Laredo Development was built in two phases. In 1987, the first phase was constructed. In 1993, the second phase was developed. There are a total of 56 units in the South Laredo residential complex. There are 35 three-bedroom units, and 21 four-bedroom units, with four accessible units at South Laredo. Asherton residential development is in the City of Asherton, Texas. It has 32 units consisting of 24 three-bedroom units and eight units with four bedrooms.

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
Asherton	78
Colonia Guadalupe	94
Laredo Senior Citizens	99
Meadow Housing Phase II	91
Springfield Acres	82

Table 37 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

Although the public housing stock is in good condition, maintaining units at this level is cost-prohibitive for the Housing Authority. Consequently, aging units are being removed from the public housing stock and converted to Project Based Vouchers (PBV) because of the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD).

The Laredo Housing Authority is participating in HUD-RAD, and, via its subsidiary, the Laredo Housing Facilities Corporation is converting the Russell Terrace development into a RAD project. All 200 units will eventually move from Public Housing based assistance to Project-Based Voucher assistance. In the process, 132 units will be demolished and rebuilt with modern amenities. Tenants who resided there before the conversion process will have the “Right to Return” after the demolition and rebuilding has been completed.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

LHA maintains a five-year strategy for improving living environments is based on regular unit and building maintenance and repair. Additionally, LHA sponsors and supports self-sufficiency programs focused on helping their residents improve their economic situation and quality of living through its Special Projects Department.

Special Projects provides LHA residents with all the latest available community resources. Special Projects also partners with other community agencies to bring services and special programs that motivate our resident youth, encouraging them to stay in school, avoid drugs and gangs, improve their lifestyle, and enhance their possibilities for the future.

Discussion:

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

Introduction

The City of Laredo partners with the Laredo Homeless Coalition to address the needs of the homeless individuals and families or at risk of homelessness. There are multiple organizations providing services in Laredo, such as homeless assistance providers, victim service providers, non-profit organizations, public housing agencies, mental health agencies and government-based organizations. The Laredo Homeless Coalition is a working group whose mission is to “determine and provide for the basic needs of homeless individuals and families.” The group also works to provide programs and services related to housing, mental and physical health, nutrition, clothing, and education. Data for the HUD-formatted table below was taken from the available information about the CoC that follows.

Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	26	0	28	14	0
Households with Only Adults	92	0	1	16	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	14	0
Unaccompanied Youth	12	0	0	0	0

Table 38 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source Comments:

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

Many social service agencies in Laredo provide benefits to homeless individuals and families to address homelessness. These services are essential to facilitate the process and serve the needs of those who have already become homeless. The goal of providing supportive services is self-sufficiency.

- Azteca Economic Dev. and Preserv. Corp.: Provides housing for low income individuals/families, small business development and loans, financial education, tax preparation and immigration services, and home buyer education.
- Border Region Behavioral Health Ctr: Provides adult and children's mental health services as well as a program for intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- COL Health Department HIV Program: Provides comprehensive HIV/AIDS /STD health education, awareness, screening, testing and outreach prevention services as well as medical health care and needed support services.
- Gateway Comm. Health Center: Provides health care services such as women's health, pediatrics, oral health, podiatry, adult care, support services, behavioral health, and educational programs.
- Habitat for Humanity: Builds simple, decent, and affordable houses for hardworking low-income families.
- Laredo College: Provides a variety of affordable academic programs, technical and vocational programs, non-credit community interest courses, and adult education courses that help area adults obtain English skills, job skills or a General Educational Development diploma.
- Laredo Housing Authority (LHA): Owns and manages safe, decent, and affordable public housing units and administers the Housing Choice Voucher Program. LHA also provides supportive services and self-sufficiency classes.
- Literacy Volunteers of Laredo: Utilizes instructional strategies to teach basic skills that help adults read signs, prescriptions, time cards, checks, and affords them other survival skills that are necessary to be part of today's workforce.
- LULAC Haven, Inc.: A housing project for the elderly and handicapped. Quality of life services that are provided include hot meals and social information sessions.
- Neighborworks Laredo: Is a certified Homeownership Center and HUD certified housing counseling agency. It offers homebuyer classes, homeownership counseling, home preservation counseling, and financial literacy education as well as affordable rentals.
- Sacred Heart Children's Home: Provides shelter, food, clothing, humane environment, welfare, safety, care, supervision, medical and dental care, counseling and psychological aid (as needed), educational opportunities, and moral guidance.
- South Texas Food Bank: Alleviates hunger in South Texas by collecting and distributing food through partner agencies and programs while creating awareness and educating the community on the realities of hunger.
- Texas Workforce Solutions: Provides services that help workers find and maintain employment as well as, assist employers in hiring the right candidates for their business.

- Webb County Community Action Agency: Provides housing rehabilitation services, construction homeownership and instructional classes, social services, meals, transportation, among other services.
- Villa San Luis: Provides section 8, 202, and 221 housing for low income individuals.
- Webb County Veterans Service Office: Assists veterans and veteran dependents in filing claims, appealing decisions, obtaining military records and/or completing Eligibility Verifications Reports. It also conducts home and institutional agency visits and interviews veterans and veterans' dependents to evaluate their personal situation to determine qualifying benefits and services. These benefits and services include compensation, pension, death benefits, educational assistance, home loans, insurance and /or hospitalization.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

The agencies listed below provide homeless services:

- Bethany House provides emergency shelter, street outreach, housing assistance, meals, counseling services, clothing, education classes, and job training to homeless individuals/families.
- Casa de Misericordia (CASA) provides emergency shelter for persons experiencing domestic violence. CASA also provides several programs that include safety planning, advocacy, referrals to appropriate agencies, counseling, financial workshops, legal services, life skill classes, among other services.
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Laredo provides rental and utility assistance to families and individuals to prevent homelessness to assist them in regaining housing stability. They also provide low-cost immigration services, senior programs, food, recreational activities, income tax services, and humanitarian relief.
- Endeavors: Provides homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing services to veterans at risk of becoming homeless. Through their case management services, veterans develop a housing stability plan, are assisted in obtaining VA and other benefits and are provided referrals to community agencies. Part of their services also includes providing veterans with temporary financial assistance, which is based on financial need and includes rental deposits, arrears, and utility payments.
- Holding Institute Community Center: Provides emergency shelter services as well as GED and ESL classes, life skills workshops, tutoring center, among other services.
- Laredo Municipal Housing of the City of Laredo: This division maintains and manages housing developments and provides housing preference to homeless veterans.

- Serving Children and Adolescents in Need (SCAN) provide services to children, adolescents, adults, and their families that include substance abuse treatment, emergency shelter services, victim assistance, and outreach services.
- The Salvation Army assists low-income households in emergencies and distributes clothing vouchers, food, and assistance with shelter.

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)

Introduction

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.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

The elderly and frail elderly have physical, medical, maintenance, social, emotional, and financial needs. Elderly and frail elderly are often unable to maintain existing homes or to afford rent. Housing cost burden related issues are often compounded by the requirement of additional services it takes for elderly and frail elderly to age in place. Various populations with special needs require supportive housing. For some individuals, supportive housing is needed because they are unable to undertake the activities of daily living without assistance. The specific needs of local special needs subpopulations are described in NA-45, Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

Public systems or institutions (i.e., jails, prisons, hospitals, child welfare, mental health facilities, etc.) often release individuals directly into homelessness. To prevent this from happening, the Laredo Homeless Coalition coordinates with the City, crisis units, hospitals, and courts. They also coordinate

with Bethany House which provides emergency shelter, street outreach, housing assistance, meals, counseling services, clothing, education classes, and job training to homeless individuals/families and Border Region MHMR that provides adult and children’s mental health services as well as a program for intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as other service providers to develop strategies for ensuring appropriate housing for all persons leaving these systems.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

The City of Laredo plans to fund the following activities that align with the one-year goals and address special housing and supportive needs:

Goal: Provide public services

Goal: Improve access to and quality of housing

- Housing Rehabilitation Administration
- Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program (PI)
- Rental Rehabilitation Program
- Code Enforcement

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

Not applicable.

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)

Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment

The City of Laredo's housing market presents significant impediments to the development of an adequate supply of affordable housing for low to moderate-income people. The City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (2018) examined a number of areas in which barriers to the development of affordable housing might exist. Barriers identified in the AI that have negative effects on public policies on affordable housing and residential investment included:

- Lack of affordable housing based on the number of bedrooms.
- Lack of economic opportunities which prevents lower income from increasing their income and the ability to live outside of lower-income areas.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

Introduction

In determining priorities for the allocation of federal funds, the City of Laredo has recognized the need to foster a competitive local economy that expands economic opportunities for present and future residents. This section describes the local workforce, the nature of current employment, and activities that coordinate economic development activities across local and regional agencies.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	3,876	1,663	6	3	-3
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	9,846	10,374	14	16	2
Construction	2,832	1,672	4	3	-1
Education and Health Care Services	14,642	15,257	21	23	2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	3,713	3,503	5	5	0
Information	554	499	1	1	0
Manufacturing	1,406	663	2	1	-1
Other Services	1,633	1,594	2	2	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	2,622	2,500	4	4	0
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	11,893	11,575	17	18	1
Transportation and Warehousing	11,977	13,598	18	21	3
Wholesale Trade	3,254	2,999	5	5	0
Total	68,248	65,897	--	--	--

Table 39 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Workers), 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	100,573
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	94,740
Unemployment Rate	5.82
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	15.12
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	2.72

Table 40 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	15,795
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	6,400
Service	11,700
Sales and office	27,340
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	9,168
Production, transportation and material moving	4,870

Table 41 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	69,145	77%
30-59 Minutes	16,630	19%
60 or More Minutes	3,945	4%
Total	89,720	100%

Table 42 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	17,555	845	15,365
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	18,865	835	9,905
Some college or Associate's degree	22,410	935	6,450

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Bachelor's degree or higher	18,025	505	3,210

Table 43 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	605	2,900	3,850	10,555	9,755
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	5,095	4,290	5,575	6,600	2,345
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	9,025	9,650	9,035	10,920	3,645
Some college, no degree	10,820	8,000	6,260	7,640	2,465
Associate's degree	1,155	2,560	2,245	3,085	720
Bachelor's degree	1,180	4,840	4,915	5,675	1,225
Graduate or professional degree	88	1,465	1,950	2,900	1,010

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	60,617
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	72,207
Some college or Associate's degree	91,526
Bachelor's degree	133,183
Graduate or professional degree	161,382

Table 45 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The largest employment sectors in Laredo in terms of worker share are Education and Health Care Services (20%), Transportation and Warehouse (16%); Retail Trade (16%); Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations (13%). Major employers list, compiled by the Laredo Economic Development Corporation in January 2020, in the City of Laredo are included in a table below.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

The City of Laredo's workforce needs is heavily dependent on its proximity to the Mexican border and economic trade. The stability of the Mexican national currency (the peso) impacts the unemployment rates in Laredo. Additional infrastructure needs have been identified in the downtown area. Aging infrastructure and increased demand on the downtown sewers, façade improvements have raised concerns on the ability to support additional development in the downtown area.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

With the opening of the following stores: Home Goods, at Home, dd's Discount, and 2nd Burlington has had a tremendous economic impact in Laredo. These stores, along with all the other retail stores, are continually trying to attract visitors from Monterrey and Mexico City. Daily, thousands of visitors from Mexico flock to Laredo to buy clothing and electronics at half the price of what it would cost them in Mexico. Other economic impacts on the private sector have been the immigration policy has had a major impact on the local economy, especially for local builders, who have trouble finding skilled workers.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

A skillful and well-educated workforce is essential to attracting and retaining employers and growing the City's economy. According to ACS data, the City of Laredo's labor force is 113,149, with a 3.7% unemployment rate, which does not include the thousands of legal workers that live in Mexico and commute daily. Residents with a Bachelor's degree or higher were less likely to be unemployed or not in the labor force than residents with less educational attainment. Residents without a high school diploma or equivalent were more likely as those with only a high school diploma to be out of the labor force altogether. According to the 2018 ACS estimates, 59.4% of the City's population has less than a high school degree.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

The City will continue to work with the following institutions to ensure that the City's workforce is adequately educated and trained: Laredo Community College, Texas A & M International University and the Small Business Center, Azteca Economic Development and Preservation Corporation, United and Laredo Independent School Districts.

Laredo College Education and Workforce Initiatives: offers a Training and Financial Resource Station for business wanting to expand their businesses through training their current workforce, i.e., TWC Grants, Programs, LCEDC; Workforce Solutions for South Texas is a local organization that implements a system of services focused on increasing our community's economic development - as a resource for employers to access workforce they are seeking, and training individuals to be successfully employed.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

The 2011-2016 South Texas Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) contains the following economic development initiatives that can be coordinated with this Consolidated Plan:

CEDS Goals and Objectives

1. Support the need for expanding and improving the region's infrastructure, including multimodal transportation, water, sewer, and utilities.

a. Support the development of Transportation Infrastructure

b. Enhance transportation connectivity in urban and rural areas, public and private, throughout the region with an emphasis on coordination for education and job access

c. Support the development of Water, Sewer, and Utility infrastructure to support new businesses, and provide first time services in rural areas.

2. Improve educational attainment and develop a globally competitive workforce

a. Develop a better educated, drug free, and high skilled workforce in the region

b. Coordinate with regional education and workforce development agencies to better align regional training to meet employer needs and promote alignment of economic and workforce development goals

c. Expand and promote K-16 education, including vocational and technical career training opportunities

d. Increase the number of highly skilled and high wage jobs in the region

e. Support the expansion and access to financial resources for academic and technical training

3. Support entrepreneurship and business development

a. Ensure that entrepreneurs and small businesses have access to the resources they need to start and grow, such as small business incubators

b. Support efforts to encourage job development, retention, and expansion of major employers

c. Promote Micro-Loan and Revolving Loan Fund Programs

d. Promote and support Rural Business Development

4. Strengthen and diversify the regional economy through a comprehensive economic development approach.

a. Help communities implement economic development strategies that expand existing, locally owned businesses and attract new companies

b. Encourage communities to adopt policies that create affordable housing options for people working in the community

c. Assist smaller communities in developing smaller micro-clusters that capitalize on unique community assets

d. Identify and promote tourism assets in the region

e. Promote and expand historical preservation sites

f. Identify resources to help rural and small urban communities to access and acquire technology

5. Promote coordination among local economic development efforts

a. Serve as a regional economic development information clearinghouse

b. Provide technical assistance on economic development to local governments, economic and community development organizations, and the private sector

c. Encourage and assist all counties in developing economic development plans.

d. Provide a forum for sharing and discussing information and issues relating to community and economic development.

Discussion

PRIVATE SECTOR:	# EMPLOYEES
Wal-Mart (4 Locations)	2,125
H-E-B (7 locations)	1,764
McDonald's Restaurant	1,350
Laredo Medical Center	1,200
Convergys	940

Private Sector Companies and Employees

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

As shown in the map at the end of this section, the highest concentrations (greater than 60%) of low-income households with severe housing problems are in the northwest, central, and southern parts of the City.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The City defines “area of minority concentration” and “area of low-income concentration” as those census tracts that, according to the latest Census information available, have a concentration of minority populations or low-income populations that are significantly larger than the minority or low-income population for the City as a whole. Of the total population, 95.4% are of Hispanic ethnicity, while only 4.6% are of other ethnic origins. Because Laredo’s ethnic population is 95.4% Hispanic, every area of the city is considered an area of minority concentration.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

The characteristics in these neighborhoods, as well as others identified in SP-10, are the age of housing, lack of funds for investment in rehabilitation, aging infrastructures, and the concentration of the population with supportive social service needs.

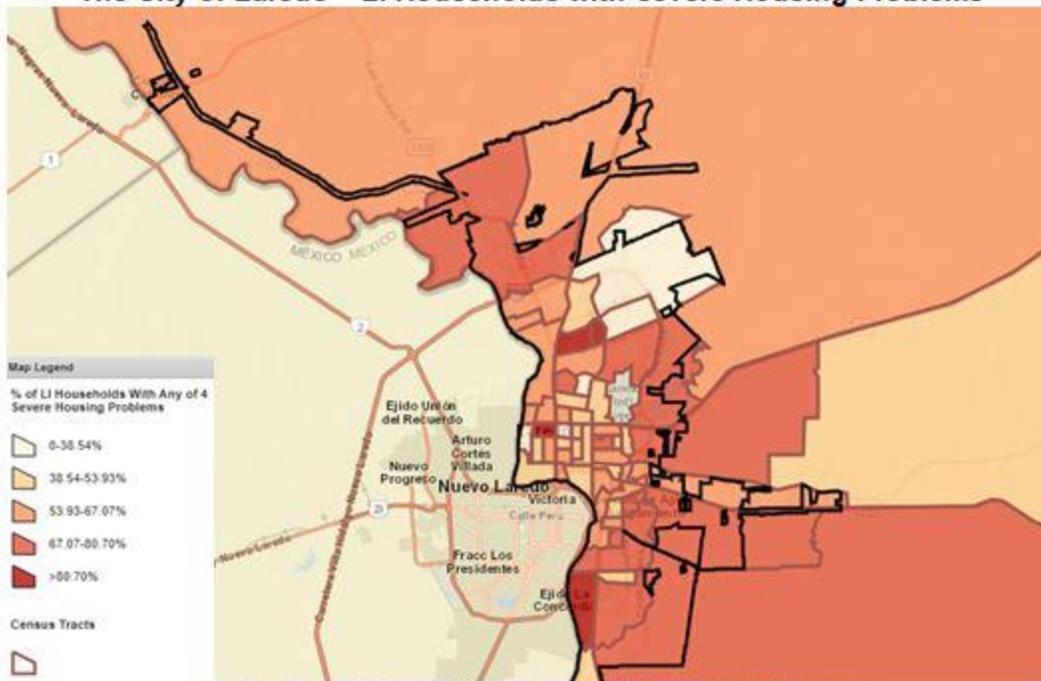
Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Yes. These tracts are close to the City’s major amenities, including recreation facilities, bus lines, municipal buildings, employment opportunities, and social service facilities. However, these community assets are not equally distributed throughout these areas. For example, most of the new developments are located in North and South Laredo.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

Other strategic opportunities exist with potential partners in efforts to revitalize the inner city and downtown Laredo areas. Continued development of this area could benefit residents of these areas by providing greater accessibility to recreational facilities, upgraded infrastructure, employment opportunities, and removal of blighted industrial structures and vacant residential buildings. The City will continue to fund redevelopment in the older neighborhood to create a more suitable livable environment through the activities of in-fill housing, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and code enforcement.

The City of Laredo – LI Households with Severe Housing Problems



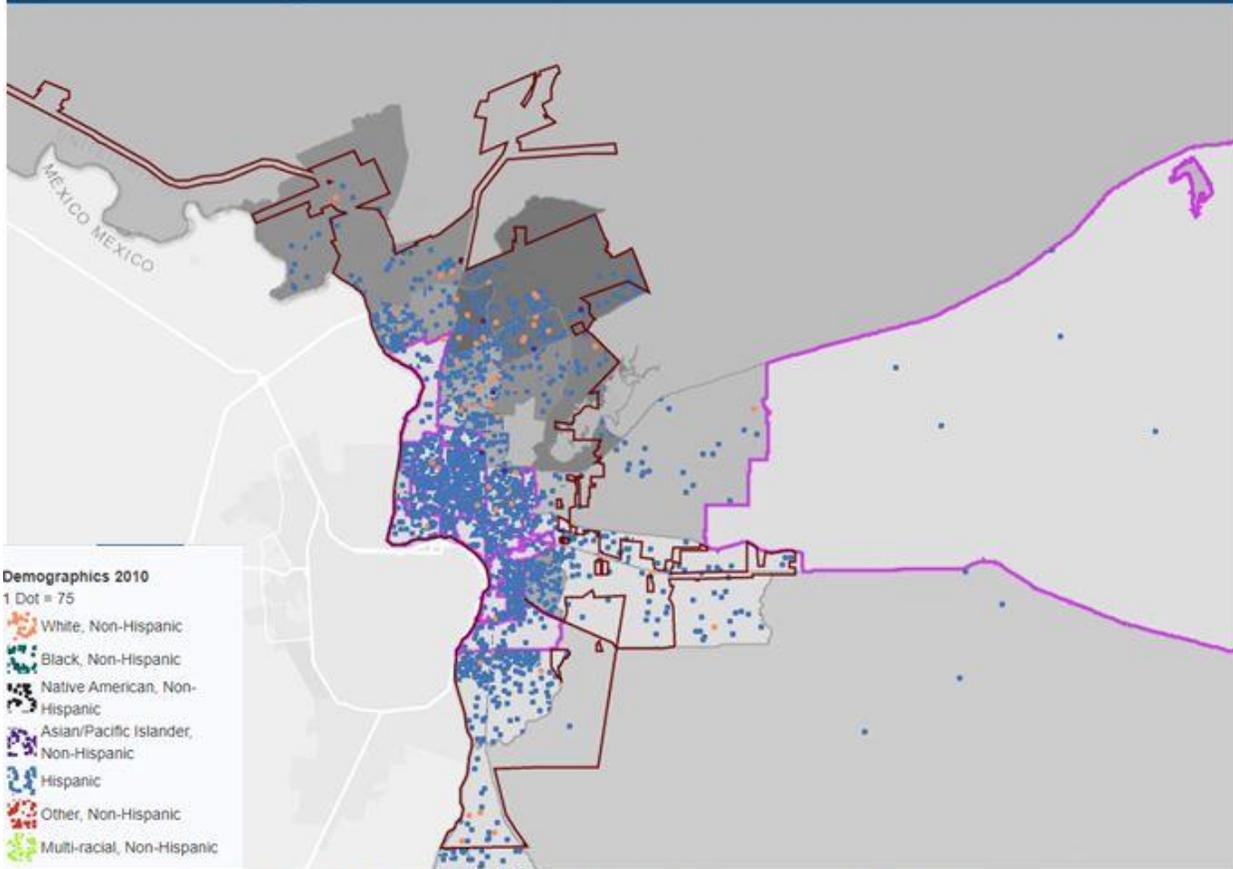
Source: HUD CPD Mapping Tool: <https://egis.hud.gov/cpdmaps/>

Concentration

City of Laredo Demographics and Poverty



AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING



Source: HUD AFFH Mapping Tool: <https://egis.hud.gov/affht/>

Race

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

As information, services, and resources increasingly move online, digital inequality has come to both reflect and contribute to other persistent forms of social inequality. According to HUD's Office of Policy Development, in the Digital Inequality and Low-Income Households Report, Disparate access to the Internet and digital devices corresponds closely with longstanding inequalities in income, education, race and ethnicity, age, immigration status, and geography. Typically, HUD-assisted households include populations that tend to face digital disadvantages, such as families earning less than \$25,000 per year, individuals without a high school degree, and minorities. Household income is strongly associated with in-home Internet connectivity levels, with low-income households being less connected than higher-income households.

According to the 2018 ACS estimates for the City of Laredo reflects 44,395 (63%) of all households have access to internet subscriptions or broadband. However, only 32% of households with less than \$20,000 have high-speed internet subscriptions at home.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

While historical ACS estimates reflect that more than 63 percent of the population has a broadband subscription, research data from High-Speed Internet indicates that both AT&T in the City of Laredo offer fiber internet and DSL internet. The DSL network of AT&T reaches all of Laredo, including Ranchitos las Lomas Colonia and Del Mar. However, the fiber network is still in development and does not cover the entirety of Laredo.

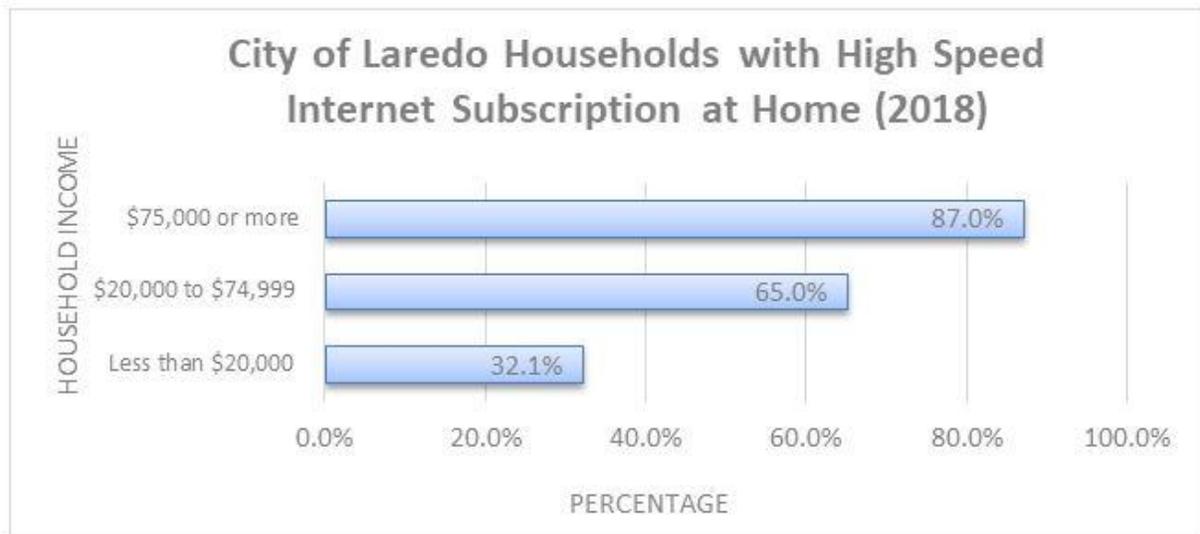
The high-speed cable is widely accessible through Time Warner Cable. This network is as large as the AT&T DSL network, reaching Farm to Market Road 1472 in the northwest and extending as far south as Pueblo Nueva Colonia. Some Laredo residents can access the internet via Valley Telephone Cooperative. This network is limited to Pueblo Nueva Colonia, Fiesta Loop, Acres Colonia, and Palencia Avenue, all of which are in the southern half of Laredo. This area is also served by Alenco Communications. Alenco Communications also covers the neighborhoods north of Del Mar Boulevard. The fastest Internet Service Providers in Laredo consist of:

- Spectrum offers internet at speeds up to 100 Mbps
- Viasat offers internet at speeds up to 25 Mbps
- AT&T offers internet at speeds up to 20 Mbps

- EarthLink offers internet at speeds up to 20 Mbps

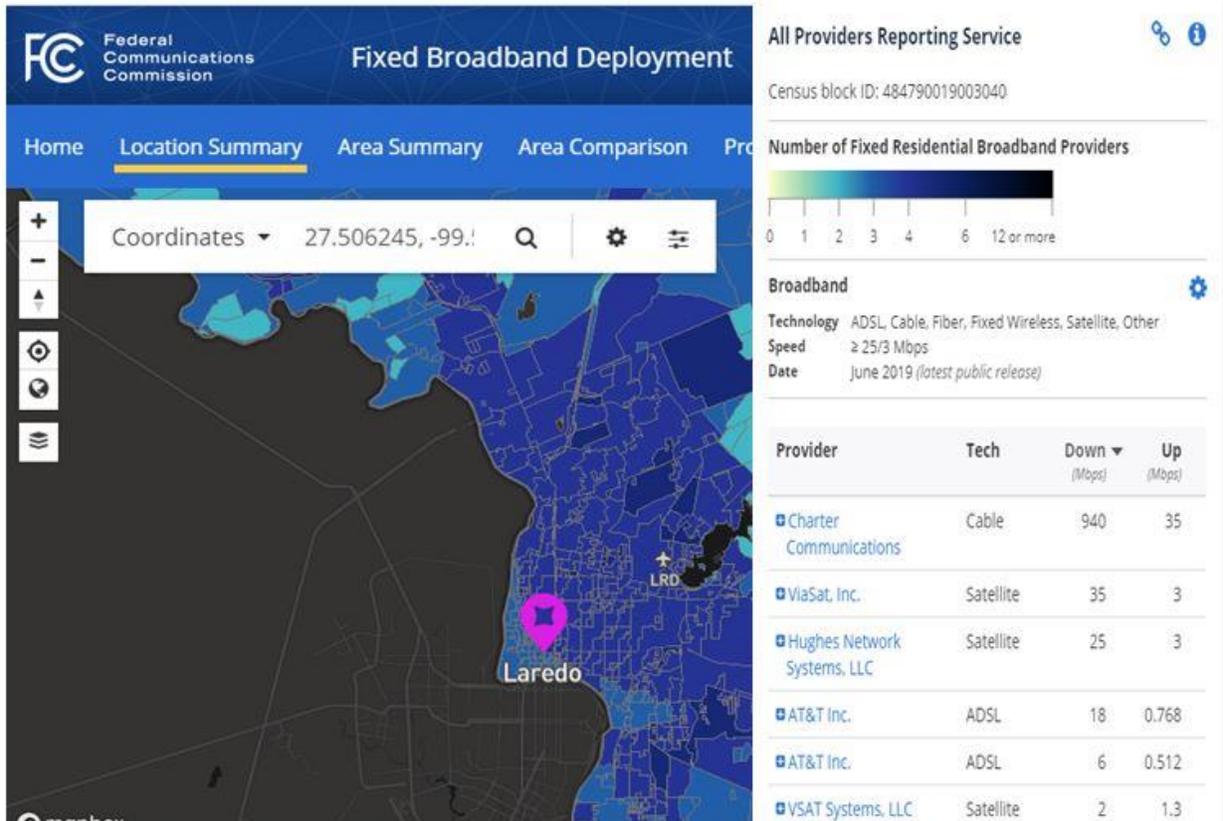
The map below displays data showing the number of providers reporting residential fixed broadband service in the city. The map displays the population-weighted average number of broadband providers city level. This map shows all technologies and broadband at a speed of at least 25 Mbps downstream / 3 Mbps upstream.

The City of Laredo has more than three internet providers to ensure costs remain reasonable among providers. To assist the City in meeting the need for broadband, some service providers have qualifying low-cost broadband services.



Source: 2018 ACS Estimates, www.data.census.gov

Internet



Source: Federal Communications Commission, <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov>

Broadband

Access from ATT

- \$10.00 per month
- **Covid-19 Update:** Two months of free service to new Access customers who order by April 30, 2020. \$5/mo or \$10/mo after that, depending on your speed. Eligibility has been expanded based on income and includes (a) households with income 135% or less than federal poverty guidelines, and (b) households participating in the National School Lunch Program/Head Start. All home internet data overage fees are waived.
- For more information, call (855) 220-5211.
- **Data:** 150GB or 1TB based on type & speeds available
- **No installation fees. No charge for in-home Wi-Fi modem.**

You may be eligible for this offer if at least one resident in the household participates in the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); your address is in AT&T's 21-state service area, at which AT&T offers wireline home Internet service; and you do not have outstanding debt for AT&T fixed Internet service within the last six months or outstanding debt incurred under this program. AT&T will assign the fastest of these speed tiers available at the customer's address: 10 megabits per second, for \$10 per month; 5 megabits per second, for \$10 per month; or three megabits per second, for \$5 per month.

PCs for People

- As low as \$11.25 per mo
- For more information, call (651) 354-2552
- **Data:** Unlimited
- Three prepaid plans are available: 3 months of service-\$45 (\$15/mo) 6 months of service-\$85 (\$14.16/mo) 12 months of service-\$135 (\$11.25/mo)

To be eligible, a household needs to be 200% or below of the federal poverty level or be currently enrolled in an income-based government assistance program. Examples of programs that are eligible include food support (SNAP), financial assistance (TANF), free or reduced lunch at school, Section 8 Housing, and SSI. Customers must show a photo ID and proof of eligibility.

Spectrum Internet Assist

- \$17.99 per month
- **Covid-19 Update:** Two months of free internet service for households with a K-12 or college student who do not already have a Spectrum internet subscription, installation fees will be waived, and open access to Spectrum public Wi-Fi access points for 60 days. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395. Households with children participating in the National School Lunch Program and people 65 years or older receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) should ask to enroll in Spectrum Internet Assist in order to receive two months of free service and remain on the low-cost plan (\$17.99-\$23.99/mo) after the two-month promotion ends.
- For more information about the low-cost internet service program, call (844) 525-1574
- **Data:** No data caps
- **Internet modem included. Add in-home WiFi for \$5 a month. Install fees are waived if self-installation is not available in an area.**

To qualify for this offer, at least one person in the applying household must participate in the National School Lunch Program, Community Eligibility Provision, or receive Supplemental Security Income (65 years old or older only).

Services

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

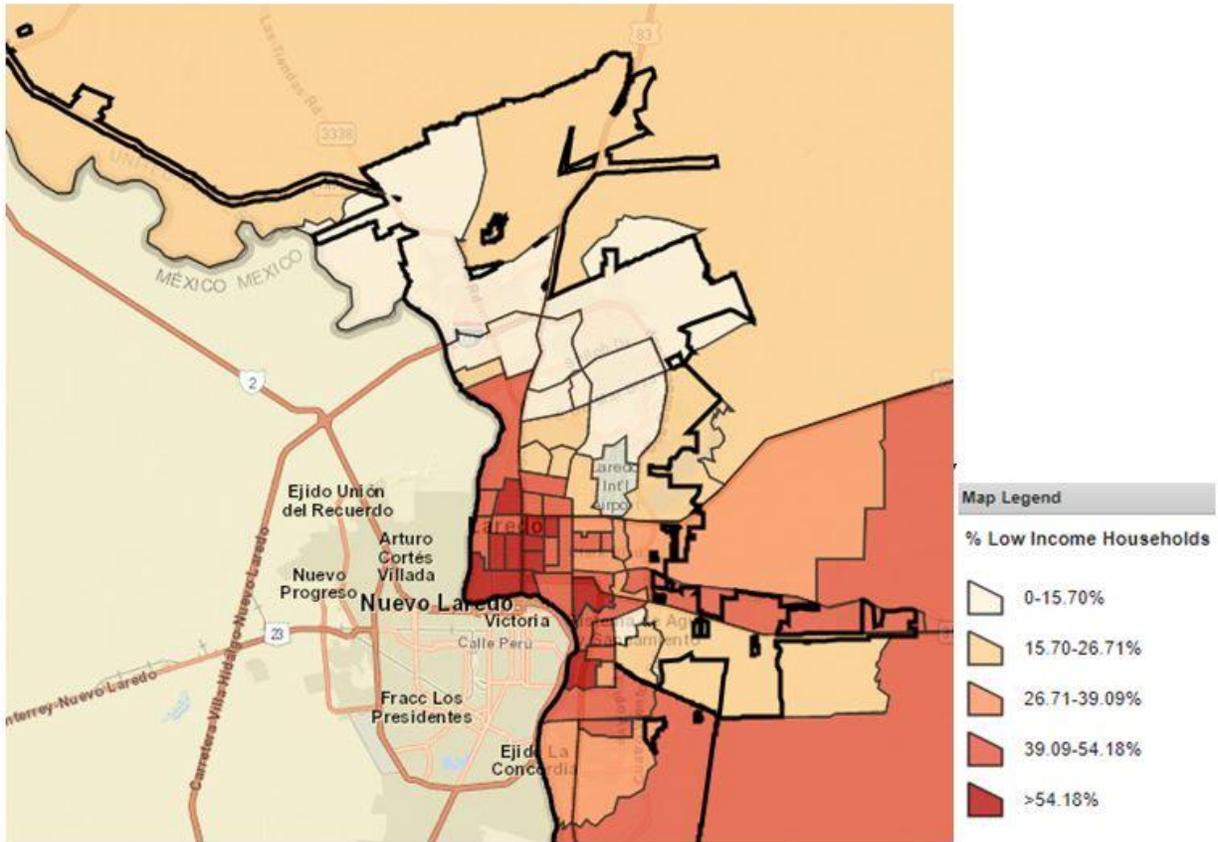
Hazard mitigation is any action taken to permanently eliminate or reduce the long-term risk to human life and property from natural and technological hazards. It is an essential element of emergency management along with preparedness, response, and recovery. The City of Laredo created the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) that will serve as a regional hub for disaster and emergency management in coordination with the Laredo Fire Department Office of Emergency Management.

According to the City of Laredo's Hazard Mitigation Plan, the City conducted a hazard analysis to reduce community vulnerability. The assessment of natural hazard risks associated with climate change revealed the City is most susceptible to flooding and fire hazards.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

Based the City's Planning data, the structures at risk are those located within the 100-year and 500-year floodplain areas which are homes located in the Western Division of the City (neighborhoods along the Rio Grande River) as well as the Central Laredo (which includes Retama, Chaparral, and points north between Hillside and Muller). The structures that could be damaged by fire include homes and businesses located along with the Southeastern Division that is adjacent to wildland (Zacate and Chacon Creek). Many of these structures are occupied by low-income households as reflected in the map below; the City has concentrations of 39% or more of low-income families in the Western, Central, and Southeastern Divisions of Laredo.

Percent of Low-Income Households



Percent of Low-Income Households

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The Strategic Plan provided below identifies priority needs and geographic focus areas for community development and housing efforts in the City of Laredo for the next five years. This Plan will identify the City's anti-poverty initiatives, market conditions, available resources, and the plan to monitor performance and compliance for each HUD program for which it receives funds. The priorities identified are based on the information received from needs assessment surveys, market analysis, stakeholder meetings, and public comments. The City of Laredo is anticipating over \$26 million in federal funds over this 5-year Consolidated Plan period. The City of Laredo Community Development Department will administer these grant funds. The Community Development Department will partner with city departments, nonprofit partners, developers, community housing development organizations, and the local housing authority to expend these funds on eligible activities that address the strategic priorities listed in this Plan.

The Community Development Department provides quality of life services to low-and moderate-income citizens of the City of Laredo. CDBG, HOME, and ESG allocations will be leveraged to generate long term improvements for low and moderate-income residents and communities while helping to address various federal, state, and local priorities, such as affordable housing, fair housing choice, economic development, homelessness, and lead-based paint hazards.

The City will concentrate CDBG spending on community facilities, infrastructure projects, housing rehabilitation, public service activities, and economic development activities. HOME funds will be utilized on the development or rehabilitation of single and multi-family housing units, tenant-based rental assistance activities, and homebuyer activities. Additionally, the City will focus on rapid re-housing, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and essential services for the homeless with the ESG grant.

The City currently has 97 Census Block groups that are classified as low/moderate income. These tracts were defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as low/moderate-income and are shown on the map below and table below.

Tract	Block Group	Low/Mod%	Tract	Block Group	Low/Mod%	Tract	Block Group	Low/Mod%
17.06	1	51.18%	9.01	1	61.54%	10.04	1	70.45%
18.11	1	51.45%	12.02	1	61.88%	10.03	1	70.49%
13.00	1	51.50%	18.06	2	61.90%	12.01	1	70.71%
11.01	1	53.15%	17.06	4	61.95%	18.06	1	71.57%
17.09	3	53.27%	10.1	4	61.97%	14.02	1	73.73%
18.14	1	53.38%	001706	2	62.20%	18.17	2	75.44%
19.00	2	53.89%	18.09	1	62.48%	6.01	1	76.00%
1.01	3	54.26%	6.02	1	62.61%	9.04	2	78.11%
18.07	3	54.43%	15.02	2	62.69%	1.09	2	78.95%
11.03	2	55.38%	1.01	1	62.99%	8	2	79.91%
9.04	3	56.20%	6.02	2	63.20%	13	3	80.24%
17.16	1	56.36%	1.09	1	64.50%	17.06	3	80.58%
1.05	2	57.14%	2	3	64.88%	1.07	2	80.68%
8	1	57.25%	18.17	3	64.93%	18.18	1	80.94%
11.04	2	57.63%	14.01	1	65.29%	12.01	3	80.99%
12.01	2	57.96%	14.01	2	66.19%	1.06	1	81.42%
1.08	1	58.39%	18.07	1	66.26%	7	2	81.90%
1.05	1	58.41%	18.07	2	67.15%	14.01	3	83.56%
17.17	2	58.60%	2	2	67.21%	18.08	2	85.27%
2	1	59.02%	18.17	1	67.22%	1.01	2	85.53%
11.03	1	59.18%	19	1	67.30%	18.15	2	85.58%
11.01	2	59.22%	1.06	2	67.43%	3	2	86.61%
9.01	3	59.22%	16.01	2	67.46%	8	3	87.57%
15.01	1	59.29%	18.13	1	67.65%	7	1	89.34%
2	4	59.61%	17.10	1	67.91%	12.02	2	89.52%
10.01	1	59.74%	9.03	2	68.04%	18.14	2	89.68%
9.04	1	60.00%	6.01	3	68.32%	9.01	4	89.83%
17.17	1	60.14%	10.04	2	68.42%	15.01	2	90.43%
18.12	2	60.26%	11.04	1	68.54%	9.03	1	94.98%
10.01	2	60.69%	6.01	2	70.09%	3	1	97.56%
13	2	60.89%	11.05	2	70.10%	19	3	100%
1.07	1	61.25%	15.02	1	70.37%			
18.08	3	61.46%	1.08	2	70.43%			

Low/Mod Census Tracts

SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

Geographic Area

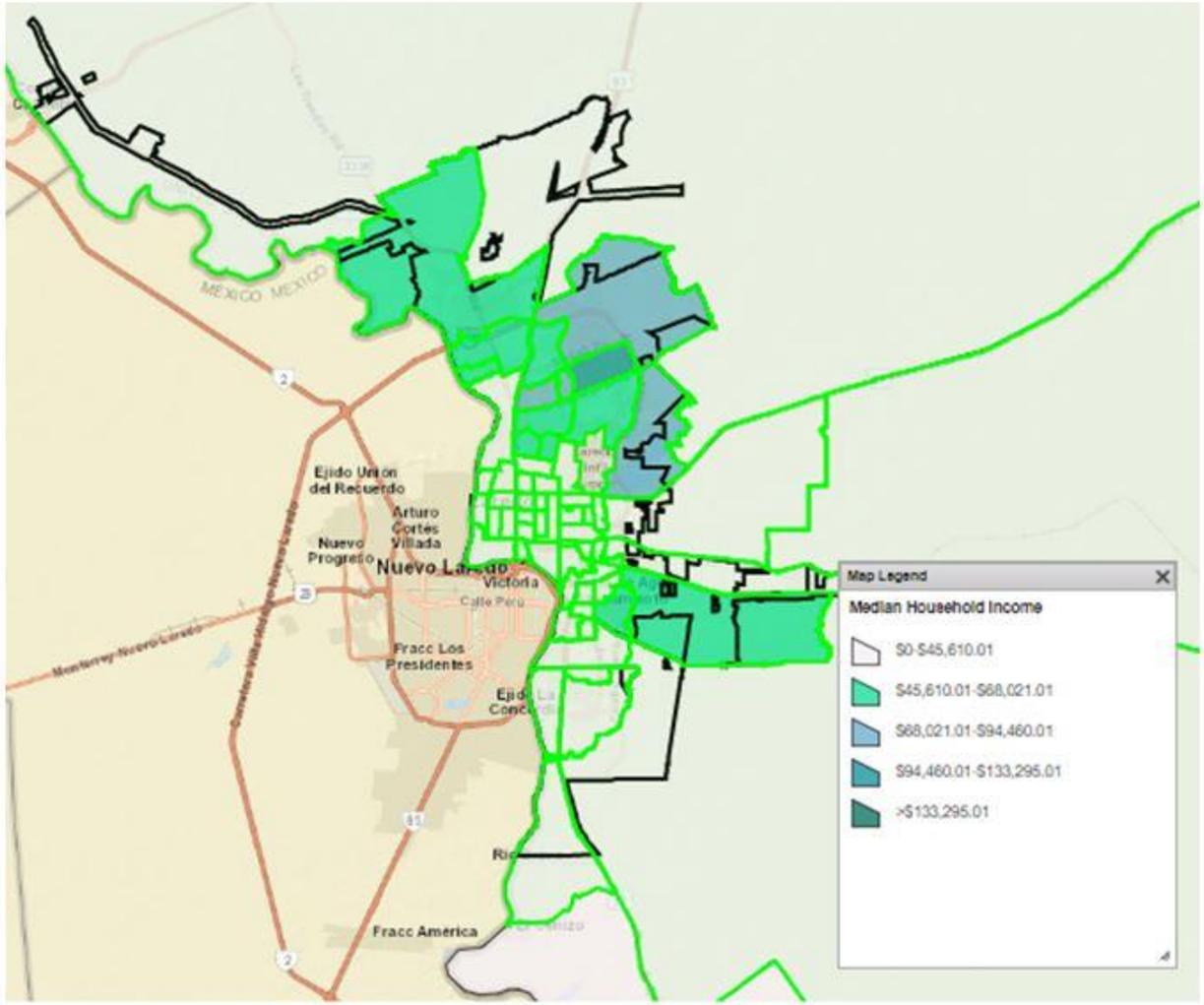
Table 46 - Geographic Priority Areas

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

The City of Laredo is an urban area that relies on widely accepted data such as American Community Survey (ACS), HUD low and moderate-income summary data, and Federal Financial Institutions Examinations Council (FFIEC) data to determine areas throughout the community with concentrations of low and moderate-income communities. Program resources are allocated city-wide based on low-mod areas, which often coincide with areas of minority concentration. Over the next five years, the City intends to utilize CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds in areas where 51% or more of residents have low or moderate household incomes) are shown in the map below.

The City of Laredo receives a direct entitlement of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address the needs in the community. The needs identified during the Needs Assessment process were not exclusive to any specific geographic area within the City. Laredo has opted to undertake projects that will benefit income-eligible households throughout the City rather than identifying a target area. Program resources are allocated citywide based on low-mod areas, which often coincide with areas of minority concentration.



Median Household Income

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 47 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Persons with Physical Disabilities
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing Planning and Administration
	Description	Rehabilitation services will be provided to low- and moderate-income homeowners who lack the funds to make repairs and improvements to bring their homes to a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable living environment. Additionally, a rental rehabilitation program will consist of the rehabilitation of a building for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Preserving the City’s aging housing stock allows for the safety and livability of low-income homeowners and renters. This type of assistance was identified as a great need in the Community Needs Survey by community members. As demonstrated in the Housing Needs Assessment, Tables 18-21, income levels have a direct correlation to the number of severe housing problems occurring.
2	Priority Need Name	New Construction of Housing
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation Homebuyer Assistance Clearance Planning and Administration
	Description	The City will work with financial lending institutions, builders, and/or non-profit housing organizations to facilitate acquisitions, housing construction, and rehabilitation, as well as homeowner qualifications and mortgage financing. The City will reserve a 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.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The need for affordable housing for target populations was shown to be in great need in the Housing Market Analysis, and Community Needs Survey. As demonstrated in the Housing Needs Assessment many families suffer from substandard conditions, overcrowding, and have a severe housing cost burden.
3	Priority Need Name	Homebuyer Assistance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Homebuyer Assistance Planning and Administration

	Description	Homeowner assistance will provide services for low- and moderate-income individuals who wish to purchase their own homes through the Down Payment Assistance Program.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Providing financial assistance for homeownership ranked high in the Community Needs Survey. As housing prices continue to rise, homeownership becomes out of reach for low- and moderate-income families. As demonstrated in the Housing Needs Assessment. The number of cost-burdened households that pay between 30 – 50% of their income on housing-related costs is 12,440. However, the number of severely cost-burdened households that pay more than 50% of their income on housing-related costs is close at 11,169. Therefore, it has been assigned a high priority.
4	Priority Need Name	Rental Assistance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Physical Disabilities
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Rental Assistance Planning and Administration
	Description	Tenant Based Rental assistance allows for the low-income tenant to live more comfortably on a fixed income. This is especially true for the elderly and frail elderly, and those with special needs.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The Community Needs Survey demonstrated a great need for rental assistance for low income residents. As demonstrated in the Housing Needs Assessment, the number of cost-burdened households that pay between 30 – 50% of their income on housing-related costs is 12,440. However, the number of severely cost-burdened households that pay more than 50% of their income on housing-related costs is close at 11,169. Therefore, it has been assigned a high priority.
5	Priority Need Name	Homelessness Assistance

	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children veterans Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Homeless Assistance Planning and Administration
	Description	Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds will be used to fund Homeless Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, and Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) to reduce homelessness in the city.
	Basis for Relative Priority	As demonstrated in the Homeless Needs Assessment section of this plan and the Community Needs Survey, the homeless population in the City of Laredo continues to grow without the increase of services to meet their needs. As a result of the data collected, it is estimated a total of 241 individuals are experiencing homelessness. Of those, only 90% were sheltered, leaving 10% of homeless individuals unsheltered. Addressing homeless needs is a high priority for the City of Laredo.
6	Priority Need Name	Code Enforcement
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	

	Associated Goals	Code Enforcement Planning and Administration
	Description	Enforcement and education regarding City codes related to weeded lots, junked vehicles, and nuisances is essential to improving and maintaining low-income neighborhoods and areas clean and safe, promote a healthy environment, and improved quality of life.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The Community Needs Survey resulted in a great need for elimination of slum and blighting conditions, especially code enforcement. This activity promotes cleanliness and safety in neighborhoods and leads to more stable neighborhood environments.
7	Priority Need Name	Public Facilities
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Public Facilities Clearance Planning and Administration
	Description	There continues to be a need for neighborhood public facilities that provide safe places for community members to gather or individuals to receive services. Facilities include, but are not limited to, community, senior, and recreation centers, parks and playgrounds, and neighborhood police substations.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The need for facilities is shown through the continued expressed need from the Community Needs Survey.
8	Priority Need Name	Public Improvements
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development

	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Public Improvements Planning and Administration
	Description	Infrastructure development within low- and moderate-income areas in need within the City of Laredo. Existing areas throughout the city that do not have proper drainage systems are considered to be of high priority due to substandard living conditions. Funds allocated under this category could be used for drainage projects, construct sidewalks, provide handicap accessibility, install traffic lights, street signs, bike lanes and other improvements, as deemed necessary, to assess the community's basic health and safety needs.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The need for infrastructure is shown through the continued demand for assistance from the various programs and the expressed need from the Community Need Survey.
9	Priority Need Name	Public Service
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Public Service Planning and Administration
	Description	Addressing neighborhood needs through graffiti removal is one way the City of Laredo will improve the quality of life and promote safety for residents, especially those in low and moderate-income neighborhoods. Also, the development of recreational and other programs which promote good health and improved quality of life will be provided to low and moderate-income clientele.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The graffiti removal activity promotes cleanliness and safety in neighborhoods and leads to more stable neighborhood environments. Through the Community Needs Survey, residents also expressed a great need for more recreational and quality of life amenities.

10	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Economic Development Planning and Administration
	Description	Economic Development in the City of Laredo is of great need. By addressing this need, the income levels of low and moderate individuals will be raised through job training and employment. At the same time, jobs can be created through small business development.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Respondents from the Community Needs Survey ranked economic development as having a great need, specifically small business development and job training and employment.
11	Priority Need Name	Clearance
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Public Facilities Clearance Planning and Administration
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the clearance of substandard structures in low/moderate income areas to promote safety by eliminating the unsafe conditions and hazards that these structures may conduce and improved quality of life.

	Basis for Relative Priority	The demolition of substandard structures promotes health, cleanliness, and safety in neighborhoods and leads to more stable neighborhood environments. Also, the demolition and clearance of abandoned and dilapidated structures will be undertaken in low and moderate-income areas. Although the demolition of substandard structures is needed in the City, compared to other needs, these projects have been assigned a low priority.
12	Priority Need Name	Acquisition
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation Planning and Administration
	Description	The City will allocate funding for the acquisition of land in support of public facility improvements and affordable housing.
	Basis for Relative Priority	It was noted in the Community Needs Survey, both housing and public facility improvements were of a great need for community residents. Because of many of the projects conducted in support of public facilities and housing require the acquisition of land, the City will allocate funds throughout the next five years for acquisition.

Narrative (Optional)

Through the Consolidated Planning process, the City has evaluated needs and assessed the market to determine gaps in services and needs in the community. Through the evaluation and findings of other studies focused on community development along with the needs and concerns established throughout the public participation process, a set of 12 priority needs have been identified to guide the use of community development funds throughout the next five years.

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	Local market conditions show that severely cost-burdened families are at the highest risk of becoming homeless. These families pay more than 50% of their income toward housing costs. Further, families who are severely cost-burdened and earn household incomes less than 50% AMI are at an even higher risk of becoming homeless. The City has limited availability of decent, safe, and affordable units to accommodate these households. Additionally, there is a high demand for public housing units and tax credit units, further widening the gap between the need and the supply of units. TBRA is a useful tool to bridge the gap in the market rate for affordable units and the income disparity for the very-low-income wage earners.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	Lack of units with supportive services influences the use of funds available for this housing type. A need for supportive housing has been identified based on consultations with homeless persons, accommodation, and social service agencies. Market characteristics impacting this priority relate to the shortage of privately-owned housing units which are available to provide supportive housing programs. This problem is intensified by the lack of public funds.
New Unit Production	A shortage of affordable, decent housing units is an identified need. As the City's population continues to increase, the demand for housing continues to rise. As demand increases, cost increases, making housing unaffordable for residents below a certain income level. Constructing new rental and homeowner units for low-and moderate-income residents is critical.
Rehabilitation	The market characteristics influencing this priority include the age and condition of the existing housing stock without the income to support the rehabilitation of units. Vulnerable populations such as elderly, disabled, low-income, and special needs families often live on fixed incomes that are not sufficient to cover unexpected housing repairs.
Acquisition, including preservation	There are opportunities to improve the conditions and affordability of housing by the acquisition of vacant, deteriorating structures. These structures are multi-unit or previously nonresidential buildings appropriate for conversion. The cost and complexity of acquisition and rehabilitation of these structures usually require implementations by an experienced housing development entity and financial assistance. When arrangements are of historic or architectural value, the cost can be increased. Similar to the new unit production, the HOME program can provide the resources for this type of development.

Table 48 – Influence of Market Conditions

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The anticipated budget for FY 2020-2021 is as follows: CDBG \$3,849,601, HOME \$1,167,578 and, ESG \$327,812. The City of Laredo anticipated the receipt of \$262,800 in program income \$2,800 for the CDBG program and \$260,000 for the HOME program. The City also anticipates receiving \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$7,027) and projects under this program (\$64,973), totaling \$3,924,401.00 of CDBG funds expected to be available on year 1.

City of Laredo's FY2020-2021 CDBG allocation was reduced from \$3,850,188 to \$3,849,601 and the HOME allocation from \$1,167,858 to \$1,167,578. According to the City of Laredo's Citizen Participation plan, the \$587 reduction to the 2020 CDBG and \$280 to the 2020 HOME allocations did not trigger a substantial amendment and therefore citizen participation process was not required.

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	3,849,601	2,800	0	3,852,401	15,697,604	CDBG funds will be used for administration, housing rehabilitation, a rental rehabilitation program, code enforcement, public facilities, public improvements, and public services. A minimum of 70% of funds will be used to address low and moderate income national objective. CDBG Funds used throughout the City will leverage other federal, local, and private funds. The City also anticipates receiving \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$7,027) and projects under this program (\$64,973), totaling \$3,924,401.00 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	1,167,578	260,000	0	1,427,578	5,710,312	HOME funds will be used for administration, to provide Down Payment Assistance and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, fund Community Housing Development Organizations and for a homeowner reconstruction 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	327,812	0	0	327,812	1,311,248	ESG funds will be used for Administration, to fund Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, and the 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 49 - Anticipated Resources

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 grant funds and City general funds to offset funding reductions through its HUD CPD program funding. 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 2020-2021. However in support of the City's HOME funded Down Payment Assistance Program, the program is estimated to leverage approximately \$1,560,000 in private sector mortgage loan financing for FY 2020-2021.

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 2020 is at least \$327,812.00.

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

The Community Development Department will continue to look for options to acquire, rehabilitate, and/or redevelop vacant land and/or properties throughout the City for affordable housing or other community development projects that will benefit LMI residents.

In addition, the City is in the process of converting the Southern Hotel, a building located in downtown Laredo, into mixed income rental housing. The architectural contract was awarded in April of 2020 and we are in the process of environmentally clearing the rehabilitation of the project.

Discussion

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Azteca Economic Development and Preservation Corp.	Non-profit organizations	Economic Development Ownership Rental	Other
Bethany House of Laredo	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Other
Border Region MHMR Behavioral Center	Regional organization	Non-homeless special needs	Other
Casa de Misericordia	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Other
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Laredo	Community/Faith-based organization	Homelessness	Other
City of Laredo Health Department HIV Program	Government	Non-homeless special needs	Other
City of Laredo Parks and Leisure Services	Government	Non-homeless special needs Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities	Other
City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Department	Government	Non-homeless special needs Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities	Other
Endeavors	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Other
Gateway Community Health Center	Other	Non-homeless special needs	Other
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LAREDO, INC.	CHDO	Ownership	Other

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Holding Institute Community Center	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness public services	Other
Laredo College	Public institution	Non-homeless special needs	Other
Laredo Housing Authority	PHA	Public Housing	Other
Laredo Municipal Housing	Government	Homelessness Rental	Other
Literacy Volunteers of Laredo	Non-profit organizations	public services	Other
LULAC Haven, Inc.	Non-profit organizations	Rental	Other
NeighborWorks Laredo	CHDO	Ownership Rental	Other
Sacred Heart Children's Home	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs	Other
The Salvation Army	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Other
Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN)	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Other
South Texas Food Bank	Non-profit organizations	public services	Other
Villa San Luis	Non-profit organizations	Rental	Other
Workforce Solutions for South Texas	Regional organization	Economic Development	Other
Webb County Community Action Agency	Government	public services	Other
Webb County Veteran's Service Office	Government	public services	Other

**Table 50 - Institutional Delivery Structure
Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System**

The City of Laredo has a network of service providers that are made up of nonprofits, private sector developers, community-based development organizations, a local housing authority, and coalitions. Additionally, the City employs staff to administer these grants programs. This allows both the team and the service providers to become subject matter experts to maximize both the efficiency and effectiveness of the program.

One of the greatest strengths of the Institutional Delivery System is the communication between partners. It is critically important the partners communicate with one another to avoid duplications of services and to preserve scarce resources. On the other hand, one of the most significant gaps in the Institutional Delivery System is the financial capacity of these nonprofit partners. The funding that the City of Laredo provides is intended to be supplemental to the operation of programs.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance	X		X
Rental Assistance	X	X	X
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics	X	X	
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	X
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X		X
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	X
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation	X	X	X
Other			
	X	X	X

Table 51 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

The City of Laredo allocates funding to nonprofit partners who offer programs meant to address homelessness in the city: Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing, Homelessness Prevention, and data entry into the Homelessness Management Information System. Agencies awarded

with ESG funds assess families for various risk factors. The agencies are also required to work with publicly funded institutions such as hospitals, jails, and mental health facilities to ensure that housing resources are made available to families upon discharge.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

The gaps of services in the community include that the need for homelessness services often outpaces the supply of supportive services due to the lack of available funds. Additionally, the City is in great need of a detox center which would assist persons with substance abuse and would avoid for them to have to travel out of town to receive this service. A great strength is the creation of the “Laredo/Webb County Coordinated Entry” process. This process provides accessible and effective assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. It helps our community to prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that individuals who need assistance the most can receive it on a timely manner. The process also assists with referrals between multiple agencies, public housing and the City of Laredo Municipal Housing.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

The following strategies will be implemented to overcome the gaps in the institutional delivery structure affected by the lack of funding and lack of a detox center. The City will continue to collaborate with the coordinated entry partners to identify additional local, state, and/or federal funding opportunities for our area. Additionally, technical assistance will continue to be provided by the City to ensure the gap is filled. Lastly, the City will continue to collaborate with Webb County officials and other agencies from the community to address the need and be able to provide substance abuse services in our own community at a detox center.

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

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: \$4,660,865 HOME: \$2,259,290	Rental units rehabilitated: 13 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 145 Household Housing Unit
2	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		New Construction of Housing Acquisition	CDBG: \$300,000 HOME: \$1,000,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit Other: 10 Other
3	Homebuyer Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		New Construction of Housing Homebuyer Assistance	HOME: \$1,300,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 60 Households Assisted
4	Rental Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs		Rental Assistance	HOME: \$2,000,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 505 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: \$1,557,770	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 75 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 37590 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 60 Persons Assisted
6	Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities Clearance	CDBG: \$2,201,250	Other: 21 Other
7	Public Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Improvements	CDBG: \$2,661,250	Other: 17 Other
8	Code Enforcement	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$2,540,535	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 510775 Persons Assisted
9	Public Service	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Service	CDBG: \$983,355	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 511275 Persons Assisted
10	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development	CDBG: \$444,000	Businesses assisted: 17 Businesses Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
11	Clearance	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		New Construction of Housing Public Facilities Clearance	CDBG: \$400,000	Buildings Demolished: 16 Buildings
12	Planning and Administration	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Housing Rehabilitation New Construction of Housing Homebuyer Assistance Rental Assistance Homelessness Assistance Code Enforcement Public Facilities Public Improvements Public Service Economic Development Clearance Acquisition	CDBG: \$5,433,685 HOME: \$580,000 ESG: \$81,290	Other: 0 Other

Table 52 – 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.</p> <p>The Rental Rehabilitation Program project will consist of the rehabilitation of a building for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households.</p> <p>The Homeowner Reconstruction Program project will provide persons of low-moderate income (at or below 80% of AMI) an opportunity to reconstruct their homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Reconstruction loan amounts will be determined on a case by case basis with an affordability period of 20 years.</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.</p> <p>The City will also allocate funding for the acquisition of land in support of public facility improvements.</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.
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.

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.
6	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	The projects will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of improvements at various public facilities located in low and moderate income areas throughout the city.
7	Goal Name	Public Improvements
	Goal Description	The projects will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of public improvements to be located in low and moderate income areas throughout the city.
8	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.
9	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 of Laredo will also allocate funding for the Downtown Senior Recreational Program in order to benefit the large senior population living in the downtown area.
10	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	The City will assist private businesses to promote economic development in our city.

11	Goal Name	Clearance
	Goal Description	The City plans to demolish privately owned substandard structures located in low/mod income areas that pose a threat to the community.
12	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.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

Over the five-year Consolidated Plan period, the City of Laredo anticipates providing affordable housing as follows:

Through the City’s down-payment assistance program, financial assistance will be provided to approximately 60 low/moderate income first time home buyers during the five year period.

Community Housing Development Organizations, and other nonprofit housing providers, will receive HOME program funds to acquire, rehabilitate, and/or construct affordable housing units benefiting approximately 10 low/moderate -income households during the five year period.

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program provides rental assistance to elderly residents who reside in the downtown area with incomes at or below 60% AMI. The City proposes to allocate funding for the TBRA program, which is a rental subsidy that allows eligible tenants to receive assistance in market-rate rental units meets the basic requirements. It is estimated that 505 households will be assisted during the five year period.

Funds will be allocated to acquire residential lots to build affordable housing. It is estimated that a total of 3 lots will be purchased during the five year period.

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

The Laredo Housing Authority has handicap accessible units designated to meet the current needs of tenants requiring ADA compliant living space; however, there is a need to increase this number to meet future population growth projections in the City of Laredo. As the elderly and disabled populations increase, so should the number of housing units that are considered handicap accessible. With an increasing population and a large number of elderly residents, more investment is needed to increase the number of handicap accessible units.

There is not an urgent need to increase the number of accessible units required by Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreements based on the current amount of public housing occupants along with current housing assistance waiting list numbers. But, the need for more handicap accessible units will increase with population growth. The housing authority should consider including universal design elements [i.e., no-step entries, wider doorways] in all future developments to allow for a diversity of housing types and options.

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

The Laredo Housing Authority has taken appropriate steps to increase resident involvement through the establishment of a Resident Services Division, known as Resident Initiatives. The group meets monthly and serves as communication ambassadors to the housing authority by collecting feedback from tenants, sharing the needs and requests of current tenants with housing authority management and staff, helping public housing staff formulate annual agency plans, and acting as citizen advocates for the enforcement of the housing authority's policies and procedures. Examples of the initiatives include the Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS), After School Program, Kids Café Program, Elderly Disabled Supportive Service Program, and other Community Services. The group also encourages residents to attend public events that provide seminars and advisement on financial planning, budgeting, credit management, and other aspects of improving household wealth and credit.

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

No

Plan to remove the 'troubled' designation

Not applicable.

SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City of Laredo's housing market presents significant impediments to the development of an adequate supply of affordable housing for low to moderate-income people. The City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (2018) examined a number of areas in which barriers to the development of affordable housing might exist. Barriers identified in the AI that have negative effects on public policies on affordable housing and residential investment included:

- Lack of affordable housing based on the number of bedrooms.
- Lack of economic opportunities which prevents lower income from increasing their income and the ability to live outside of lower-income areas.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City's primary strategy to address barriers to affordable housing include as follows:

- Allocate funding to the housing rehabilitation program, including the abatement or remediation of lead-based paint hazards to preserve existing affordable housing.
- Facilitate homeownership for income, eligible families, by making down-payment assistance available.
- Provide rental subsidies through its Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program for elderly residents.
- Implementing non-restrictive fees for private developers and builders to encourage the development of affordable housing.
- Increase collaboration with CHDOs, non-profit developers, private developers, financial institutions, and builders to build affordable housing.
- Providing technical assistance to nonprofit developers regarding new construction design and funding opportunities.

The City of Laredo receives a limited amount of funds from the Federal Government to address housing affordability, making it more relevant to leverage resources. Over the next Consolidated Plan period, the City will collaborate with private and nonprofit developers to encourage affordable housing development. The City is also committed to leverages resources through the HOME program, private investment, and the implementation of nonrestrictive fees.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

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

The City of Laredo, through its nonprofit partners, provides services for the homeless by allocating ESG funding. The network of services providers refers clients to one another for assistance on an ad hoc basis. Additionally, as part of the Coordinated Entry process, the City hired two case workers (Navigators) to conduct and be responsible for the CE and Continuum of Care policy. These positions are funded through the City of Laredo's general fund.

The City's ESG Program allocates funding for its street outreach program, conducted by a local homeless service provider to perform outreach efforts for homeless families. Additionally, the City will continue to participate in the Point in Time Count to identify the number of homeless persons in the City and to appropriately allocate funding to address homelessness.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Laredo currently awards its ESG entitlement funds to subrecipients for the operation of emergency shelters, provision of essential services, to provide street outreach, homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance.

The City of Laredo, in collaboration with its subrecipients, are working together to prevent homelessness by helping families remain within their communities and retain their current permanent housing or diverting people to permanent housing solutions. The first step in this process is to streamline the intake of homeless families seeking emergency shelter. The improved coordination will result in more families being diverted away from homelessness and more families exiting homelessness and being housed in permanent housing.

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 will continue to administer the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and oversee activities for homeless individuals and families. The City has identified rapid re-housing as a priority during the next Consolidated Plan period. Obtaining permanent housing for homeless individuals and families will shorten the length of time spent in emergency or transitional shelters or a place not meant for habitation.

The City encourages collaboration with organizations to transition as many people as possible into permanent housing as quickly as possible. The City also supports the coordinated entry process to assess and direct the homeless to appropriate housing and services. Some families or individuals may require only limited assistance for a brief period, such as emergency food and shelter -- until a first paycheck is received or a medical emergency has passed. Others will require more comprehensive and long-term assistance, such as transitional housing with supportive services and job training. Due to limited resources, agencies need to eliminate duplication of efforts by local agencies, both in assessment procedures and in subsequent housing and supportive services. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) can be improved with common intake forms, shared data, effective assessment instruments and procedures, and on-going coordination of assistance among community organizations.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

Diversion to housing and services outside of the traditional homeless services system is an integral part of helping families to avoid becoming homeless. Through a coordinated system, service providers will work with families to identify other housing options available for the household rather than accessing shelter through the homeless system. For example, family or friends that the client may be able to stay with while stabilizing their housing situation, which may be more beneficial for the household and simultaneously reserves homeless shelter resources for those with no other options.

Through the work of the City Navigators, the City will also leverage other private, local, state, and/or federal funds to assist families in increasing income and remaining in permanent housing. This will be achieved by connecting families to economic development and job opportunities to obtain better-paying jobs, providing access to education about resources in the community, and developing more affordable housing for families.

SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Houses built before 1978 are considered to be at risk of containing some amount of lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards. The City of Laredo is committed to ensuring that recipients of HOME, CDBG, and ESG funds administer programs that limit the risks associated with lead-based paints. The City's Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessors inspect all painted surfaces. If funded, applicants receive additional information on dealing with lead-based paint hazards and ongoing technical assistance throughout the project to reduce or eliminate the risk associated with lead-based paint hazards. Depending upon the type of activity being funded, both the CDBG and HOME programs allow grant funds to be used to assist with the cost of lead-based paint removal and abatement activities.

Additionally, 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, assess, 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.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

All proposed rehabilitation projects for units built before 1978 will be assessed for the presence of lead-based paint. If found, risk assessments will be completed, and all lead-related work will be performed by lead-certified contractors using lead safe work practices. Clearance tests will be completed to ensure that the hazard has been removed from the home. The City of Laredo requires homeowners to sign a pre-renovation disclosure form, and the homeowners are also provided with a lead hazard information pamphlet before work is started on their home.

Regarding the City of Laredo Health Department, the health department team, environmental health specialists, epidemiologists, and lead risk assessors 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.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

Program policies and procedures regarding single- or multi-family housing rehabilitation must incorporate the HUD-mandated lead requirements. The City as well as its subrecipients of HOME funds must incorporate these procedures into their local policies. As work write-ups are prepared and submitted for approval, the presence and proposed treatment of lead-based paint are reviewed thoroughly as part of the environmental review before approving the work and issuing a notice to proceed. This subject is also covered thoroughly at the pre-construction conferences.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The City of Laredo recognizes the importance of implementing programs and policies to reduce the number of poverty-level families. Severe cost-burdened as it relates to housing is a significant factor in families' inability to increase upward mobility. The City of Laredo has identified the following efforts to reduce the number of poverty-level families:

- Support commercial and industrial development to bring new industries to the area.
- Promote economic development by providing incentives for businesses that relocate or expand operations in Laredo.
- Encourage new business industries to offer training programs for current city residents to allow these residents to benefit from these new opportunities
- Support projects that promote commercial and residential development in underdeveloped areas and encourage residents of these communities to participate in that development.
- Encourage and adhere to Section 3 policies to create jobs for low-income residents.
- Continue to administer ESG funds, through partner agencies, to assist homeless individuals and families or those on the verge of being homeless become stabilized.
- Support initiatives of the Laredo Homeless Coalition to continue to provide services for families to achieve self-sufficiency.
- Collaborate with local education institutions (United and Laredo Independent School District, Texas A&M International University, Laredo Community College, Azteca Economic Development and Preservation Corporation, and the Small Business Center to educate the City's workforce further.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

The City of Laredo anti-poverty strategy is an economic development plan that increases employment opportunities for low- and moderate-income households. The economic changes in the region have led to growth in the number of low paying jobs for permanent residents. Affordable housing provides household members with the stability to pursue employment, education, and training.

The City of Laredo will utilize CDBG funds to rehabilitate single family homes and other buildings to provide additional affordable rental units for low/moderate income individuals and families.

The City of Laredo will continue to use HOME funds to support affordable housing programs through designated Community Housing Development Organizations, as well as other nonprofit developers. The City will also offer down payment assistance programs and an owner-occupied rehabilitation program. These HOME and CDBG programs help individuals and families to become self-sufficient by assisting them with access to homeownership and home rehabilitation. These families can reduce housing costs

and provide residents with a feeling of empowerment through affordable rental and homeownership activities.

The City of Laredo will utilize Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to provide emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and homelessness prevention services to citizens within the community. Collectively, they administer programs that enable households to remain in their current residences and assist those needing additional stability. While permanent housing, often coupled with supportive services, is the best way to end homelessness, many individuals and families need short-term stabilization before they can find housing that will meet their long-term needs.

SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

To ensure each recipient of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program, is in full compliance with HUD regulation; the City of Laredo established monitoring standards consistent with the federal guidelines for each program. Each year, recipients of grant funds are advised at least once during the contract period and more often if issues are discovered.

Staff closely monitors performance expectations of subrecipients [timeliness and productivity] in line with the new performance measurement system initiated by HUD. Monitoring involves a five-step process to ensure that all statutory and regulatory requirements are being met:

1. Monitoring organizations and programs which use federal funds awarded by Laredo. Reports are made regularly as required by the appropriate federal program regulations. The City checks the records of organizations receiving federal funds from the City to ensure the information is reported accurately and completely.
2. Collecting and reviewing data to ensure consistency with the Consolidated Plan. The City reviews the information for the households, served with federal funds, and analyzes leveraging and matching sources.
3. Making visits to each subrecipient organization to check records and verify the occurrence of grant-funded activities.
4. Using a system of checklists and documentation for HUD-funded projects. Site visits to projects and reviews of project documentation are geared to ensure compliance with regulations and agreements.
5. Utilizing a system of notification to alert agencies or organizations when an instance(s) of non-compliance with federal regulations or city policies.

Laredo's monitoring tools are detailed in the operating procedures for each program. They are consistent with those used by HUD that is contained in the Community Planning and Development Monitoring Handbook.

The City is also audited by the City's internal auditor and by an independent auditing firm to ensure that compliance is being met on all projects. Additionally, the City has implemented a Performance Measurement tool to evaluate the effectiveness of each program. The outcomes of these audits help to inform the department on policy changes to improve performance.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The anticipated budget for FY 2020-2021 is as follows: CDBG \$3,849,601, HOME \$1,167,578 and, ESG \$327,812. The City of Laredo anticipated the receipt of \$262,800 in program income \$2,800 for the CDBG program and \$260,000 for the HOME program. The City also anticipates receiving \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$7,027) and projects under this program (\$64,973), totaling \$3,924,401.00 of CDBG funds expected to be available on year 1.

City of Laredo’s FY2020-2021 CDBG allocation was reduced from \$3,850,188 to \$3,849,601 and the HOME allocation from \$1,167,858 to \$1,167,578. According to the City of Laredo’s Citizen Participation plan, the \$587 reduction to the 2020 CDBG and \$280 to the 2020 HOME allocations did not trigger a substantial amendment and therefore citizen participation process was not required.

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: \$		

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	3,849,601	2,800	0	3,852,401	15,697,604	CDBG funds will be used for administration, housing rehabilitation, a rental rehabilitation program, code enforcement, public facilities, public improvements, and public services. A minimum of 70% of funds will be used to address low and moderate income national objective. CDBG Funds used throughout the City will leverage other federal, local, and private funds. The City also anticipates receiving \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$7,027) and projects under this program (\$64,973), totaling \$3,924,401.00 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	1,167,578	260,000	0	1,427,578	5,710,312	HOME funds will be used for administration, to provide Down Payment Assistance and Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, fund Community Housing Development Organizations and for a homeowner reconstruction 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	327,812	0	0	327,812	1,311,248	ESG funds will be used for Administration, to fund Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, and the 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 53 - 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 grant funds and City general funds to offset funding reductions through its HUD CPD program funding. 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 2020-2021. However in support of the City's HOME funded Down Payment Assistance Program, the program is estimated to leverage approximately \$1,560,000 in private sector mortgage loan financing for FY 2020-2021.

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 2020 is at least \$327,812.00.

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

The Community Development Department will continue to look for options to acquire, rehabilitate, and/or redevelop vacant land and/or properties throughout the City for affordable housing or other community development projects that will benefit LMI residents.

In addition, the City is in the process of converting the Southern Hotel, a building located in downtown Laredo, into mixed income rental housing. The architectural contract was awarded in April of 2020 and we are in the process of environmentally clearing the rehabilitation of the project.

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: \$1,100,973 HOME: \$451,858	Rental units rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 29 Household Housing Unit
2	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		New Construction of Housing	CDBG: \$200,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit
3	Homebuyer Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		New Construction of Housing Homebuyer Assistance	HOME: \$260,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 12 Households Assisted
4	Rental Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs		Rental Assistance	HOME: \$400,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 101 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: \$311,554	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 15 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 7518 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 12 Persons Assisted
6	Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities	CDBG: \$516,250	Other: 5 Other
7	Public Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Improvements	CDBG: \$516,250	Other: 5 Other
8	Code Enforcement	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$508,107	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 102155 Persons Assisted
9	Public Service	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Service	CDBG: \$196,671	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 102255 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
12	Planning and Administration	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Housing Rehabilitation New Construction of Housing Homebuyer Assistance Rental Assistance Homelessness Assistance Code Enforcement Public Facilities Public Improvements Public Service Acquisition	CDBG: \$1,086,150 HOME: \$115,720 ESG: \$16,258	Other: 0 Other

Table 54 – 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.</p> <p>The Rental Rehabilitation Program project will consist of the rehabilitation of a building for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households.</p> <p>The Homeowner Reconstruction Program project will provide persons of low-moderate income (at or below 80% of AMI) an opportunity to reconstruct their homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Reconstruction loan amounts will be determined on a case by case basis with an affordability period of 20 years.</p> <p>The City anticipates receiving \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$7,027) and projects under this program (\$64,973).</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.</p> <p>The City will also allocate funding for the acquisition of land in support of public facility improvements.</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.
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.

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.
6	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	This project will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of improvements at various public facilities located in low and moderate income areas throughout the city. The five proposed projects include: Park Improvements in District I, II, IV, the De Llano Park Improvements in District V, and a Park Facility in District VII.
7	Goal Name	Public Improvements
	Goal Description	This project will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of public improvements to be located in low and moderate income areas throughout the city. The five proposed public improvements projects include: Sidewalks in District I, III, IV, VIII, and Public Improvements and Infrastructure in District III.
8	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.
9	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 of Laredo will also allocate funding for the Downtown Senior Recreational Program in order to benefit the large senior population living in the downtown area.
12	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

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Introduction

Through the use of CDBG funds, the City anticipates funding the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, Code Enforcement Program, Graffiti Removal Program, Downtown Senior Recreational Program, public improvements, public facilities and a Rental Rehabilitation Program. The City also anticipates receiving \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$7,027) and projects under this program (\$64,973). Through the use of HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the City anticipates to fund Down payment Assistance, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, housing development activities by a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), and a Homeowner Reconstruction Program project. 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: \$16,258, Emergency Shelter Shelter Operations: \$106,318, Emergency Shelter Essential Services: \$45,000, Street Outreach: \$9,884, Rapid Re-housing: \$82,352, Homeless Prevention: \$60,000, 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.

In addition, \$25,000 of reprogrammed funds from the 2019-2020 Action plan project “District III Design of South Laredo Nature Center Trails” will be used to partially fund the newly created “District III Public Improvements and Infrastructure” project.

Lastly, as part of the 2nd substantial amendment, the following funding derived from the reprogramming will be used to fund the newly created “Park Facility in District VII” project for a total of \$446,910: FY 2020-2021 Bike Lanes in District VII \$147,500, FY 2019-2020 District VII Neighborhood Bike Lanes \$125,000, FY 2018-2019 Bike Lanes in District VII \$120,000, FY 2017-2018 Bike Lanes in District VII \$43,759 (project balance) and FY 2014-2015 Sidewalks in District VII \$10,651 (project balance).

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Community Development Administration
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program

#	Project Name
4	Code Enforcement
5	Graffiti Removal Program
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program
7	Rental Rehabilitation Program
8	Park Improvements in District I
9	Sidewalks in District I
10	Park Improvements in District II
11	District III Public Improvements and Infrastructure
12	Sidewalks in District III
13	Park Improvements in District IV
14	Sidewalks in District IV
15	District V - De Llano Park Improvements
16	Park Facility in District VII
17	Sidewalks in District VIII
18	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration
19	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program
20	HOME Program Administration
21	Down Payment Assistance Program
22	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
23	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
24	Homeowner Reconstruction Program
25	ESG 20 Laredo

Table 55 – Project Information

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

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 Zoom meeting hosted by the City where citizens could voice their comments and/or questions.

Obstacles to addressing the underserved needs are numerous and include factors such as unemployment, poverty, and lack of resources.

Unemployment: Due to Laredo being a border city with Mexico, a majority of the workforce capacity is dependent on the status of the Mexican economy. Due to its tie with Mexico, a number of jobs in Laredo are dependent on the U.S. and Mexico trade factor. Employment is usually based on an hourly pay with minimum or just above minimum wage with no benefits.

Resources: The City utilizes its resources to its maximum ability, allocating funds for various projects to help establish and create decent, safe, and affordable housing and improves the quality of life for very-

low to moderate income persons. Actions that will take place to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs include submitting applications for competitive funding, as may become available, in support of the housing and non-housing priorities identified in this plan.

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018, 5 year Estimates indicated that 29.1% of people lived in poverty. For this reason, the collaboration with local agencies, institutions of higher education, and service providers remain critical in addressing the needs of the underserved.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Community Development Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation Homeless Assistance Public Facilities Public Improvements Code Enforcement Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Homelessness Assistance Code Enforcement Public Facilities Public Improvements Public Service Acquisition
	Funding	CDBG: \$761,413
	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	9/30/2021
	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: \$317,710

	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	9/30/2021
	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: \$600,000
	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; and livability grants of up to \$15,000. It is estimated that the program will fund 9 housing rehabilitation loans and 14 livability grants.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 23 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.
4	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement
	Needs Addressed	Code Enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$508,107
	Description	The goal of the program 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	9/30/2021
	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: \$31,511
	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	9/30/2021
	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	Downtown Senior Recreational Program
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$165,160
	Description	This project entails the operation of a recreation program for seniors residing in the downtown area.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated approximately 100 elderly individuals will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	1214 Matamoros, Laredo TX.
	Planned Activities	Public service for the elderly.
7	Project Name	Rental Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$436,000
	Description	The Rental Rehabilitation Program project will consist of the rehabilitation of an existing building, project, or units for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that four affordable rental housing units will be created.
	Location Description	Laredo, TX.
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehabilitation.
8	Project Name	Park Improvements in District I
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities

	Funding	CDBG: \$73,750
	Description	The project entails the design, construction and other amenities as deemed necessary to improve a park located in District I.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined.
	Location Description	CDBG area in District I.
	Planned Activities	Recreational Improvements.
9	Project Name	Sidewalks in District I
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$73,750
	Description	This project entails the engineering, testing, and construction of sidewalks on various streets within District I and related amenities as deemed necessary to provide safe access along streets for residents and improve the public right of way.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined.
	Location Description	CDBG area in District I
	Planned Activities	Construction of sidewalks.
10	Project Name	Park Improvements in District II
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$47,500

	Description	The project entails the design, construction and other amenities as deemed necessary to improve a park located in District II.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined.
	Location Description	CDBG area in District II
	Planned Activities	Recreational Improvements.
11	Project Name	District III Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$127,500
	Description	The project entails the design and/or construction of sidewalks, bike lanes, bus bays, lighting, traffic signals, street signs, landscaping, sewer and water systems, electric poles, utility improvements, and other necessary improvements and infrastructure as deemed necessary. This project will also be funded with an additional \$25,000 from the reprogrammed District III Design of South Laredo Nature Center Trails 2019 project for a total project cost of \$152,500.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined.
	Location Description	CDBG area in District III.
	Planned Activities	Public Improvements.
12	Project Name	Sidewalks in District III
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements

	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	This project entails the engineering, testing, and construction of sidewalks on various streets within District III and related amenities as deemed necessary to provide safe access along streets for residents and improve the public right of way.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined.
	Location Description	CDBG area in District III.
	Planned Activities	Construction of sidewalks.
13	Project Name	Park Improvements in District IV
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	The project entails the design, construction and other amenities as deemed necessary to improve a park located in District IV.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined.
	Location Description	CDBG area in District IV.
	Planned Activities	Recreational Improvements.
14	Project Name	Sidewalks in District IV
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$47,500

	Description	This project entails the engineering, testing, and construction of sidewalks on various streets within District IV and related amenities as deemed necessary to provide safe access along streets for residents and improve the public right of way.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined.
	Location Description	CDBG area in District IV.
	Planned Activities	Construction of sidewalks.
15	Project Name	District V - De Llano Park Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$147,500
	Description	This project will consist of the construction of additional park amenities to complement the existing park. Amenities could include but are not limited to playground equipment, shade structures and other amenities as deemed necessary.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that approximately 12,295 low and moderate income persons will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Calton Rd. and Foster Ave. in Laredo, TX.
	Planned Activities	Recreational area improvements.
16	Project Name	Park Facility in District VII
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$147,500

	Description	This project entails the acquisition and/or construction of a park facility to include park amenities and other items as deemed necessary to enhance recreational activities in District VII.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined.
	Location Description	CDBG Areas.
	Planned Activities	Public Facility in District VII.
17	Project Name	Sidewalks in District VIII
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$147,500
	Description	This project entails the engineering, testing, and construction of sidewalks on various streets within District VIII and related amenities as deemed necessary to provide safe access along streets for residents and improve the public right of way.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined.
	Location Description	CDBG area in District VIII.
	Planned Activities	Construction of sidewalks.
18	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,027

	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	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be reported in Project #19.
	Location Description	1301 Farragut St., Laredo, TX 78040.
	Planned Activities	Administration
19	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$64,973
	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; and livability grants of up to \$15,000.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 2 low and moderate income families will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Citywide in Laredo, TX.
	Planned Activities	Housing rehabilitation.
20	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Homebuyer Assistance Rental Assistance
	Needs Addressed	New Construction of Housing Homebuyer Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$115,720
	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	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be reported in Projects #21-24.
	Location Description	1301 Farragut St., Laredo, TX 78040.
	Planned Activities	Administration.
21	Project Name	Down Payment Assistance Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homebuyer Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homebuyer Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$260,000
	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 currently self-funded 100% from program income generated from DPA loan payments. 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	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 12 qualifying low income homebuyers.
	Location Description	Citywide in Laredo, TX.

	Planned Activities	Down Payment Assistance.
22	Project Name	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rental Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Rental Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$400,000
	Description	Provide tenant-based rental assistance to elderly households at or below 60% of HAMFI.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	101 elderly households at or below 60% of HAMFI.
	Location Description	Downtown area.
	Planned Activities	Tenant based rental assistance.
23	Project Name	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation
	Needs Addressed	New Construction of Housing Acquisition
	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	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 2 households at or below 80% of HAMFI.
	Location Description	To be determined.

	Planned Activities	New construction of owner occupied housing.
24	Project Name	Homeowner Reconstruction Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	HOME: \$451,858
	Description	The Homeowner Reconstruction 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 reconstruction loans in amounts determined on a case by case basis with an affordability period of 15 years.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 4 low and moderate income families will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	Citywide in Laredo, TX.
	Planned Activities	Housing reconstruction loans.
25	Project Name	ESG 20 Laredo
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Assistance
	Funding	ESG: \$327,812
	Description	This consists of the payment of reasonable administrative costs and programs for homeless assistance activities funded through the Emergency Solutions Grant.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	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: 16 households • Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 7,518 • Homelessness Prevention: 11 Households

	Location Description	Laredo, TX.
	Planned Activities	Program Administration, Homelessness Prevention Program, Homeless Shelter, Essential Services, HMIS, and Street Outreach.

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 ACS 5-Year 2011-2015 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.

In terms of race, Laredo’s population is 87.7% White, .5% Black or African American, .4% American Indian and Alaska Native, .6% Asian, and, 9.3% some other race, and 1.5 two or more races. Of the total population, 95.6% are of Hispanic ethnicity, while only 4.4% are of other ethnic origins. Because Laredo’s ethnic population is 95.6% Hispanic, every area of the city is considered an area of minority concentration. (Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 Census, Table DP-1)

A map provided in the Appendix section 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 56 - 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 Zoom meeting hosted by the City where citizens could voice their comments and/or questions.

The public was able to identify what they feel are the biggest needs in our community, specifically in their neighborhood.

The investment of CDBG funds targets 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 2020-2021 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 was reflected in the housing market analysis. Input was received from the community through the survey process and agency consultations.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	16
Non-Homeless	42
Special-Needs	101
Total	159

Table 57 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	128
The Production of New Units	2
Rehab of Existing Units	29
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	159

Table 58 - 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 Homelessness Prevention program will pay back owed rent, rent, utilities, deposits, and/or housing placement for approximately 11 households this year. The Rapid Re-housing program will assist approximately 16 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 101 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 Program and the Homeowner Reconstruction Program; 29 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 City will also consult 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 provide 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 (LHA) to address the public housing needs. The city and the 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 public housing projects.

In addition, the city entered into a contract with LHA for a Transitional Housing project with an estimated cost of \$449,736 derived from the City's CDBG HUD funds. This project entailed the acquisition and rehabilitation of a building which is currently in progress and is expected to be completed in 2021. The City anticipates the success of this project and the continued collaboration on future projects.

Laredo Housing Authority's (LHA) 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 provide 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, and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program. 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 upgrade management and its operations. In the Five Year Plan, they have 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, window replacement, floor replacement, sidewalks, medicine cabinets, landscaping, grading and filling, roof replacement, shower renovation, electrical services, entry doors, demolition, sewer lines, exterior paint, boiler domestic

water system, and fire sprinkler 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, 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, and 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). Eight 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 the Texas Workforce Center. 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.

To maintain activities and services that promote homeownership, self-sufficiency, resident organizations, resident training, community development and other services LHA will provide:

- resident training relative to homeownership and rental of units
- provide counseling regarding household budgeting, delinquency, tenant rights, conflict resolution, housekeeping, and regulatory and policy requirements,
- home maintenance
- promote resident organization activities in the areas of resource development, ESL, technical and vocational training, crime prevention

In addition, as part of the Action Plan process, the City consults with the Laredo Housing Authority 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 High Performer. LHA completed the development and construction of the Casa Verde Apartments, a 152 unit apartment complex, located on Casa Verde Rd. LHA has completed the conversion of the Russell Terrace Development from Public Housing to Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD). Reconstruction and rehabilitation was completed in January 2020 and the leasing of 162 units is nearly complete.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City anticipates receiving \$327,812 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 \$16,258
- Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations \$106,318
- Emergency Shelter - Essential Services \$45,000
- Street Outreach \$9,884
- Rapid Re-Housing \$82,352
- Homelessness Prevention - \$60,000
- 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 prescribed limits when utilizing these funds and when contracting with local service providers for the provision of services.

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

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 will ensure those in most need will receive this type of assistance. The City will advertise a Request for Proposals in June 2020, 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 11 households will be assisted with homelessness prevention and approximately 16 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. 2020 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 at the shelters with the various programs available.

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 biweekly “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 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, through its partner ESG agencies and local homeless agencies will inform those publicly funded institutions of the available housing options in their service area. This information would then be made available to those persons being discharged.

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.
- As part of the Coordinated Entry (CE) process, the City has hired two case workers (Navigators) to conduct and be responsible for the CE and Continuum of Care policy. These positions are funded through the City of Laredo's general fund.

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 U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018, 5 year Estimates, 29.1% of the people live in poverty.

The City contracted with Blulynx Solutions to develop the “2018 Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice”. The new 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 2020-2021, 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.
- The City of Laredo's property tax rate is expected to continue at the current level of \$0.634000 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 will 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

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 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 \$260,000 derived from program income, to assist approximately 12 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-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.

- The City is planning on developing a housing incentive program supporting downtown mixed income housing through the downtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1.

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 they 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 2020-2021:

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 bi-weekly “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 will budget thousands of dollars 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. The City will only use a total of \$2,800 of program income to supplement funding for CDBG 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(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is 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 - \$115,720
- Down Payment Assistance - \$260,000 (Program Income)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - \$400,000
- Community Housing Development Organizations - \$200,000
- Homeowner Reconstruction Program - \$451,858

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.

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

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

Written standards for the providing ESG assistance are included in the Appendix section.

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 \$327,812 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 \$16,258

·Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations \$106,318

·Emergency Shelter - Essential Services \$45,000

·Street Outreach \$9,884

·Rapid Re-Housing \$82,352

·Homelessness Prevention \$60,000

·Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) \$8,000

The City will advertise a Request for Proposals in June 2020, 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 is 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.

Attachments

APPENDIXES

- **APPENDIX A - SF424 AND SF424D FORMS**
- **APPENDIX B - CERTIFICATIONS**
- **APPENDIX C - PUBLIC NOTICES**
- **APPENDIX D - SURVEY RESULTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- **APPENDIX E - CDBG MAP**
- **APPENDIX F - ESG WRITTEN STANDARDS**
- **APPENDIX G - CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**
- **APPENDIX H - CITY COUNCIL MTG – APPROVAL OF ACTION PLAN**
- **APPENDIX I - LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE**

APPENDIX C
PUBLIC NOTICES

Publication date: Sunday, March 22, 2020

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 2020-2021 One-Year Action Plan and 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan that will outline how funding made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be utilized.

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING COMMENTS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Friday, April 3, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Laredo Housing Authority Offices at 2000 San Francisco

Monday, April 6, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Downtown Senior Recreation Center at 1212 Matamoros

Monday, April 6, 2020 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Haynes Health & Wellness Center at 2102 Clark Crossing Blvd.

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
MOS Branch Library at 1920 Palo Blanco

Wednesday, April 8, 2019 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Laredo Public Library (Main) at 1120 E. Calton Rd.

Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Bethany House of Laredo at 817 Hidalgo St.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Monday, April 6, 2020 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, 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 or via e-mail at cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us. For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at 795-2675.



Equal Housing Opportunity

Tina Martinez
Community Development Director

Fecha de Publicación: Domingo, 22 de Marzo, 2020

AVISO DE SOLICITUD DE COMENTARIO PÚBLICO

El Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Laredo, estará realizando encuestas y recibiendo comentarios en diversos sitios de la ciudad para dar a nuestros ciudadanos la oportunidad de expresar sus ideas y sugerencias acerca del mejoramiento de viviendas y el desarrollo de la comunidad. El personal también proporcionará información sobre los programas y servicios del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad que están disponibles a la comunidad. Las sugerencias recibidas serán incluidas en el Plan Anual del Año 2020 y el Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años 2020-2024 en el cual se explica el proceso del uso de los fondos disponibles por el Departamento de Viviendas y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos.

SE ACEPTARÁN COMENTARIOS EN LAS SIGUIENTES UBICACIONES:

Viernes, 3 de Abril, 2020 9:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.
Oficinas de Laredo Housing Authority en 2000 San Francisco

Lunes, 6 de Abril 2020 9:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.
Downtown Senior Recreation Center en 1212 Matamoros

Lunes, 6 de Abril, 2020 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.
Centro de Recreacion Haynes en 2102 Clark Crossing Blvd.

Martes, 7 de Abril, 2020 3:30 p.m. a 5:30 p.m.
Library MOS en 1920 Palo Blanco

Miercoles, 8 de Abril, 2020 3:30 p.m. a 5:30 p.m.
Libreria Publica de la Ciudad (Principal) en 1120 E. Calton Rd.

Jueves, 9 de Abril, 2020 9:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.
Bethany House of Laredo en 817 Hidalgo St.

Adicionalmente, una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el Lunes, 6 de Abril del 2020 durante la junta regular de 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, presentados oralmente o por escrito a la Sra. Tina Martinez, Directora 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 o por correo electronico a cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us. Para obtener información adicional, por favor llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al número (956)795-2675.



Igualdad de Oportunidad en la Vivienda

Tina Martinez
Directora del Departamento
de Desarrollo de la Comunidad

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Senior has been a staple of back line in all 4 years with Mustangs; Handful of athletes earn all-academic honors
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A view of the Gateway to the Americas International Bridge is seen on Wednesday from the United States side.

City closes down parks, all recreational facilities

Laredo leaders increase social distancing efforts, recommend covering mouth when in public

By Maria Salas
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

City of Laredo Mayor Pete Saenz and Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina amended their emergency orders Saturday to include

the immediate closing of all recreational facilities. The amended order restricts the use of all public parks and recreational areas to ensure proper social distancing during the corona-
Parks continues on A11



Danny Zaragoza / Laredo Morning Times
A view of an empty Slaughter Park is seen Saturday after the city announced the closure of all parks.

Laredoans react to partial border shutdown

By Jorge A. Vela
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

As the City of Laredo enters its fourth day of being shut down, Sunday marks the second day in which the southern border between the United States and Mex-

ico was partially shut down allowing only essential travel.

Although the policy is fixed in the idea that it will last for 30 days which began on Saturday 12:01 a.m. and only allows people with
Border continues on A11

Operation Tres Equis defendants plead guilty

EXCLUSIVE REPORT

By Maria Salas
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of three articles on Operation Tres Equis.

The three defendants unsealed in the case of a sophisticated, worldwide drug and money laundering organization have pleaded guilty.

The investigation, dubbed Operation Tres Equis, is a long-term, worldwide investigation spearheaded by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The Laredo Police Department, Webb and Zapata County sheriff's offices, U.S. Border Patrol and the

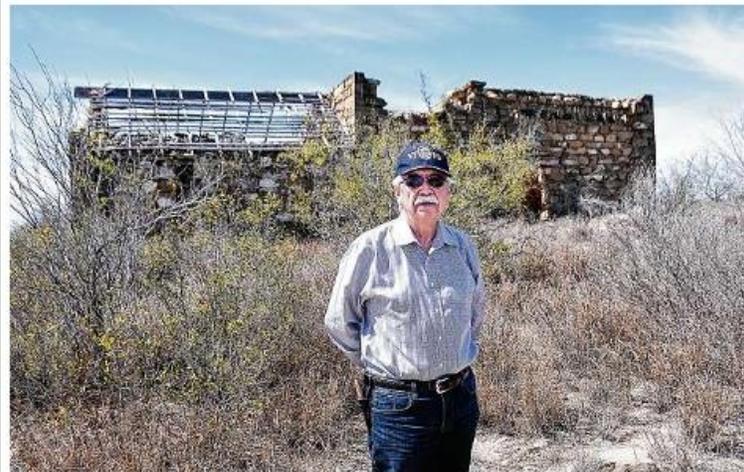
rested in July and are accused with multiple charges of money laundering, possession with intent to distribute and continuing a criminal enterprise.

According to La Jornada, Romero and Figueroa were arrested in Jalisco, Mexico after the U.S. Marshals Service and the Drug Enforcement Agency maintained contact with Mexican federal authorities about the drug trafficking and money laundering the couple allegedly committed.

Romero pleaded guilty to one count of drug trafficking conspiracy and one count of money laundering conspiracy.

He was initially charged with 18 counts of possession with intent to distribute, six

'If you don't fight, you've already lost'



Cuete Santos / Laredo Morning Times
Ranch owner Juan Vargas stands by one of the historic buildings at Dolores Viejo in Zapata County. He recalls photographing this site in the early 1970s.

Owner of historic Zapata ranch refusing to sign right of entry request

EXCLUSIVE REPORT

By Julia Wallace
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

In 1972 Juan Vargas was hired to work with a researcher named Fred, who

have a car, and three, didn't know South Texas," Vargas recalled. So Vargas drove the researcher around, acted as his interpreter and took photos of the sites they visited up and down the Rio Grande.

country was gearing up for its bicentennial, and historic studies such as this were funded all over the country, Vargas said.

Almost 50 years after its publication, Vargas still has a copy of the Regional His-

Senora de los Dolores, a riverfront settlement that had over 100 residents by 1757; a place as old as Laredo.

But unlike Laredo, Dolores never built a church. Many of its inhabitants moved upstream and the

TIEMPO DE LAREDO

AGENDA LOCAL

Jueves 26 de marzo
 • **EVENTO CANCELADO**— La Sociedad Genealógica Villa San Agustín de Laredo informa que debido a los acontecimientos recientes y como medida de prevención para evitar el contagio de Coronavirus, su reunión y conferencia a cargo de Juan Escobar que se llevaría a cabo en la Biblioteca Pública será pospuesta hasta nuevo aviso.

Jueves 2 de abril
 • Noche de trivia sobre películas de Harry Potter, en donde habrá premios y dinero en efectivo. Presentado por Golondrina's Food Park, ubicado en 1021 Golondrina Drive, desde las 8 p.m. a 11 p.m.

Viernes 3 de abril
 • Teo González se presenta en Sames Laredo Arena con su espectáculo de comedia. Desde las 8:30 p.m. Venta de boletos en la taquilla del lugar, desde 36 dólares. Evento para todo el público.

Sábado 4 de abril
 • Se presenta la 8va carrera anual sobre el autismo, presentado por la Fundación Educativa de Autismo en Laredo (LEAF), de las 8 a.m. a 12 p.m. en North Central Park. Habrá música en vivo, premios y más. Para información sobre participar en la carrera, visite www.swifttting.com.
 • Asiste al evento de Trail Day, presentado por el Centro de Ciencias Ambientales Lamar Bruni Vergara. Desde las 8 a.m. a 12 p.m. en Laredo College. Evento abierto para todo el público.

Domingo 5 de abril
 • Jamaica anual de la iglesia Holy Redeemer 1602 Garcia St. Grandes premios y deliciosa comida. Actividades todo el día desde las 8 a.m. Boletos 5 dólares.
 • Expo Bridal & Quince en San Agustín Ballroom en La Posada Hotel desde la 1 p.m.

Lunes 6 de abril
 • Torneo de golf Knights Golf Tournament en Laredo Country Club desde las 8 a.m. Evento tiene costo.

Sábado 18 de abril
 • Taller de lenguaje de señas (American Sign Language) en Texas A&M International University, en el edificio del Centro Estudiantil, salón TB, desde las 10 a.m.

Viernes 24 de abril
 • Presentación de la obra "¿Por qué los hombres aman a las cabras?" en Sames Auto Arena, desde las 7 p.m. Boletos en ticketmaster.com

PERSONAJES DE MI PUEBLO (Y DEL OTRO LADO)

Rosa María De Llano, una mujer de gran belleza

Por Héctor Adolfo Mondragón Mass
 ESPECIAL PARA TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Bueno, así se llama en la ciudad de Laredo, aquí sigue siendo Rosy Ceballos, de la dinastía de los hijos de Remé.

Rosy, aparte de ser una muchacha de gran belleza, es una notable académica,

enamorada de la lengua y de la literatura y un excelente ser humano.



Mondragón

Mujer completa e integra, feminista y activista, promotora cultural, lectora compulsiva, pero, además, ha sido una magnífica madre y la verdad no sé cómo le hizo con tantas actividades que logra desarrollar. Sin embargo, formó a sus hijos maduros e integra, respetándole a cada uno su vocación y alentándolos a seguir adelante. Ahora los puede ver ya formados con orgullo y satisfacción.

Conoció a Rosy en la alberca de la desaparecida J.F.M.M. Esta alberca era la alberca pública "Damián Pisa", pero con la construcción de las oficinas de la Junta Federal y la modernización de la planta de aguas, allá por el '57, quedó con carácter privado. Se le quitaron los vestidores y el acceso al público, solo era usada por los empleados y algunas personas con cre-



Rosa María De Llano aparece junto a dos de sus hijos, hijos políticos y nietos.

dencial de cortesía. Rosy y sus amigas eran unas de ellas. Como yo trabajaba ahí, tenía derecho a usarla, así que todos los días, en las vacaciones de verano, saliendo de trabajar, me quedaba a bañarme en la alberca.

Rosy asistía acompañada de sus amigas: Cecilia Sada Paz, Evelia Calderón y las hermanas Rosy y Gema Jurado, que, en honor a la verdad, todas eran unas jovencitas muy bellas y le daban un toque de belleza y juventud al lugar. La verdad es que solo ellas y mis amigos Oscar y Wayo Alarcón, asistíamos en esos días, como ya se habían abierto las albercas Camécuaro en el Parque Viveros y la erróneamente llamada "olímpica de la Unidad Deportiva", la mayoría de la gente acudía a ellas, dejándonos a "Damián Pisa", para nosotros.

Rosy se fue a estudiar la preparatoria a Laredo Texas, luego le seguiría en San

Antonio, si mal no recuerdo en "Our Lady Of The Lake", o el "Verbo Encarnado", y pasaría posteriormente a la Universidad de Kingsville, donde se especializaría en Maestra de Literatura. Definitivamente las letras ya se habían convertido en su pasión y apasionada como es, las abrazó con todas sus fuerzas, por eso les digo que es una lectora compulsiva que devora libros con avidez. Al igual que el Teatro, como género de la literatura, le apasiona, por eso siempre que le queda tiempo (no sé de dónde) participa en puestas en escena, ya que esto lo ha hecho siempre, desde sus años de estudiante.

Por su inigualable carácter, rasgo heredado de Remé, las Ceballos son alegres, simpáticas, de risa fácil y contagiosa, su cara siempre la adorna una sonrisa amplia, sincera y espontánea, ya que no me la imagino enojada o seria.

Como maestra, siempre supo transmitirles a sus alumnos, no solo el conocimiento de determinado contenido programático específico, sino y esto es lo más importante, el gusto por la literatura, que incluso llega a contagiarnos su pasión por ella. A todo lo que hace y emprende le inyecta esa pasión que la desborda.

En recientes fechas la vi involucrarse en movimientos sociales y políticos de la ciudad fronteriza, pero cuidado, porque donde está Rosy, está todo. No es mujer que se detenga, no le teme a las amenazas, con la verdad como escudo, se enfrenta a cualquiera. Ya su verdad, la defiende con tenacidad y ahínco, por eso les digo que es una mujer apasionada capaz de luchar por sus creencias y defenderlas frente a la intolerancia y la injusticia con vehemencia. Tiene muy claras y arraigadas sus creencias, principios y valores. Es fascinante

verla con un micrófono arengando al público, exponiendo sus causas y razones, es una Juana de Arco de tiempos contemporáneos.

No crean que me dejen llevar por el cariño y que la pongo de más, al contrario, lo que pueda decir de Rosy, es poco comparado con la realidad, es una gran mujer, guerrera, luchadora, maestra de vocación, madre como pocas, magnífica hermana y gran amiga. Rosy es el más claro ejemplo de la mujer en nuestros tiempos: libre, libérrima, independiente, autosuficiente, de elevados conceptos y firmes principios. Me gusta seguirla en "Face" nunca pone nada trivial, todo lo que publica o comparte son temas interesantes, con profundidad, y no cae en el error de publicar "noticias falsas" seguro verifica antes la fuente.

Bueno, amable lector, le agradezco haya compartido conmigo esta breve semblanza de una gran mujer, mujer de nuestro tiempo, si no la conoce, ahora sabe algo de ella, si tiene el gusto, como yo, de conocerla, seguramente estará de acuerdo con mis apreciaciones y seguramente podrá aportar datos nuevos y mejores adjetivos a Rosy.

Le deseo un espléndido domingo, si está haciendo cuarentena lo felicito, es increíble que, con no salir, estemos ayudando a la humanidad y al planeta.

MURO

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evaluaciones sobre los sitios históricos en 1973, Dolores Viejo y Nuevo fueros designados en el Registro Nacional de Lugares Históricos.

Y el lugar logró conmocionar a Vargas.

"Estaba muy impresionado con la belleza natural de la zona. Me dije a mí mismo 'Uno de estos días, voy a comprarme un rancho como este'", mencionó Vargas.

Un par de años antes de que se retirara como el Director de Desarrollo Económico para el Condado de Webb, Vargas le asignó a su hijo la tarea de encontrar un rancho en donde pudiera pasar más tiempo y trabajar en el exterior. Su hijo logró encontrar un lugar en el que se interesó, y Vargas le pidió que le tomara y enviara una foto.

"Así que me mandó una foto, y tan pronto como la vi, me dije: 'He estado en ese lugar antes'", dijo Vargas.

Le dijo a su hijo que fuera a las oficinas del agente inmobiliario y que firmara el contrato de depósito de garantía para hacer la compra del rancho.

"Y luego dijo: 'Papá, ¿cómo voy a saber si te va a gustar?', yo le dije: 'Mira, ya he estado ahí antes. Si te gusta, firma ese contrato'", recordó Vargas.



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Juan Vargas, propietario del rancho, dirige su mirada hacia el Río Grande en un acantilado sobre el histórico Dolores Viejo en el Condado de Zapata.

do por el muro fronterizo, dijo.

Vargas no va a firmar los documentos de derecho de entrada. Dijo que los federales visitaron a su hijo en el trabajo para alentarlos a firmar los documentos, argumentando que se quedarán con los costos judiciales de una pelea imposible de ganar. Vargas dijo que preferiría que el proceso se desarrollara, se demore y firmar los documentos en el último segundo.

Vargas hizo referencia a otra cita, esta de César Chávez: "Si luchas, podrás perder; si no peleas, ya has perdido".

"Te conté sobre estar allí

PARQUES

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Tijerina dijo que las medidas temporales son importantes para proteger la salud pública. Agregó que el condado y la ciudad continuarán confiando en expertos en epidemiología para tomar decisiones informadas destinadas a prevenir la propagación de COVID-19 en la comunidad.

"Estamos tomando un paso activo para disminuir el contacto cerrando y restringiendo todos los centros de recreación, todos los parques, senderos para caminar, piscinas y todo lo que yo, como administrador de la ciudad, superviso en mi competencia", dijo el administrador de la Ciudad de Laredo, Robert Eads.

El personal de Parques y Recreación está publicando notificaciones e instalando cinta perimetral alrededor de todas las instalaciones recreativas de la ciudad y el condado. Las instalaciones recreativas incluyen todos los parques públicos y privados; piscinas y parques acuáticos; pistas, campos de golf, centros recreativos y canchas de tenis y baloncesto; fútbol, béisbol y canchas de fútbol; caminata, bicicleta y senderos para caminar; y cualquier otra instalación recreativa.

Saenz agregó que, como

"Estamos tomando un paso activo para disminuir el contacto cerrando y restringiendo todos los centros de recreación, todos los parques, senderos para caminar, piscinas y todo lo que yo, como administrador de la ciudad, superviso en mi competencia".

Robert Eads, Administrador de la Ciudad de Laredo

darse en casa", dijo Sáenz. "Si es posible, solo salga si es necesario. Manténganse con nosotros ya que venceremos esto".

El Dr. Héctor González, Director del Departamento de Salud de la Ciudad de Laredo, dijo que la ciudad ha evaluado a 55 personas. De ellos, 20 han dado negativo para COVID-19, cuatro han dado positivo y hay 31 resultados pendientes.

"Los cuatro casos están en cuarentena durante 14 días", dijo González. "No serán dados de alta hasta que den negativo dos veces después de los 14 días. En ese momento, les enviaremos una carta que les permitirá continuar yendo al trabajo, la escuela y hacer todo lo normal".

CARS FOR SALE 200



2016 VW Routan, sunroof automatic, low mileage, \$3,380, OBO (956) 334-4913 or (956) 480-9490

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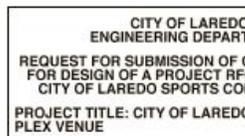


2013 Dodge Charger RT Homi BCh, magnifica conditiones, 12k only miles, \$10,750, OBO (956) 290-5448 or 4917 Convent Ave.



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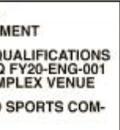
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2016 Ford Focus Hatchback Titanium, Blue Tilt, 70K, Smart Key, Reverse Camera, Current Plates, \$5,995 (956) 111-1121



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2016 Ford Focus, 7200 miles, like new, never wrecked, \$11,500, Call (956) 722-8101



2018 Lincoln Town Car A/C, Chrome, Excellent conditiones, \$4,399, (956) 771-6520 or (956) 589-4302

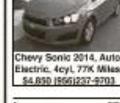
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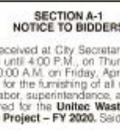
2016 Nissan Sentra, 18K Mi, Like New, Auto A/C, \$6,800, (956) 285-7001



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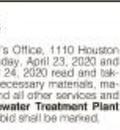
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS SECTION A-1 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received at City Secretary's Office, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, until 4:00 P.M., on Thursday, April 23, 2020 and publicly opened at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 24, 2020...

Each proposal and the proposal guaranty must be originals and must be sealed in an envelope plainly marked with the name of the project as shown above, and the name and address of the Bidder...

Only proposals and proposal guaranties actually in the hands of the designated official at the time set in this Notice to Bidders shall be considered. Proposals submitted by telephone, teletype, or fax, will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions. A Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at the City of Laredo Utilities Department, 5816 Daugherty Ave., Laredo, Texas 78041.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be reviewed and downloaded from City website at: www.cityoflaredo.com/bids-and-rfps.htm

Signature of Joseph Valdez, Jr., City Secretary

LEGALS 250

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Each bid and a bid guaranty in the form of a bidder's bond having a minimum Best's Rating A, according to Best's Key Rating Guide...

Notice is hereby given of the Special Provisions of this Project as it pertains to the Labor Standards Provisions Execution Order No. 12446, Secretary's Order No. 28, concerning an Affirmative Action Program for eligible projects guidelines for resident employment of Wage Determination.

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2018 Toyota Camry SE, 14K Mi. \$18,500, Financing Available with \$5,000 Down payment (956) 763-3062



2015 BMW 320, 1 Owner, Low Mileage Financing Available \$17,500. (956) 763-3062



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Written notice is hereby given of a City Council Meeting to be held on April 6, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. Due to public health concerns, a special meeting format and location may be utilized. On the day of the meeting, please visit the City of Laredo Home Page at http://www.cityoflaredo.com for more information. You may also contact Mr. Rafael Valdez at (956) 794-1613. The following will be discussed:

- Public hearing and introduction of an ordinance concerning a voluntary annexation application by Elvira H. Moreno, altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo by annexing additional territory of 0.84 acres, more or less, located west of Los Miraflores-Annex Rd. and south of FM 1472/Mines Rd., providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a service plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

CITY OF LAREDO ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN OF A PROJECT RFO FY20-ENG-001 CITY OF LAREDO SPORTS COMPLEX VENUE

The City of Laredo will solicit and receive Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified firms interested in providing professional architectural and engineering services for surveying, design, and preparation of plans and specifications in developing a Sports Complex Venue to be located in South Laredo. The City of Laredo does not currently have such an amenity and thus shall be the first endeavor in developing such a facility. The Consultant(s) is cautioned to refer to other sections of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet for further details.

Complete Request for Qualifications of the above mentioned project is available at the City of Laredo official website at www.cityoflaredo.com/bids-and-rfps.html or by calling the City of Laredo Engineering Department at (956) 791-7346.

Formal questions relating to the RFQ may be submitted by email to rchavez@ci.laredo.tx.us with subject title: RFO FY20-ENG-001 no later than 4:00 P.M. (CT), Friday, April 3, 2020. Questions received after this date may not be responded prior to the required submittal deadline.

Local participation is encouraged, and the City of Laredo reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received, award one or more contracts based on specific tasks, to award a contract to the principal company submitting their statement of qualifications, or to a secondary firm named therein, and to award contract only upon availability of funding.

Sincerely, Publication Dates: Sunday March 8, 2020 Sunday March 15, 2020 Sunday March 22, 2020

Ramon E. Chavez, P.E., City Engineer

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WE WILL BE ACCEPTING COMMENTS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Laredo Housing Authority Offices at 2000 San Francisco Monday, April 6, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

LAREDO MORNING TIMES
P.O. BOX 2129
LAREDO, TEXAS 78041

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WEBB

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Geena Garza who on his/her oath states,

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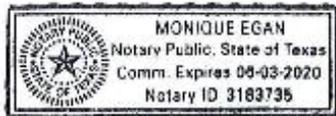
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Geena Garza
Geena Garza

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 7, 2020

Monique Egan
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
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AVISO DE SOLICITUD DE COMENTARIO PÚBLICO

El Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Laredo, invita al público en general y a todos los interesados en la ciudad para dar sus opiniones y comentarios en la oportunidad de expresar sus ideas y sugerencias sobre el presupuesto de ingresos y el desarrollo de la comunidad. El personal tendrá a disposición el informe de sobre los programas y servicios del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad que están disponibles a la comunidad. Las sugerencias recibidas serán incluidas en el Plan Anual del Año 2020 y el Plan Cuinquenal de Ciclos Anuales 2020-2024 en el cual se explicará el presupuesto que ha formado disponible por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de la Policía Urbana.

SE ACEPTARÁN COMENTARIOS EN LAS SIGUIENTES UBICACIONES:

Martes, 7 de Abril, 2020 9:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.
Oficina de Laredo Economic Authority en 3000 San Francisco Avenue, 8 de Abril 2020 9:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.
Desarrollo Social: Recreación Centro en 1212 Main Street
Lunes, 6 de Abril, 2020 9:00 a.m. a 11:00 p.m.
Centro de Recreación Haynes en 2100 Clark Crossing Blvd.
Martes, 7 de Abril, 2020 9:00 p.m. a 9:30 p.m.
Library 808 en 1521 Palo Verde
Miércoles, 8 de Abril, 2020 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
Librería Pública de la Ciudad (Principio) en 1120 W. Cabre Rd.
Jueves, 9 de Abril, 2020 9:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.
Bookery House of Laredo en 817 Hidalgo St.

Adicionalmente, las solicitudes públicas se tendrán a cabo el Lunes, 6 de Abril del 2020 durante la hora regular de trabajo de 9:00 de la tarde en la Sala de Trabajo localizada en City Hall, 1115 Houston, Laredo, Texas 78040. El personal de la Ciudad los invita a que sean y sean expresamente de las sugerencias. Se invita a los ciudadanos que deseen expresar sus ideas y sugerencias con personal. Comentarlos pueden ser proporcionados en la oficina pública, presentados en persona o por correo electrónico a: Sr. Jim Martinez, Director del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad, P.O. Box 1375 o 1401 Zaragoza, Centro de Laredo, Texas para: Ciudad de Laredo, Texas, 78041 o por correo electrónico a: comunidad@ciudadlaredo.com. Para obtener información adicional, por favor llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al número (956) 795-5675.

The Mayor
Director del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad

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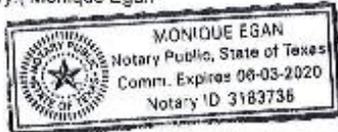
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Downtown Senior Recreation Center at 1212 Matamoros

Monday, April 6, 2020 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Haynes Health & Wellness Center at 2102 Clark Crossing Blvd.

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
MOS Branch Library at 1920 Palo Blanco

Wednesday, April 8, 2019 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Laredo Public Library (Main) at 1120 E. Calton Rd.

Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Bethany House of Laredo at 817 Hidalgo St.

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Monday, April 6, 2020 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, 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 or via e-mail at cdcomments@city.laredo.tx.us. For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at 785-2675.

Tina Martinez
Community
Development Director

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Publication date: Thursday, April 2, 2020

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Laredo Community Development Department is providing an update to the newspaper ad published on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 regarding the intake of surveys and request for public comments which will be made part of the 2020-2021 One-Year Action Plan and 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan. These plans will outline how funding made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be utilized.

Please be advised that due to the health situation we are facing at this moment, ALL PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED IN PERSON PUBLIC MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

In order to give citizens an opportunity to express their housing and community development needs, the community is highly encouraged to fill out a Community Needs survey or provide comments through any of the following methods:

- April 6th, 2020: Join the virtual Public Hearing on Monday during the 5:30pm City Council meeting at <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live/>;
- April 8th, 2020: Join the City of Laredo Zoom online live public meeting scheduled for 3:00pm at <https://zoom.us/join> (Meeting ID: 404 508 048 Password: 028896);
- Call the City of Laredo Community Development Department at (956)795-2675;
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- Submit comments 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;
- Fill out the survey online through Survey Monkey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DDRZJFE> (English) or <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/Y6Z2JKC> (Spanish);
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Equal Housing Opportunity

Tina Martinez
Community Development Director

Fecha de Publicación: Jueves, 2 de Abril, 2020

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El Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Laredo está proveyendo una actualización al anuncio del periódico que se publicó el Domingo, 22 de Marzo del 2020 sobre las encuestas y la solicitud de comentarios del público los cuales serán incluidos en el Plan Anual del Año 2020 y el Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años 2020-2024 en el cual se explica el proceso del uso de los fondos disponibles por el Departamento de Viviendas y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos.

Dadas a las circunstancias de salud que enfrentamos en este momento, este es un aviso indicando que **TODAS LAS JUNTAS EN PERSONA QUE SE HABIAN AGENDADO PREVIAMENTE, HAN SIDO CANCELADAS.**

Para poder darles a las personas la oportunidad de expresar sus necesidades de vivienda y de su comunidad, les sugerimos altamente que llenen una encuesta o nos manden sus comentarios por alguna de las siguientes formas:

- 6 de Abril, 2020: Conéctese a ver la Junta de Cabildo a las 5:30pm en <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live/> y poder proveer comentarios el día Lunes;
- 8 de Abril, 2020: Conéctese a la junta en vivo en línea por medio del sitio de internet o la aplicación Zoom que la ciudad de Laredo ha organizado a las 3:00pm. El sitio de web es el siguiente: <https://zoom.us/join> (ID de la Junta: 404 508 048 Contraseña: 028896);
- Llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Laredo al (956)795-2675;
- Escribanos un correo electrónico a cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us;
- Déjele saber sus comentarios oralmente o por escrito a la Directora del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Laredo, Sra. Tina Martinez, al P.O. Box 1276 o 1301 Farragut, Transit Center, 3er Piso, Lado Este en Laredo, Texas 78040;
- Llene una encuesta en línea por medio del sitio Survey Monkey en <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DDRZJFF> (Inglés) o <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/Y6Z2JKC> (Español);
- Visite la página de internet de la Ciudad de Laredo en <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/> y oprima el botón llamado "Needs of Your Neighborhood Survey" para llenar una encuesta en línea en Inglés o en Español.

Servicios para personas con impedimentos físicos serán disponibles con previo aviso. Para obtener información adicional, por favor llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al número (956)795-2675.



Igualdad de Oportunidad en la Vivienda

Tina Martinez
Directora del Departamento
De Desarrollo de la Comunidad

SPORTS

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Suspected human smuggler identified

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THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2020

\$1.00

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

Table with 9 columns showing statistics: 57 US INV, 35 INF, 22 DEATHS, 49.8 AVERAGE, 24 CURRENTLY INFECTED, 18 POSITIVE TESTS, 6 TRAVEL RELATED, 9 TREATING, 3 DECEASED

Shootouts in N. Laredo after death of cartel leader

By César G. Rodríguez LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Several shootouts and blockades were reported on Wednesday in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, in an apparent retaliation for the killing of a high-ranking cartel leader over the weekend, authorities said.

Cartel continues on A10



Courtesy photo/

A public transport bus can be seen blocking Avenida Reforma on Wednesday morning. Authorities reported several shootouts and blockades throughout Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

\$2.4M in drugs seized in smuggling attempt

By César G. Rodríguez LAREDO MORNING TIMES

A woman landed behind bars for attempting to smuggle about \$2.4 million worth of liquid methamphetamine and heroin through the Gateway to the Americas International Bridge, according to an arrest affidavit filed on Wednesday.

Crystal Lynn Culpepper, a 36-year-old U.S. citizen from Houston, was charged with import, attempt to import and conspire to import liquid methamphetamine and heroin "The methods of drug trafficking syndicates are continually evolving, becoming sophisticated in their methods of evading detection," said Port Director Gregory Alvarez, Laredo Port of Entry. "Fortunately, our drug detection technologies help us stay in front of the new trends."

Laredo announces third death related to coronavirus

Dr. Marte Martinez stresses significance of time between symptoms and death

By Julia Wallace LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Three Laredoans have now died from COVID-19. Webb County and the City of Laredo announced Wednesday morning that a woman in her late

80s with an underlying health condition and who had previously tested positive for the virus passed away at Laredo Medical Center the night before.

Local officials are releasing few details about the events

leading up to these three deaths. However, at Tuesday night's City Council meeting, Councilman Dr. Marte Martinez said that although two patients did have health issues such as hypertension, diabetes or high cholesterol, they

"went from feeling a fever and cold to an intubator to dead in less than a week and a half."

"And that is shocking," Martinez said. "And that's something people need to hear and recognize."

Death continues on A10

Laredo one of the first US cities to mandate coverage



Danny Zaragoza / Laredo Morning Times

On Thursday, Laredo will begin enforcing a new rule requiring everyone — with a few exceptions — to keep their mouth and nose covered when in public

City Council clarifies rules requiring Laredoans to cover nose, mouth in public

By Julia Wallace LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Although many Laredoans immediately

At their meeting Tuesday, Laredo City Council had initially voted that everyone must wear something over their nose and mouth if they go outside at all. They took a

are exercising outside, alone in a single space, in a personal vehicle or with members of their own household. Children five years or younger do not have to wear this

TIEMPO DE LAREDO

AGENDA LOCAL

Jueves 2 de abril

• **EVENTO CALA LADO**— Noche de trivía sobre películas de Harry Potter, en donde habrá premios y dinero en efectivo. Presentado por Golondrina's Food Park, ubicado en 10211 Golondrina Drive, desde las 8 p.m. a 11 p.m.

Viernes 3 de abril

• **CAMBIO DE FECHA**, Teo González se presenta en Sames Laredo Arena con su espectáculo de comedia ahora el 10 de septiembre de 2020, desde las 8:30 p.m. Venta de boletos en la taquilla del lugar, desde \$8 dólares. Evento para todo el público.

Sábado 4 de abril

• **Octava carrera anual sobre el autismo**, presentado por la Fundación Educacional de Autismo en Laredo (LEAF), de las 8 a.m. a 12 p.m. en North Central Park. Habrá música en vivo, premios y más. Para información sobre participar en la carrera, visite www.swiftimg.com.

• **Asiste al evento de Trail Day**, presentado por el Centro de Ciencias Ambientales Lamar Bruni Vergara. Desde las 8 a.m. a 12 p.m. en Laredo College. Evento abierto para todo el público.

Domingo 5 de abril

• **Jamnicca anual de la Iglesia Holy Redeemer** 1602 García St. Grandes premios y deliciosa comida. Actividades todo el día desde las 9 a.m. Boletos \$5 dólares.

• **Expo Bridal & Quince** en San Agustín Ballroom en La Posada Hotel desde las 10 p.m.

Lunes 6 de abril

• **Torneo de golf Knights Golf Tournament** en Laredo Country Club desde las 8 a.m. Evento tiene costo.

• **Certificación en asistente médico** en 16 semanas. El Instituto de Carreras de Salud de la ciudad invita a los interesados a participar en este programa que incluye: prácticas externas, laboratorio, preparación para el trabajo y asistencia en la búsqueda de empleo. Para más información, llame al número 956-728-8290 o visite el sitio www.hicoflaredo.com. Abierto a todo el público interesado.

Martes 7 de abril

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Sábado 18 de abril

• **Taller de lenguaje de señas** (American Sign Language) en Texas A&M International University, en el edificio del Centro Estudiantil, salón 118, desde las 10 a.m.

Viernes 24 de abril

• **Presentación de la obra** "¿Por qué los hombres aman a las cabronas?" en Sames Auto Arena, desde las 7 p.m. Boletos en ticketmaster.com

PASOS DE ÉXITO

Seguiremos en casa

Por Ana Cristina Martínez

ESPECIAL PARA TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Seguiremos en casa

La peor etapa del virus es durante esta semana, por lo tanto, seguiremos en casa. Muy pronto estaremos tomando las clases en línea y resolviendo las tareas de la escuela en la misma forma. Los estudiantes de universidad están muy familiarizados con entregar sus tareas, laboratorios y proyectos por este medio. Sin embargo, para el resto de los estudiantes que tienen clases presenciales, esto es algo muy nuevo y bastante intimidante.

Lo primero que deben encontrar en su casa es un espacio donde se sientan cómodos, pero sentados correctamente y con su ordenador de frente.

El segundo paso es sentirse sabiendo que al terminar el trabajo se envía a su maestra o maestro en línea. Algunos maestros estaremos utilizando Google Classroom para poder enviar sus trabajos por este medio, también pedirán que se integren a Google Hangout para estar dentro del salón virtual, aunque



Martínez

estén en casa. En mi caso, hacemos algunas presentaciones orales por medio de Flipgrid donde deben hacer su presentación y enviarla al maestro o maestra.

Durante las clases virtuales habrá mucho tráfico en las redes, por lo tanto, algo que me funcionó a mi este fin de semana fue desconectar el modem de internet, totalmente apagado, cuenten un minuto vuelvan a conectarlo para después conectar su WIFI. Esto ayuda a que se reinicie el sistema y tenga más rapidez para trabajar.

Recuerden que es un salón virtual, yo recomiendo que se pelnen, no vayan al baño mientras están conectados y ponerse en un lugar donde el fondo sea una pared para evitar situaciones embarazosas. He visto muchos videos donde están en junta y pasa alguien por detrás en pijamas o en paños menores.

Esto es nuevo para todos, así que tomemos las cosas tranquilas, con pa-

ciencia y determinación. Cuando tengan preguntas a los maestros podrán hacerlas por correo electrónico o en los comentarios de Google Hangout, pero no se queden con dudas, también, pueden ir a los recursos en línea de sus libros que estarán conectados a Google Classroom, es muy fácil ver tutoriales, recursos en línea y apuntes que integre el maestro.

Hace unos días lei en las redes sociales que una madre de familia se rindió, mencionaba que sus hijos no querían hacer nada y ella no iba a estar peleando con ellos. Esto puede suceder, pero si ustedes tienen un horario establecido para la rutina diaria, es un compromiso integrarse a la escuela virtual, trabajar en casa, levantarse temprano para continuar la rutina que tienen en la escuela.

Integren en ese horario una hora de recompensa por haber logrado los objetivos diarios con algo que a sus hijos les encante. Recuerden, ustedes son ahora los que tienen la administración del salón "classroom management". Sus hijos están acostumbrados a la estructura dentro de cada salón de clases. Nosot-

ros, como maestros, tenemos una rutina desde llegar a "el maestro o maestra está loco o loca, no le hagamos caso". Somos los que estamos al frente de la batalla todos los días con sus hijos, los que sacamos lo mejor de cada joven exigiendo que den su cien por ciento, los que sabemos que cada estudiante aprende diferente y brindándole la oportunidad para que tengan éxito.

Los maestros y maestras estamos extrañando inmensamente ver los salones llenos, en mi caso, extraño mucho a los estudiantes que me hacen reír todos los días, los que me hacen prepararme más, los exigentes, hasta los que se portan mal.

Seguiremos en casa, esperando que todo esto pase. Les pido que no salgan de sus hogares, no se expongan al contagio o a contagiar a alguien más. También les invito a visitar mi canal de YouTube para que escuchen mis programas de Pasos de Éxito, estamos en vivo por XHGTS todos los sábados a las 10 a.m. En las redes sociales nos encuentran por Facebook e Instagram. Contacto: anam@pasosdeexito.com

A mi me queda muy claro que después de esta pande-

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día decir eso, pero que este grupo de casos positivos había seguido teniendo eventos familiares.

"Tenemos que tomarnos en serio el distanciamiento. No hay forma de evitarlo. La gente tiene que quedarse en casa", dijo Gonzá-

lez.

Debido a que se espera que las pruebas de conducción a través de pruebas rápidas comiencen el jueves, la ciudad ya no dará a conocer la cantidad de pruebas totales que se realizan en Laredo. A las 5 p.m. del miércoles, 334 personas habían sido evaluadas con 57 positivas y 12 en el hospital.

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encontrado muerto en un hospital local, según las autoridades de Tamaulipas. Un oficial de policía estatal no identificado de Tamaulipas también murió como resultado del enfrentamiento.

Salcido Cisneros, también conocido como "El Porras" o "Comandante Pinpon", era el líder de la "Tropa del Infierno", un grupo de sicarios bajo la dirección del cartel de CDN. Salcido Cisneros trabajó

bajo la dirección de Martín Rodríguez Barbosa, también conocido como "El Cadete".

Rodríguez Barbosa es el jefe de seguridad personal de Juan Gerardo Treviño Chávez, también conocido como "El Huevo". Treviño Chávez es el líder del CDN, una facción de los Zetas.

La Oficina del Fiscal General de Tamaulipas ofrece una recompensa de hasta 2 millones de pesos, o cerca de 100,000 dólares, por información Treviño Chávez y Rodríguez Barbosa.

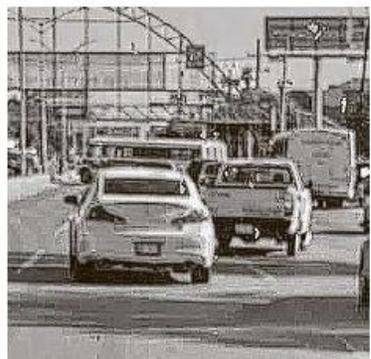


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Un camión urbano se observa al fondo, bloqueando

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nunca ordenó que las personas usen mascarillas específicamente: las personas pueden usar un pañuelo, una bufanda o incluso una pieza de tela de repuesto siempre que cubra su nariz y boca.

De hecho, en una conferencia de prensa del miércoles del miércoles, el administrador de la ciudad Robert Eads suplicó que las personas no busquen máscaras N95 para cumplir con esta orden. Esas mascarillas deben reservarse para médicos, enfermeras y otros trabajadores de la salud, dijo.

"Todo lo que estamos haciendo es pedir y exigir al público que se cubra, se cubra la boca y la nariz", dijo Eads.

Durante semanas, médicos y entidades como la Organización Mundial de la Salud han dicho que no es necesario que las personas sanas usen mascarillas en público durante la pandemia de COVID-19. Sin embargo, debido a que muchas personas que se infectan con el virus nunca muestran síntomas, los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC por sus siglas en inglés) ahora están considerando recomendar a todos que usen mascarillas.

"La idea de obtener un uso mucho más amplio de mascarillas en toda la comunidad fuera del entorno de atención médica está bajo discusión muy activa en el grupo de trabajo", dijo a CNN el Dr. Anthony Fauci, director del Instituto Na-



Danny Zaragoza / Laredo Morning Times

Compradores cubren su boca y nariz con diferentes tipos de mascarillas, el miércoles 1 de abril, en el exterior de Wal-Mart, de la avenida San Bernardo.

cional de Alergias y Enfermedades Infecciosas. "El grupo de los CDC está analizando eso con mucho cuidado".

Laredo parece ser una de las primeras ciudades en adoptar este tipo de regulación. Los funcionarios de salud en el condado de Riverside, California, al oeste de Los Ángeles, han recomendado que las personas se cubran la nariz y la boca mientras están en público.

Sin embargo, esta es una recomendación; la Ciudad de Laredo está ordenando que las personas tomen esta precaución, o de lo contrario enfrentarán una multa de hasta 1,000 dólares.

El mandato entra en vigencia el 2 de abril y hasta el 30 de abril. Asimismo, el Ayuntamiento de Laredo ha promulgado un toque de queda para todos los residentes a partir de las 10 p.m. hasta las 5 a.m. Las personas solo pueden estar fuera durante estas horas si están trabajando o necesitan lo esencial en ese momento. El Ayuntamiento también votó para extender la orden Stay at Home Work Safe (Permanezca en Casa Trabajo Se-

guro) que ha cerrado muchas empresas locales y ha prohibido todas las reuniones públicas y privadas a menos que se considere esencial.

Además, el Ayuntamiento adoptó una moción para detener todas las ventas y subastas debido a morosidad en impuestos municipales para los meses de abril y mayo.

Más espacios públicos están cerrando a medida que este virus continúa propagándose localmente. El miércoles, la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito del Condado de Webb y la Oficina del Recaudador de Impuestos anunciaron que por el momento han cerrado al público.

La Oficina del Secretario del Distrito todavía es accesible por teléfono y correo electrónico. Todas las transacciones en la oficina de impuestos ahora deben hacerse en línea, por buzón, teléfono o correo. Solo se aceptarán cheques y giros postales por buzón o correo.

Localice a Julia Wallace en el 356-728-2543 o en jwallace@mtonline.com

SPORTS

Khabib says he won't break quarantine, UFC 249 fight is off

By Greg Beacham ASSOCIATED PRESS

UFC lightweight champion Khabib Nurmagomedov says he won't leave quarantine in Russia to fight, dealing another blow to UFC President Dana White's determination to hold UFC 249 on April 18 amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Nurmagomedov made his announcement Wednesday on Instagram, telling the mixed martial arts world to "take care of yourself and put yourself in my shoes." Nurmagomedov (28-0) was scheduled to fight top contender Tony Ferguson (25-3) in the main event of UFC 249 in two weeks. The show was initially slated for Barclays Center in Brooklyn before the pandemic threw the UFC's schedule into upheaval. Nurmagomedov is in his native Dagestan, and his Instagram post made it clear he isn't leaving for the fight even if White is able to find a location to stage it. Nurmagomedov left California to return home when the UFC had tentative plans to stage UFC 249 in the United Arab Emirates, but the champion first revealed Monday that he probably wouldn't be allowed to leave the country again due to travel restrictions. "I understand everything and I'm definitely more upset than you to cancel the fight," Nurmagomedov expressed anger at forces attempting to compel him to fight but didn't make it clear whether he was referring to fans or White. Ferguson still wants to fight on April 18, and he called on the UFC to strip Nurmagomedov of his lightweight title in an interview with ESPN.

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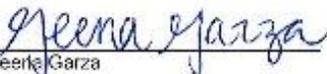
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The City of Laredo Community Development Department is providing an Update to the newspaper ad published on Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 regarding the intake of surveys and requests for public comments which will be made part of the 2020-2021 One-Year Action Plan and 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan. These plans will outline how funding (money available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; HUD) will be utilized.

Please be advised that due to the health situation we are facing at this moment, ALL PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED IN PERSON PUBLIC MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

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El Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Laredo está proveyendo una actualización al anuncio del periódico que se publicó el Domingo, 22 de Marzo del 2020 sobre las encuestas y la solicitud de comentarios del público los cuales serán incluidos en el Plan Anual del Año 2020 y el Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años 2020-2024 en el cual se explica el proceso del uso de los fondos disponibles por el Departamento de Viviendas y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos.

Debido a las circunstancias de salud que enfrentamos en este momento, este es un aviso indicando que **TODAS LAS JUNTAS EN PERSONA QUE SE HABIAN AGENDADO PREVIAMENTE, HAN SIDO CANCELADAS**.

Para poder darle a las personas la oportunidad de expresar sus necesidades de vivienda y de su comunidad, les sugerimos altamente que llenen una encuesta o nos manden sus comentarios por alguna de las siguientes formas:

- 8 de Abril, 2020: Conéctese a ver la Junta de Cabildo a las 5:00pm en <http://laredo.tx.swagit.com/1242> y poder proveer comentarios el día Lunes;
- 8 de Abril, 2020: Conéctese a la junta en vivo en línea por medio del sitio de internet o la aplicación Zoom que la ciudad de Laredo ha organizado a las 3:00pm. El sitio de web es el siguiente: <https://zoom.us/join> (ID de la Junta: 404 508 048 Contraseña: 0268996);
- Llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Laredo al (956)755-2675.
- Escribame un correo electrónico a cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us;
- Déjele saber sus comentarios oralemente o por escrito a la Directora del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Laredo, Sra. Tina Martinez, al P.O. Box 12766 o 1301 Farragut, Transit Center, San Paso, Laredo, Texas 78040;
- Llene una encuesta en línea por medio del sitio Survey Monkey en <https://www.surveymonkey.com/v/DDRZJFF> (Inglés) o <https://es.surveymonkey.com/v/Y6Z2JKC> (Español);
- Visite la página de internet de la Ciudad de Laredo en <https://www.ci.laredo.tx.us> y oprima el botón llamado "Needs of Your Neighborhood Survey" para llenar una encuesta en línea en Inglés o en Español.

Servicios para personas con impedimentos físicos serán disponibles con previa aviso. Para obtener información adicional, por favor llame al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al número (956)755-2675.

 Igualdad de Oportunidad en la Vivienda
Tina Martinez
Directora del Departamento
de Desarrollo de la Comunidad
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Public Notice

Publication date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 & May 10, 2020

The City of Laredo prepared its 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and its 2020-2021 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. The City anticipates receiving \$3,850,188 in 46th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,167,858 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and \$327,812 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

An additional \$2,800 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$260,000 in HOME program income. The following projects are proposed and subject to City Council approval.

46th AY Community Development Block Grant		
1	Community Development Administration	\$762,000
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$317,710
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$600,000
4	Code Enforcement	\$508,107
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$ 31,511
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$165,160
7	Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$436,000
8	Park Improvements in District I	\$ 73,750
9	Sidewalks in District I	\$ 73,750
10	Park Improvements in District II	\$ 47,500
11	Park Improvements in District III	\$127,500
12	Sidewalks in District III	\$120,000
13	Park Improvements in District IV	\$100,000
14	Sidewalks in District IV	\$ 47,500
15	De Llano Park Improvements in District V	\$147,500
16	Bike Lanes in District VII	\$147,500
17	Sidewalks in District VIII	\$147,500
	TOTAL	\$3,852,988

Revolving Loan		
18	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$ 7,027
19	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$64,973
	TOTAL	\$72,000

HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
20	HOME Program Administration	\$116,000
21	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI)	\$260,000
22	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$400,000
23	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$200,000
24	Homeowner Reconstruction Program	\$451,858
	TOTAL	\$1,427,858

Emergency Solutions Grant		
25	ESG Program Administration	\$16,258

26	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$106,318
27	Emergency Shelter – Essential Services	\$45,000
28	Street Outreach	\$ 9,884
29	Rapid Re-Housing	\$82,352
30	Homelessness Prevention	\$60,000
31	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 8,000
	TOTAL	\$327,812

If feasible, due to the current health situation, 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. Calton 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, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The plan can also be viewed in the Community Development Department website at:

<https://www.cityoflaredo.com/CommDev/Index.htm>

The period of time to review the plans and provide comments will be from May 18 – June 16, 2020

Also, a public hearing will be scheduled to provide interested citizens an opportunity to comment on the draft Plans. The hearing will be held on May 18, 2020 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. Due to the current health situation, an online meeting could substitute the in person meeting. Timely notice will be provided and comments would need to be submitted online.

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: ndeleon@ci.laredo.tx.us. Comments will be accepted until June 16, 2020, 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

Aviso Público

Fecha de Publicación: Domingo, 3 de Mayo, 2020 y 10 de Mayo, 2020

La Ciudad de Laredo preparó su Plan de Acción de Cinco Años 2020-2024 y de un año 2020-2021 que serán 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. La Ciudad anticipa recibir \$3,850,188 para el año de acción No. 46 en fondos del Programa "CDBG", \$1,167,858 del programa "HOME", y \$327,812 del programa "ESG".

Además, se anticipa que \$2,800 dólares adicionales sean recibidos por ingresos del programa "CDBG", \$72,000 en fondos adicionales del Programa "Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan", y \$260,000 en ingresos del programa "HOME". Los proyectos siguientes son propuestos y sujetos a la aprobación del Cabildo de la Ciudad.

Año de Acción No. 46 del Programa "CDBG"		
1	Administración	\$762,000
2	Administración del Programa de Rehabilitación de Viviendas	\$317,710
3	Programa de Rehabilitación de Viviendas	\$600,000
4	Programa de Cumplimiento de Códigos	\$508,107
5	Programa de Eliminación de Grafiti	\$ 31,511
6	Programa Recreativo para Personas de la Tercer Edad	\$165,160
7	Programa de Rehabilitación de Unidades de Renta en el Centro de Laredo	\$436,000
8	Mejorías a un Parque en el Distrito I	\$ 73,750
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23	Fondos Reservados para Organizaciones llamadas "CHDO"	\$200,000
24	Programa de Reconstrucción de Viviendas	\$451,858
	TOTAL	\$1,427,858

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29	Reubicación Rápida de Viviendas	\$82,352
30	Prevención de Personas sin Hogar	\$60,000
31	Manejamiento del Sistema "HMIS"	\$ 8,000
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Si es posible, debido a la situación de salud actual, copias del Plan podrán ser revisadas en persona en las oficinas del Secretario de la Ciudad ubicadas en 1110 Houston, tercer piso, y en la Biblioteca Pública ubicada en 1120 E. Calton durante sus horas de operación.

Una copia del plan también estará disponible en el Departamento del Desarrollo de la Comunidad ubicado en 1301 Farragut, Centro de Tránsito, tercer piso, lado Este, de Lunes a Viernes, de las 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m. El plan también puede ser visto en la página de internet del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad en: <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/CommDev/Index.htm>

El período de tiempo para revisar el plan y proveer comentarios es del día 18 de Mayo al día 16 de Junio del 2020.

Una audiencia pública ha sido programada para proporcionar a ciudadanos interesados la oportunidad de comentar sobre el Plan. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el día 18 de Mayo del 2020 en la Cámara de Cabildo, ubicada en 1110 Houston a las 5:30 p.m. Servicios especiales serán disponibles con previa petición para personas con impedimentos físicos. Debido a la situación de salud actual, es posible que la junta en persona sea reemplazada con una junta transmitida por internet. Se proporcionará un aviso oportuno si este es el caso y los comentarios tendrán que ser enviados por internet.

Los comentarios pueden ser proporcionados en la audiencia pública o presentados por escrito durante el período de comentario de 30 días a Tina Martinez, Directora del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad, P.O. Box 1276 en Laredo, Texas 78042-1276 ó en 1301 Farragut, Centro de Tránsito, tercer piso, lado Este, Laredo, Texas 78040. Los comentarios también pueden ser sometidos por correo electrónico a: ndeleon@ci.laredo.tx.us. Los comentarios serán aceptados hasta el día 16 de Junio del 2020, 5:00 p.m. Para mayor información, pueden comunicarse al Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (956)795-2675.

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CORONAVIRUS UPDATES

385	199	186	43.5	247	96	26	16	16
POSITIVE	FEMALE	MALE	AVERAGE AGE	COMMUNITY CONTACT	COMMUNITY SPREAD	TRAVEL RELATED	TO BE DETERMINED	DECEASED

Laredo sees its largest spike in coronavirus cases in a week

City confirms 17 positive cases raising total to 385

By Jorge A. Vela
 LAREDO MORNING TIMES

City of Laredo officials confirmed Saturday 17 additional cases of the novel coronavirus, the highest jump since April 24. The additional cases bring the city's total COVID-19 cases to 385 with 22 individuals hospitalized due to complications related to the virus.

From April 25 to May 1, city of
Virus continues on A18

Laredo nursing homes buck Texas trend with no cases

EXCLUSIVE REPORT
 By Julia Wallace
 LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Across Texas, more than 40% of COVID-19 deaths have come from nursing homes or long-term elderly care facilities where large groups of people extremely vulnerable to this virus live under one roof. Deadly outbreaks have befallen nursing homes in San Antonio, Lubbock and Galveston

Homes continues on A18

Affidavit reveals details of child endangerment

EXCLUSIVE REPORT
 By César G. Rodríguez
 LAREDO MORNING TIMES

The 5-year-old girl seen hanging from the running board of a vehicle in a viral video made a scene inside a local H-E-B because her mother would not buy her a plush unicorn valued at \$15, according to an arrest affidavit.

Court documents state the child even tried to steal the unicorn, but the cashier caught her. Jessica Lizette Villarreal, 35, told Laredo police she was short on cash that day and could not buy the unicorn.

Villarreal and her daughter then went to the GMC Yukon, where the child got out of the vehi-



Villarreal

was driving slowly but was braking constantly.

Villarreal was served with an arrest warrant on Tuesday and charged with endangerment of a child, a state jail felony that carries a punishment of up to two years in jail and a possible fine of \$10,000. Villarreal was then released on bond on Wednesday, according to Webb County Jail records.

Video on Facebook

The case unravelled on March 2 when Laredo police administration generated a request for investigation into a video clip circulat-

Local nurses sacrifice to serve



Courtesy photo

Alejandra Gonzalez is the Laredo Medical Center's COVID-19 unit director.

LMC's COVID-19 unit director, a single mother, separates from her sons to protect them

EXCLUSIVE REPORT

By Garrett Kroeger
 LAREDO MORNING TIMES

When Alejandra Gonzalez accepted the position of the Laredo Medical Center's COVID-19 unit director on March 20, she made one of the

most difficult decisions of her life. But she knew it would be the right one for all involved.

Gonzalez is a registered nurse who who also serves as LMC's nursing director for medical sur-

Director continues on A17



Courtesy photo

Luis Decker renewed his nursing license to volunteer in New Jersey.

Laredoan discusses experience after renewing his nursing license to help in New Jersey

EXCLUSIVE REPORT

By Christian Alejandro Ocampo
 LAREDO MORNING TIMES

As Luis Decker entered the third week of his deployment to New Jersey, the horrors of the COVID-19 pandemic still

loomed over the world. Despite the ongoing circumstances and the loss of normality, he continues to work to help his patients through their recovery and hopes to reach a day where the world is COVID-19 free.

After the Board of Nursing Jersey continues on A17

Laredoans react to first day of Mall del Norte reopening

EXCLUSIVE REPORT
 By Jorge A. Vela
 LAREDO MORNING TIMES

food vendors were opened as only about 10 shops and restaurants opened and some offered just curbside services, some people

and relax after being stuck at home for so long.

"Since I had really harsh anxiety because of this pandemic and

TIEMPO DE LAREDO

AGENDA LOCAL

Sábado 30 de mayo
 • Inscripciones abiertas para campamento de verano de cine presentado por LearnThink Media. Costo inscripción es de 325 dólares por zona de campamento, cupo limitado de 16 jóvenes dentro de sus respectivas sesiones. Ubicado en 201 W. Hillside Rd. Ste. 14. De 10 a.m. a 1 p.m. Para más información, visite su página de Facebook: www.facebook.com/LearnThinkMedia.

Sábado 6 de junio
 • Feria de exposición para el hogar presentado por NeighborWorks Laredo. Ubicado en 216 Bob Bullock Loop. De 12 p.m. a 5 p.m. Evento abierto para todo el público.
 • Se presenta en vivo a Karsisa en Frontera Beer and Wine, 3301 San Bernardo Ave. #24A. De 7 p.m. a 11 p.m. Evento para todo el público.

Domingo 7 de junio
 • Alejandro Fernández se presenta en Sames Auto Arena. Venta de boletos en ticketmaster.com. Ubicado en 6700 Arana. De 7 p.m. a 10 p.m. Evento abierto para todo el público.

Miércoles 10 de junio
 • El museo imaginarium of South Texas invita a su noche familiar gratuita presentado por H-E-B. De 4 p.m. a 7 p.m. en 5300 San Darío St. Ste 519 en el Mall Del Norte. Habrá actividades para toda la familia.

Sábado 13 de junio
 • Evento EMC NITE en las instalaciones de The Cold Brew con el DJ Emo Eric. Ubicado en 920 Iturbide St. Ste A. De 8 p.m. a 2 p.m. Evento exclusivo para jóvenes con ID de 21 años en adelante.

Sábado 20 de junio
 • Festival Summer Blaze en Cultura Beer Garden. Desde las 4:30 p.m. Entrada gratuita para todo el público. El espectáculo comienza a las 5 p.m.

Viernes 3 de julio
 • Banda MS se presenta en Sames Auto Arena. Venta de boletos en ticketmaster.com. Ubicado en 6700 Arana. Desde las 6 p.m. Evento abierto para todo el público.

EFE MéRIDES

- 3 de mayo, 1890**— Existe el servicio de ferrocarril entre Nuevo Laredo y Tamaulipas, México. Viaje redondo duraba cuatro días.
- 1921**— Se instala base militar aérea mexicana en Nuevo Laredo, la cual constaba de ocho aviones. Sus pilotos, todos mexicanos, patrullaban desde Matamoros, México, hasta Ciudad Juárez, México.
- 1927**— Logran botín de 350 pesos en robo a la subagencia de la lotería propiedad de Fabián Ruiz, ubicada junto al Teatro Concordia.
- 1928**— Inauguran la carretera engravada de Nuevo Laredo a Monterrey, México.
- 1948**— Personal de Adjuana decomisa contrabando de más de 100.000 cartuchos en calibres .32, .38 y .45 que estaban dentro de una residencia en Nuevo Laredo.
- 1951**— Juan M. Esponda, Presidente de la Junta Federal de Mejoras Materiales, propone proyecto de 35 millones de

TU ECONOMÍA

Es mayo, y aún sale el sol

Por Mario Canales
 ESPECIAL PARA TIEMPO DE LAREDO



Canales

Ya es mayo. Parece una eternidad desde que comenzó "formalmente" la pandemia que hoy tiene al mundo a su merced. Más de tres millones de contagios en el mundo, un tercio de los mismos en Estados Unidos, de acuerdo a datos publicados por el Centro Universitario de la Universidad Johns Hopkins. Ya pesa, cada vez más, el desgaste de las medidas cuarentenarias y al mismo tiempo abre una nueva brecha de discusión que despierta por primera vez en mucho tiempo, la pasión por las grandes decisiones que definen el rumbo de una ciudad, un estado y una nación.

Es el debate por la "reapertura." El mismo es distinto a otros debates que hasta hace apenas mes y medio dominaban la conversación nacional. La naturaleza de su tiempo lo hace distinto en su forma y en su fondo. El debate sobre la "reapertura" es diferente a otros por el hecho de que las consecuencias inmediatas cambian la delgada y sensible línea entre la vida y la muerte.

Es un debate en el que participan todos, y en el que en términos muy simplificados existen dos corrientes de pensamiento: 1. La "reapertura" debe continuar gradualmente, en sintonía con el perfil de salud de cada estado o condado del país. Ya es tiempo. 2. La "reapertura" es muy pronto y debe ser propuesta hasta que haya más claridad en el proceso de pruebas para evitar un renovado brote epidemiológico. Todavía no es tiempo.

Los dos planteamientos son igualmente válidos porque nacen desde las experiencias propias de cada individuo que las emite, y ese hecho les da su mérito. Frente a ese panorama es bueno reflexionar sobre un punto medio, donde se encuentra el margen para el consenso y nace la acción.

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Por eso, el argumento es la importancia de involucrarse siempre en la vida pública del país, no nada más cuando se toman las grandes decisiones, como en el presente, porque las mismas nacen desde un proceso pre-establecido que las hace casi pre-determinadas.

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Un planteamiento: las decisiones que inflaman la discusión se emiten desde un proceso preestablecido, es decir, desde antes de la pandemia ya existía el proceso que hoy la define. Para transformar una realidad hay que entender el sistema que la hace y que la acompaña. Las instituciones que hoy toman las decisiones sobre el coronavirus, ya estaban desde ayer.

Por eso, el argumento es la importancia de involucrarse siempre en la vida pública del país, no nada más cuando se toman las grandes decisiones, como en el presente, porque las mismas nacen desde un proceso pre-establecido que las hace casi pre-determinadas.

Es la pandemia la que hace el presente tiempo de definición. De definición para levantar el debate y despertar la conciencia sobre los procesos y estructuras que hacen y acompañan las grandes decisiones que definen el rumbo socioeconómico, por decir lo menos, de la vida pública.

El énfasis debe girar hacia el proceso, no al hecho. Vendrán otras decisiones en el futuro. Hacia adelante, todas las decisiones públicas deberían estar sometidas al balance que construye una sociedad informada y participativa.

Ya es mayo, y aún sale el sol. Pronto será verano, y en un abrir y cerrar de ojos, vendrán las lunas de octubre como teloneras de un, irónicamente, cálido invierno. Así será.

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es la directriz de no evaluación; sin embargo, la guía de pruebas es principalmente solo para los trabajadores de la salud antes de que regresen al trabajo en el que se hacen las pruebas dos veces", dijo González. Por lo tanto, a la mayoría de las personas no se les realiza una prueba por segunda vez para determinar si aún tienen el virus o no antes de regresar al público. Simplemente se controlan sus síntomas mientras se ponen en cuarentena en el hogar y se verifican dos semanas después para ver si presentan alguna condición relacionada con el coronavirus que pueda requerir más pruebas o cuarentena continua.

En el frente legal, Manuel Díaz, del Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de Laredo, no reportó ninguna actividad importante en las últimas 24 horas que condujera a notificaciones o arrestos.

Según Díaz, ayer se revisaron 150 parques y también se inspeccionaron 351 negocios, mientras que el departamento de policía

recibió 52 llamadas con preguntas sobre si el toque de queda todavía se estaba implementando y si se impondrían más multas por el uso de máscaras faciales.

"Quinientos cuarenta y ocho llamadas de servicio recibieron cero notificaciones, lo que realmente muestra cómo la gente de Laredo ha estado haciendo un gran trabajo al seguir las reglas y deberían ser elogiados por ello", dijo Díaz.

A pesar de la eliminación de las multas por no usar un recubrimiento facial, el departamento de salud local continúa recomendando que los locales sigan usando máscaras faciales para detener la propagación de COVID-19.

Aunque los resultados parecían mostrar que la ciudad está en una curva descendente, los funcionarios de la ciudad continúan insistiendo en que los locales no deberían bajar la guardia.

En total, 2,589 personas han sido evaluadas para COVID-19 en Laredo. Un total de 1,760 pruebas han dado negativo. También se han reportado 120 recuperaciones en Laredo.

Public Notice

Publicación (en Inglés) - May 3, 2020 & May 10, 2020
 The City of Laredo prepared its 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and its 2020-2021 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, budget, status, and local resources that are anticipated to be made available and the specific housing and non-housing activities to be conducted. The City anticipates receiving \$3,866,188 in 4th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,147,500 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and \$327,812 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

An additional \$2,800 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$260,000 in HOME program income. The following projects are proposed and subject to City Council approval.

4th AY Community Development Block Grant		
1	Community Development Administration	\$795,000
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$317,750
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$600,000
4	Code Enforcement	\$608,107
5	Grant Review Program	\$1,311,111
6	Downside Sector Reinvestment Program	\$106,166
7	Downside Rural Rehabilitation Program	\$436,000
8	Park Improvements in District I	\$73,750
9	Sidewalks in District II	\$73,750
10	Park Improvements in District II	\$47,500
11	Park Improvements in District III	\$127,500
12	Sidewalks in District III	\$120,000
13	Park Improvements in District IV	\$100,000
14	Sidewalks in District IV	\$47,500
15	Park Improvements in District V	\$147,500
16	Sidewalks in District V	\$147,500
17	Sidewalks in District VII	\$147,500
	TOTAL	\$3,892,688
Revolving Loan		
18	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$7,087
19	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$64,973
	TOTAL	\$72,060
HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
20	HOME Program Administration	\$1,160,000
21	Down Payment Assistance Program (DP)	\$295,000
22	Second-Shift Rental Assistance	\$400,000
23	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$200,000
24	Homeowner Rehabilitation Program	\$400,000
	TOTAL	\$1,455,000
Emergency Solutions Grant		
25	ESG Program Administration	\$16,200
26	Emergency Shelter - Shelter Operations	\$108,318
27	Emergency Shelter - Essential Services	\$48,000
28	Shelter Operations	\$1,684
29	ESG Pre-Housing	\$82,352
30	Homelessness Prevention	\$80,000
31	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$1,000
	TOTAL	\$327,812

If feasible, due to the current health situation, copies of the draft Plan can be viewed in person at the office of the City Secretary located in City Hall at 110 Houston, 2nd Floor, and at the Laredo Public Library located at 1105 E. Cotton Road during the hours of operation.
 A copy of the plan will also be available at the Department of Community Development located at 1901 Fajardo, Transit Center, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The plan can also be viewed in the Community Development Department website at: https://www.cityoflaredo.com/ComDev/index.cfm
 The period of time to review the plan and provide comments will be from **May 18 - June 16, 2020**.
 Also, a public hearing will be scheduled to provide interested citizens an opportunity to comment on the draft Plan. The hearing will be held on **May 18, 2020** in the City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 110 Houston during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. Social services will be made available, upon timely request, for the physically impaired. Due to the current health situation, an online meeting could substitute the in-person meeting. Timely notices will be provided and comments would need to be submitted online.
 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 12796 in Laredo, Texas 78042-1279 at 1901 Fajardo, Transit Center, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Laredo, Texas 78040. Comments may also be submitted via email to: tdmartinez@cityoflaredo.texas. Comments will be accepted until **June 16, 2020** 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at (956)795-2675.
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Government motions to seize land for border wall

City of Laredo makes a compelling argument in their defense

EXCLUSIVE REPORT

By Julia Wallace
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

The City of Laredo has es-

tablished an adroit argument in response to the federal government's motion to immediately seize the miles of land they own along the Rio Grande in order to one day build a border wall: that this action is

simply congressionally unauthorized.

If their argument proves sound before a judge, this would not only be an unprecedented win against the federal government in a right of entry case, it would also be an applicable defense for the rest of the landowners fighting against the wall in the Laredo Sector,

which spans Webb and Zapata counties.

Meanwhile, the feds are pressing ahead to start construction in the area.

Customs and Border Protection this week awarded a construction contract to an Alabama company called Caddell to build 14 miles of **Border Wall continues on A13**

La Gordiloca's lawsuit dismissed with prejudice

EXCLUSIVE REPORT

By Maria Salas
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

The lawsuit filed by Priscilla "La Gordiloca" Villarreal against several city and county officials has been dismissed with prejudice by a local federal judge. The lawsuit claimed city and county officials violated her constitutional rights, retaliated against her and wrongfully arrested her over a year ago.

On Friday, U.S. Magistrate Judge John A. Kazen wrote in a memorandum and order that Villarreal failed to establish several claims in her lawsuit.

"Although the court recognizes the profound importance of the rights guaranteed to citizens, such as (Villarreal) in this case, the court has ultimately determined that (Villarreal) has not been able to overcome the claims of qualified immunity and the other arguments raised by defendants' motions," the memorandum states.

Federal law states qualified immunity protects government officials who act within their official capacity from liability if those actions are reasonable to the law, unless their actions violated clearly established federal law or constitutional rights.

In May 2019, Eric Magee, the attorney for Webb County District Attorney Isidro Alaniz, Chief Assistant District Attorney Marisela Jacaman and Webb County, filed a motion to dismiss stating that Villarreal's lawsuit doesn't contain sufficient facts to support her claims and request for compensation.

Magee argues that the prosecutors' functions include representing the government in filing and presenting criminal cases, as well as other acts that are closely associated with the judicial process.

"A prosecutor has absolute immunity for acts initiating and pursuing a criminal prosecution, including presenting the state's case at trial and for participating in a probable-cause hearing," the

Lawsuit continues on A13

Laredoans begin to relax facemask usage



EXCLUSIVE REPORT

By Jorge A. Vela
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Gov. Greg Abbott has relaxed many of the orders implemented by local municipalities in Texas in defense against the CO-

viding them. "We are still in a very serious pandemic, and this is the best prevention and it is the responsible action," City of Laredo Health Department Director Hector F. Gonzalez

City reports 10 new cases

By Jorge Vela
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

As a continued trend seen in the past few days, the City of Laredo reported 10 new cases Saturday which brings the total to now 434 positive cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

It was the third time in four days that the city has reported double-digit cas-

es still pending. The overall number of local deaths remains at 17.

A total of 2,147 have received negative results, and 209 of the positive cases have recovered fully from the virus.

Laredo's test positivity rate now stands at 16.8%. Texas has a test positivity rate of 7.7%.

The city decided Friday to change media briefings

TIEMPO DE LAREDO

AGENDA LOCAL

Sábado 30 de mayo
 • Inscripciones abiertas para campamento de verano de cine presentado por LearnThink Media. Costo inscripción es de 325 dólares por zona de campamento, cupo limitado de 16 jóvenes dentro de sus respectivas sesiones. Ubicado en 201 W. Hillside Rd. Ste. 14. De 10 a.m. a 1 p.m. Para más información, visite su página de Facebook: www.facebook.com/LearnThinkMedia.

Sábado 6 de junio
 • Feria de exposición para el hogar presentado por Neighbor/Works Laredo. Ubicado en 216 Bob Bullock Loop, de 12 p.m. a 5 p.m. Evento abierto para todo el público.
 • Se presenta en vivo a Karissa en Frontera Beer and Wine, 3301 San Bernardo Ave. #24A. De 7 p.m. a 11 p.m. Evento para todo el público.

Domingo 7 de junio
 • Alejandro Fernández se presenta en Sarnes Auto Arena. Venta de boletos en ticketkeep.com. Ubicado en 6700 Arena. De 7 p.m. a 10 p.m. Evento abierto para todo el público.

Miércoles 10 de junio
 • El Museo Imaginarium of South Texas invita a su noche familiar gratuita presentado por H-E-B. De 4 p.m. a 7 p.m. en 5300 San Darío St. Ste 510 en el Mail Del Norte. Habrá actividades para toda la familia.

Sábado 13 de junio
 • Evento EMO NITE en las instalaciones de The Cold Brew con el DJ Erno Eric. Ubicado en 920 Iturbide St. Ste A. De 8 p.m. a 2 p.m. Evento exclusivo para jóvenes con ID de 21 años en adelante.

Sábado 20 de junio
 • Festival Summer Blaze en Cultura Beer Garden. Desde las 4:30 p.m. Entrada gratuita para todo el público. El espectáculo comienza a las 5 p.m.

Viernes 3 de julio
 • Banda M5 se presenta en Sarnes Auto Arena. Venta de boletos en ticketmaster.com. Ubicado en 6700 Arena. Desde las 8 p.m. Evento abierto para todo el público.

Sábado 4 de julio
 • Se presenta en vivo a Karissa en Frontera Beer and Wine. Ubicado en 3301 San Bernardo Ave. #24A. Desde las 6 p.m. Evento para todo el público.

Miércoles 8 de julio
 • El museo Imaginarium of South Texas invita a su noche familiar presentado por H-E-B. De 4 p.m. a 7 p.m. en 5300 San Darío St. Ste 510.

TU ECONOMÍA

La economía de Estados Unidos tropieza al abismo histórico

Por Mario Canales
 ESPECIAL PARA TIEMPO DE LAREDO



Canales

Desde la Gran Depresión de 1929, que la economía de Estados Unidos no camina dentro de la profundidad de la presente contracción.

Los datos que así lo reflejan pueden, en su momento, ser abstractos y parecer distantes de una realidad. Así lo han sido en el pasado, cuando los datos eran muy positivos seguían existiendo otras realidades distintas. Son los contrastes, como todo.

Lo dijo Robert "Bobby" Kennedy en un discurso a la Universidad de Kansas en 1968, que el Producto Interno Bruto ("GDP" por sus siglas en inglés) "no mide nuestro valor, ni nuestra sabiduría o aprendizaje, tampoco nuestra compasión ni la devoción a nuestro país, en resumen, el PIB mide todo menos aquello que hace que la vida valga vivirla."

Economía

Y sí, pero los datos son indicios de tendencias generales y no deben ser interpretados como un reflejo absoluto de la realidad, para bien o para mal. El hecho es que ya empiezan a salir los datos sobre el impacto económico de las medidas cuarentenarias a partir de la pandemia.

En el mes de Abril:
 • Mas de 20 millones de empleos perdidos,

• Subió a 14,7% la tasa de desempleo en el país

• Para hispanos, la tasa de desempleo brincó desde 5,3% hasta 18,2%, todos los datos de acuerdo a la publicación del Wall Street Journal.

Este último dato, sobre los hispanos, es alarmante. Siendo Laredo la cabecera del condado, proporcionalmente, mas hispano de Estados Unidos debe ser el argumento central de la consecuente reflexión. Además, citando la misma fuente, casi la mitad del desempleo general lo abarcan individuos con educación preparatoria, o menos.

¿Que significa? Los datos revelan una tendencia decadente de la economía nacional, sesgada hacia la población mas vulnerable como son las minorías y los individuos sin educación universitaria. Otra vez resaltar el argumento complementario de que los datos no representan una realidad absoluta y son, en su debido contexto, indicios que dejan entrever un amplio camino.

Es la economía del presente, y del futuro inmediato. No será fácil recuperar la tendencia de bonanza que empezó en 2009 y capitalizó 2019 como el periodo de expansión más extenso en la historia de Estados Un-

MURO

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Y es que nunca volverá a ser igual. Ni cuando la tasa de desempleo baje otra vez al 3%, o cuando los datos indiquen una tendencia positiva (y en algún momento lo harán, así son los ciclos de altas y bajas). No volverá a ser igual, porque el coronavirus vino a acelerar una existente tendencia de profunda transformación de la economía mundial.

Será, en su momento, una recuperación sesgada también (como hasta ahora había sido). Desde ahí, la relevancia de retomar el argumento planteado antes de este espacio: es importante involucrarse en la vida pública del país.

Las grandes transformaciones, y recuperaciones, empiezan desde la conciencia.

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 Dos fechas relevantes: el viernes fue el 75 aniversario de la victoria de los Aliados en Europa ("VE Day" en inglés) en la Segunda Guerra Mundial, un solemne recordatorio de la grandeza de nuestra civilización en tiempos extraordinarios. Y hoy, 10 de Mayo, feliz día a todas las Madres de la Región Laredo.

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tes de la pandemia, la ciudad también ha optado por celebrar reuniones informativas con los medios de

comunicación tres veces por semana en lugar de todos los días como lo ha hecho en el pasado. Ahora, la ciudad llevará a cabo sesiones informativas solo los lunes, miércoles y viernes.



Danny Zaragoza / Laredo Morning Times

Compradores usan máscaras como parte de un mandato de la ciudad el 2 de abril de 2020.

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tivas, dudo que haya tantos trabajadores de la salud locales que se enfermen por el virus, ya que siempre usan ese equipo de protección pero aún se enferman, y algunos incluso han muerto por esa condición", agregó.

Si bien la mayoría de los laredenses siguen usando mascarillas, muchas de esas personas se los quitan cuando están solos, como cuando conducen, dijo Carlos J. Enriquez Jr. dijo que usa máscaras faciales el 85% del tiempo, pero el 100% en edificios y áreas públicas. Otras personas tienden a tener usos similares para sus mascarillas.

Algunas personas van más allá del uso de mascarillas, ya que utilizan equipo de protección adicional para combatir el virus.

Muchos continúan usando mascarillas para la seguridad de sus familias y otros, siempre y cuando no haya cura o vacuna a la vista para tratar COVID-19.

Otros continúan usando

la máscara facial como un método preventivo contra cualquier acción legal también. Si bien no se pueden emitir multas, los oficiales aún pueden emitir citas simbólicas para enfatizar la importancia de usar máscaras.

"(Me pongo uno) excepto cuando estoy conduciendo, así que no lo doy a los policías un motivo para acosarme y respetar a aquellos que temen al virus", dijo Pedro Cortez de Laredo.

Finalmente, un individuo local dijo que su uso continuo está relacionado con el sacrificio que los trabajadores de primera línea continúan haciendo.

"Como fabricante de máscaras y alguien que vive con una persona inmunocomprometida en casa, muchas gracias a todos por usar sus máscaras", dijo Elizabeth Huber. "No importa cuán caliente e incómodo pueda estar con mi máscara, siempre pienso en los trabajadores de la salud que no tienen más remedio que usar una máscara durante todo su turno de 8-12 horas. Si pueden soportarlo todo ese tiempo, puedo soportarlo por el poco tiempo que lo tengo

Año de Acción No. 46 del Programa "CDBG"

Fecha de Publicación: Domingo 3 de Mayo, 2020 y 10 de Mayo, 2020
 La Ciudad de Laredo preparó su Plan de Acción de Cinco Años 2020-2024 y de un año 2020-2021 que están sometidos al Departamento Federal de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano como un requisito previo para continuar recibiendo fondos federales del departamento. El Plan de Acción de un año describe los recursos federales, estatales, y locales disponibles que se anticipan serán disponibles y las actividades de vivienda y otros tipos de actividades que se llevarán a cabo. La Ciudad envía este folleto \$3,850,188 para el año de acción No. 46 en fondos del Programa "CDBG", \$1,167,898 del programa "HOME", y \$207,812 del programa "ESG".

Además, se anticipa que \$2,800 dólares adicionales serán recibidos por ingresos del programa "CDBG", \$72,000 en fondos adicionales del Programa "Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan", y \$250,000 en ingresos del programa "HOME". Los proyectos siguientes son propuestos y sujetos a la aprobación del Comité de la Ciudad.

Año de Acción No. 46 del Programa "CDBG"		
01	Administración	\$760,000
02	Administración del Programa de Rehabilitación de Viviendas	\$317,710
03	Programa de Rehabilitación de Viviendas	\$500,000
04	Programa de Campesinatos y Campesinos	\$400,100
05	Programa de Empeño de la Ciudad	\$312,111
06	Programa de Empeño para Personas con la Tercera Edad	\$186,100
07	Programa de Rehabilitación de Unidades de Renta en el Centro de Laredo	\$430,000
08	Miércoles a un Parque en el Distrito I	\$12,750
09	Miércoles a un Distrito I	73,750
10	Miércoles a un Parque en el Distrito II	\$147,500
11	Miércoles a un Parque en el Distrito III	\$147,500
12	Miércoles a un Distrito II	\$150,000
13	Miércoles a un Parque en el Distrito IV	\$107,000
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15	Miércoles a un Parque De Lario en el Distrito V	\$147,500
16	Miércoles a un Distrito en el Distrito VII	\$147,500
17	Miércoles en el Distrito VII	\$147,500
	TOTAL	\$3,850,288

Préstamo Gratuito		
18	Administración del Programa "Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan"	\$7,000
19	Programa "Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan"	\$68,979
	TOTAL	\$72,000

HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
20	Administración del Programa "HOME"	\$116,000
21	Asistencia Previa para Empeños de Viviendas	\$200,000
22	Asistencia de Renta para Adultos Mayores	\$400,000
23	Programa de Empeño para Personas con la Tercera Edad "CHOD"	\$200,000
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Looking for 2 Drivers w/ CDL A. Must be Responsible, Have Good Driving Record & Good Standing with the Law. Paying \$45 cents per straight mile. If interested Inquire with Mr. Fuentes @ (956) 441-5841

PETS & SUPPLIES 126

BABY CHICKS \$1.00ea.
 Or 6 for \$20
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 White Ducks \$50 pair
 Adult White Chinese Geese \$200 pair
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PETS & SUPPLIES 126

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Compro Carros Y Trocas Para Yonke Y Catalizadores. Yo Levanto. Llame a (956) 771-7047

WANT TO BUY 146

Compro todo tipo de carros y trocas jalando, chocados, descompuestos, con titulo o sin. (956)645-6425

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Laredo College
 Now Hiring!!
 FACULTY
 ADMINISTRATIVE/PROFESSIONAL
 NOTE: ADJUNCT AND PART TIME POSITIONS ALSO AVAILABLE
 PLEASE VISIT WWW.LAREDO.EDU
 Apply online at <https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/laredoedu>

ARTICLES FOR SALE 136

Hoveround MVP5 Scooter for sale. 2 extra batteries. \$1,000. Call 956-237-8075

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UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS/PROFESIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
 United Independent School District will solicit and receive Qualification Statements/Sealed Proposals for:
 REF#/RFQ NO: RFP 2020-019
 DESCRIPTION: FIVE BUSES AND GLASS DISTRICT W/VE
 LAST DAY FOR QUESTIONS: FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020 AT 3:00 PM CST
 DUE DATE AND TIME: WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020 AT 3:00 PM CST
 Specifications may be obtained by registering to EPROC at www.laredo.edu. Responses shall be received via online submitted NO LATER THAN the date and time stated above for each RFQ/RFP listed. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO PROCUREMENT@UISD.NET. United ISD Purchasing Department 3301 E. Saunders, Laredo, Texas 78041.
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LAREDO HOUSING AUTHORITY
 Housing Rehabilitation
Public Notice
 Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of the City of Laredo (LHA) is seeking Request for Qualifications for the following:
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2020-0510-1 QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT
Professional Services Consultant: To assist agency staff with planning, supervising, and overseeing assigned housing programs, construction projects, or special housing related projects, including Covid19 and CARES Act prevention, preparation, and response activities or projects.
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2020-0510-2 QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT
Financial Planning, Budgeting, and Accountability Consultant: To assist Board of Commissioners and agency leadership staff with HUD program financial planning, budgeting, and accountability reviews, reporting, and oversight, including Covid19 and CARES Act prevention, preparation, and response activities or projects.
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2020-0510-3 QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT
Qualified Public Health Expert Consultant: To assist Board of Commissioners and agency leadership staff with the assessment and development of public health policies and procedures and provide staff and partner trainings, including Covid19 and CARES Act prevention, preparation, and response activities or projects.
 All RFQ documents may be obtained on our Procurement Portal tab at www.larha.org beginning May 11, 2020. For any questions on the RFQ documents, please call Maria Hernandez, Procurement Officer at (956) 722-4521 between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday or e-mail at procurement@larha.org.
 All responses are to be submitted electronically on our Procurement Portal tab at www.larha.org by May 26, 2020 @ 11:00 am.
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APARTMENTS FOR RENT 91

HILLSIDE APTS.
 201 W. HILL ST. 1 & 2 BDRM TOWNHOMES AVAILABLE SWIMMING POOL, LAUNDRY FACILITY, WALKING DISTANCE TO CLARK ELEMENTARY & CHURCH. ONE BLOCK FROM MALL, WALKING DISTANCE TO HED AND RESTAURANTS. VISIT: WWW.HILLSIDEAPTS.COM

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 106 W. Price St.
 2701 San Salvador
 For More Information CALL (956) 220-2563

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HOUSES FOR RENT 97

"HOUSE FOR RENT"
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"HOUSE FOR RENT"
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OFFICE SPACES FOR RENT 118

OFFICE SUITES FOR RENT
 3301 FM Road- FM 142
 425 sqft. 620 sqft.
 FOR INFORMATION CALL 956-722-8021

COMMERCIAL RENTALS 120

**** FOR LEASE****
 1820 Laredo St. B-1 Zoning Commercial Office, Warehouse, Yard, Fenced & Corner Lot. Call: (956) 724-5769

For Lease @ 1024 Bullock Loop B-4 Zone Office/Warehouse/Yard
 For information call (956) 724-5769
 Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm

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Laredo Transit Management Inc. El Metro
Accepting Applications Part-time Bus Operators
Supervisor Qualifications

- Good Attendance Record.
- Excellent Customer Service skills.
- Basic Microsoft / Computer skills.
- Supervisory experience.
- High School Diploma or GED. Higher Education preferred.
- Safe Driving Record. Valid CDL. Passenger Endorsement.
- Excellent Communication skills. Able to speak, read, and write in English. Spanish proficiency preferred.

Applications and Job Descriptions are available at the El Metro Transit Center 1301 Farragut St. 3rd. Floor Laredo TX. 78040
 Laredo Transit Management Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and complies with the American with Disabilities Act.

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F&A Express, LLC is searching for an organized well-motivated individual to join our growing team as an **EQUIPMENT CONTROL ANALYST**. You will be accountable for the direct management and supervision of all company equipment and ensuring its operation is productive and profitable.

LAREDO COLLEGE
Laredo College is accepting applications for the following position below:
Homeland Security Studies Instructor \$44,054-\$67,537 Plus \$20,000 stipend (Deadline until position is filled)

*Salary for position is based on related credentials and experience. Teaching must be full time at the high school, college, or university level.

We offer excellent benefits including:
 • Comprehensive Insurance Package with free health for self
 • Employee Assistance Program
 • Free Tuition for self/dependent
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Apply online at <https://www.schooljobs.com/careers/laredoedu>

For additional information you may contact us at Laredo College, Office of Human Resources (Building P-154); West End Washington Street, Laredo, TX 78040; Telephone: (956) 721-5138; Fax: (956) 721-5367; e-mail: employment@laredo.edu
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 REF#/RFQ NO: RFP 2020-019
 DESCRIPTION: BULLET PROOF PROTECTIVE FILM THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020 AT 3:00 PM CST
 DUE DATE AND TIME: THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020 AT 3:00 PM CST
 REF#/RFQ NO: RFP 2020-020
 DESCRIPTION: FOOD PRODUCE WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2020 AT 3:00 PM CST
 DUE DATE & TIME: THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020 AT 3:00 PM CST
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Publication date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 & May 10, 2020

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An additional **\$2,800** is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, **\$72,000** in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and **\$200,000** in HOME program income. The following projects are proposed and subject to City Council approval.

4th AY Community Development Block Grant	
11 Community Development Administration	\$187,000
12 Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$317,711
13 Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$800,000
14 Code Enforcement	\$598,170
15 Graffiti Removal Program	\$1,511
16 Downtown Senior Pre-nursing Program	\$195,169
17 Downtown Market Rehabilitation Program	\$6,900
18 Park Improvements in District I	\$73,750
19 Sidewalks in District I	\$73,750
20 Park Improvements in District II	\$47,500
21 Park Improvements in District III	\$177,500
22 Sidewalks in District III	\$120,000
23 Park Improvements in District IV	\$100,000
24 Sidewalks in District IV	\$47,500
25 De Lamas Park Improvements in District V	\$147,500
26 Bike Lanes in District VII	\$147,500
27 Sidewalks in District VIII	\$147,500
TOTAL	\$3,852,989

Revolving Loan	
18 Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$7,007
19 Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$69,073
TOTAL	\$76,080

HOME Investment Partnership Grant	
26 HOME Program Administration	\$118,000
27 Down Payment Assistance Program (PI)	\$200,000
28 Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$400,000
29 Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$200,000
34 Homeless Rehabilitation Program	\$451,858
TOTAL	\$1,410,858

Emergency Solutions Grant	
25 ESG Program Administration	\$18,250
26 Emergency Shelter - Shelter Operations	\$106,318
27 Emergency Shelter - Essential Services	\$40,000
28 Street Outreach	\$3,884
29 Rapid Re-Housing	\$82,992
30 Homelessness Prevention	\$607,000
31 Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$8,000
TOTAL	\$827,412

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**LAREDO MORNING TIMES
P.O. BOX 2129
LAREDO, TEXAS 78041**

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WEBB

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Geena Garza who on his/her oath states:

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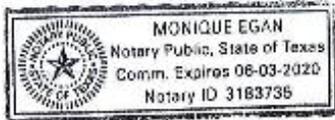
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Monique Egan
Notary public in and for the State of Texas
Notary: Monique Egan



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46th AY Community Development Block Grant		
1	Community Development Administration	2,067,000
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	837,710
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	870,000
4	CDBG Enforcement	850,707
5	Graffiti Removal Program	81,611
6	Low-Income Tax or Incentivational Program	585,160
7	Down-Town Rental Rehabilitation Program	345,000
8	Park Improvements in District I	573,750
9	Streets in District I	273,750
10	Park Improvements in District II	547,500
11	Park Improvements in District III	812,500
12	Streets in District III	410,000
13	Park Improvements in District IV	810,000
14	Streets in District IV	47,500
15	De-Land Park Improvements in District V	415,000
16	Big Lanes in District VII	847,500
17	Streets in District VII	547,500
TOTAL		\$3,696,188

Revolving Loan		
18	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	87,027
19	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	64,973
TOTAL		\$152,000

HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
20	HOME Program Administration	\$115,000
21	Down Payment Assistance Program (DPA)	200,000
22	Rent-Based Rental Assistance	240,000
23	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	340,000
24	Homeowner Reconstruction Program	445,858
TOTAL		\$1,477,858

Emergency Solutions Grant		
25	ESG Program Administration	\$15,450
26	Emergency Shelter - Shelter Operations	\$105,318
27	Emergency Shelter - Essential Services	340,000
28	Shelter Outreach	35,584
29	Rental Assistance	340,000
30	Homelessness Prevention	250,000
31	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$19,070
TOTAL		\$827,812

If possible, due to the current health situation, copies of the draft Plan 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. Culture Blvd during the hours of operation.

A copy of the plan will also be available at the Department of Community Development located at 1821 Farnham, Transit Center, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The plan can also be viewed at the Community Development Department website at: <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/CommDev/index.htm>

The period of time to review the plan and provide comments will be from **May 10 - June 16, 2020**.

Also, a public hearing will be scheduled to provide interested citizens an opportunity to comment on the draft Plan. The hearing will be held on **May 10, 2020** 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. Due to the current health situation, an online meeting could substitute the in person meeting. Timely notice will be provided and comments would need to be submitted online.

Comments may be provided at the public hearing or submitted in writing during the 30-day comment period to: The Martinez, Community Development Director, P.O. Box 1276 in Laredo, Texas 78042-1276 or 1301 Farnham, Transit Center, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Laredo, Texas 78042. Comments may also be submitted via email to: rdobson@cityoflaredo.com. Comments will be accepted until **June 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m.** For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at (361)266-2885.

Equal Housing Opportunity

The Martinez
Community Development Director



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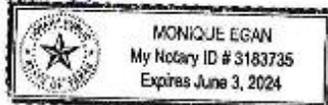
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Aviso Público
Fiesta de Bookkeeping, Domingo 10 de Mayo, 2020 y 16 de Mayo, 2020

La Ciudad de Laredo preparó su Plan de Acción de Crisis del 2020-2021 y de Laredo 1921 para el Comité de Equipamiento Federal de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano como un requisito previo para continuar recibiendo fondos federales de equipamiento. El Plan de Acción de Crisis de Vivienda incluye los recursos federales, estatales y locales disponibles para el programa de tipo "clase y asistencia" de vivienda pública. El presupuesto de la ciudad para el programa "HOME" es de \$1,107,000, \$1,107,000 para el año de acción No. 48 del Programa "HOME", \$1,107,000 de acciones "HOME", y \$827,000 del programa "ESG".

Además, en el año de acción \$2,400 de acciones de vivienda pública en ingresos del programa "HOME", \$72,000 en fondos de acciones del Programa "HOME", los fondos de vivienda local, y \$262,000 en ingresos del programa "HOME". Los presupuestos siguientes son para el programa y sujetos a la aprobación del Consejo de la Ciudad.

Año de Acción No. 48 del Programa "HOME"		
1	Administración del Programa de Vivienda Pública	\$762,000
2	Administración del Programa de Vivienda Pública	\$312,000
3	Programa de Mantenimiento de Vivienda	\$108,000
4	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
5	Programa de Reparación para Personas con Necesidades Especiales	\$108,000
6	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda para Personas con Necesidades Especiales en Laredo	\$108,000
7	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda para Personas con Necesidades Especiales en Laredo	\$108,000
8	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
9	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
10	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
11	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
12	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
13	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
14	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
15	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
16	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
17	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
TOTAL		\$3,827,000

Programa Global		
18	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
19	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$108,000
TOTAL		\$216,000

HOME EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT		
20	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
21	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
22	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
23	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
24	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
TOTAL		\$550,000

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT		
25	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
26	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
27	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
28	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
29	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
30	Programa de Reparación de Vivienda	\$110,000
TOTAL		\$660,000

Si es posible, de acuerdo a la obligación de salud pública, copias del Plan de Acción de Crisis de la Ciudad de Laredo se darán a los miembros del Comité de Equipamiento Federal de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano el día 10 de Mayo de 2020 y el día 16 de Mayo de 2020. Dado el estado de salud pública, se hará lo posible.

Una copia del plan también estará disponible en el Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad ubicado en 1201 Farquhar, Centro de Tránsito, Laredo, Texas 78041, de Lunes a Viernes de las 8:00 am a las 5:00 p.m. El plan también puede ser visto en la página de Internet del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad en <http://www.ciudadelaredo.com/development>.

El período de tiempo para recibir el plan y proveer comentarios es del día 10 de Mayo al día 16 de Junio del 2020.

Una reunión pública se ha programado para presentarle a cada uno de los interesados la oportunidad de comentar sobre el Plan. La reunión se llevará a cabo el día 16 de Mayo del 2020 en la Cámara de Comercio de Laredo, ubicada en 110 Houston a las 5:00 p.m. Si es necesario, se puede solicitar un espacio público para presentarse con los interesados. Debido a la obligación de salud pública, es posible que la reunión se lleve a cabo de manera virtual. Para más información, póngase en contacto con el personal de desarrollo de la ciudad y los comentarios que se reciban serán considerados.

Los comentarios pueden ser propuestos en la reunión pública o presentados por correo electrónico al personal de desarrollo de 30 días antes de la reunión. Dirección de Desarrollo de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano, P.O. Box 1276 en Laredo, Texas 78041-1276 o en 1201 Farquhar, Centro de Tránsito, Laredo, Texas 78041. Los comentarios recibidos por correo electrónico serán aceptados hasta el día 16 de Junio del 2020, 5:00 p.m. Para mayor información, póngase en contacto con el personal de desarrollo de la Comunidad al (957) 935-2575.

Impedido de Declarar:
En La Verdad

Lisa Martínez
Directora de Departamento de
Desarrollo de la Comunidad

APPENDIX D
SURVEY RESULTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

**City of Laredo - Community Development Department
2020-2021 Community Needs Survey Results**

Community Need	TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONSES (ENGLISH + SPANISH)				%	TOP NEEDS	
	Great Need	Some Need	No Need	TOTAL		TOP 5 NEEDS	TOP 10 NEEDS
1 Counseling, Referral/Support Services	213	116	58	387	53.79%	TOP 5 NEEDS	TOP 10 NEEDS
2 Job Training	201	125	66	392	50.76%		
3 Rental Assistance for low income elderly individuals	197	117	76	390	49.75%		
4 New housing construction for purchase by low-income households	193	95	103	391	48.74%		
5 Parks and Playgrounds	186	108	100	394	46.97%		
6 Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance	184	122	86	392	46.46%		
7 Street Lighting	181	126	85	392	45.71%		
8 Recreation centers	181	109	102	392	45.71%		
9 Homelessness Prevention (rent and utility assistance)	168	145	75	388	42.42%		
10 Construct Sidewalks	168	118	107	393	42.42%		
11 Bike Lanes	167	107	119	393	42.17%		
12 Community/Senior Centers	166	146	76	388	41.92%		
13 Code Enforcement	161	130	103	394	40.66%		
14 Outreach services for homeless living in the street	157	137	94	388	39.65%		
15 Small Business Development	152	149	94	395	38.38%		
16 Pave streets/roads	148	134	111	393	37.37%		
17 Housing Rehabilitation (owners)	146	136	110	392	36.87%		
18 Emergency Shelters	143	130	116	389	36.11%		
19 Neighborhood Police Substations	135	118	139	392	34.09%		
20 Transitional (Temporary) Housing	130	139	118	387	32.83%		
21 Traffic signals/street signs	129	106	158	393	32.58%		
22 Speed bumps	125	106	162	393	31.57%		
23 Construct/Improve drainage conditions	124	134	135	393	31.31%		
24 Improve existing waterlines/fire hydrants	120	149	121	390	30.30%		
25 Improve/Expand sewer treatment facilities	118	127	141	386	29.80%		
26 New or increased water storage capacity	106	132	148	386	26.77%		
27 Lead-based paint removal	103	127	151	381	26.01%		
28 Demolition of substandard buildings	94	63	237	394	23.74%		
29 Graffiti Removal	58	103	232	393	14.65%		

COMMENTS RECEIVED THROUGH THE ONLINE "COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY"

TOPIC: HOUSING REHABILITATION

Some need for those on fixed income.
A lot of streets on Delmar could use traffic lights especially by King Arthur's Court people refused to give the right-of-way to drivers and I have seen one too many close call accidents almost most happen.
Many of these homes are becoming an eye sore.
Habitat for Humanity has multiple calls from people who live in all areas of the city who have these needs. Northernmost residents who have retired are often overlooked or their property is paid for but they struggle with keeping their home due to taxes/insurance/home maintenance.
If Laredoans can have access to a livable wage (maybe by lowering taxes or providing development programs) we won't have to search out who needs the help because they will be able to afford repairs. Alternatively, possibly provide micro loans with little or no interest.
Roof repairs in many homes.
Many of the homes are well kept but home improvement loans/grants are needed to improve the aesthetics on Springfield Ave. especially.
A huge need.
Most of the homes are old in our district but all monies go downtown not to the neighborhood.
There is a need to assist some older landowners with the upkeep of their homes.
Many senior citizens are in need of assistance.
Could use some help with weatherizing homes to make them energy efficient. (windows, doors, insulation, etc.)
The is foam like liquid surfacing from the ground up to the payment, and my drive way has water marks and there's always water stuck in front of my house that creates mosquitos and other insects.
In the south.
Many homes would not pass living codes.
There are plenty of abandoned structures, as well as homes that are occupied which need repairs.
Older houses in older neighborhood.
Many abandoned cars, houses that are patched up, fences that are patched up. Road needs repaving, too many cars parked on the street, cannot drive safely. In need of speed bumps on Michigan Ave., cars drive too fast. Mobil hones need to be cited.
Lack of maintenance in Michigan Ave/ Superior Sr./Ontario Lp.
For elderly homeowners.
Water pressure is extremely low.
There are a lot of poor people who need help in my neighborhood.
I suppose so. The houses are about 13 years old.
Our neighborhood is old and we need more water pressure.
Old water lines.
Housing is getting expensive.
There is no clear sense of adherence to rules, safe or aesthetically pleasing building standards or upkeep in my neighborhood.
Not in my neighborhood but in the one near Martin High School.

I think that will be great for low income families who own a house and need help.
There are some homes that need a lot of repairs.
Old properties.
Need to force residents to maintain their homes clean. Specially the mobile homes.
For the elderly living alone and not for the family living off the elderly.
Plumbing and Electrical issues are evident. The homes are from the 1950's and has the original plumbing and electrical wiring.
TOPIC: DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE
Low income neighborhood/housing people would like to own their house if they could.
Not much space for new homes here.
There is a need to increase the qualifying ranges to include those working families that fall slightly outside the range.
DPA funds need to be made available and need to be actively marketed so that people and realtors/lenders know about the program availability.
Young adults or younger couples could use the help.
Not only that they need Habitat for Humanity to build real homes for some people in Laredo.
Apartment rental rates are too high. Even for a run-down complex.
Yes, because it's too expensive to be paying rent but it will never be yours.
There is a need to attract higher income individuals to rehabilitate and invest in Chacon.
My husband and I were in need of down payment assistance but my husband's income was higher than the income limit.
Many renters in my district.
Get the lower income working people into homes.
Laredo is predominantly a low income community.
Not only low income but to middle class family too.
TOPIC: NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Yes, Affordable housing is non-existing in Laredo .
Housing prices in Laredo are too high.
Extremely necessary.
Or creating a way to make current houses more affordable.
Please stop with all the housing developments. It's too much.
We should use the housing that already exists but is not repaired and sits vacant. Or use the empty lots to build affordable housing but not new subdivisions.
Yes, this would give younger families the assistance they need to start.
For those individuals who are on a fixed income will never be able to afford to rent or even buy a home. Many individuals are on SSI which means their income is about \$778. The rent is at either \$700 and usually the deposit is about the same for a one bedroom. If you add utilities, not counting personal items, how is that affordable.
I do believe that Laredo's housing market is skewed too far into middle-income housing prices. Average citizens cannot afford to pay upwards of 250k for a home. Since our rental market is also suffering from hugely inflated costs, paying for a place to live becomes almost impossible for some members of our community.
We are a poverty county of course. I originally am not from here I see it like night and day, while locals do not.
Vacant lots available all throughout the district.
We need to help people learn how to save so they can afford things they want. Perhaps community lessons on money management.

We need a city ordinance to stop people from building hap hazard apartments behind their homes that do not have parking for it. There is a house with apts. on our block that forces everyone to park on the street...congesting the entire street, endangering children etc.
Probably, but where! We don't have open space to build. Our streets are crowded with cars parked on them
This is a city wide concern. A neighborhood concern is ensuring affordability while also educating on the adherence of the historic aspects of some neighborhoods.
This is a great need in my district.
Great need in District 2.
Get the lower income population into affordable housing and off benefits, offer job training/job placement, reduce poverty.
You almost never see new construction in this area.
Not only low income but to middle class family too.
TOPIC: RENTAL ASSISTANCE
Yes. A better emphasis in helping the elderly is needed.
I'm not fully aware, but anyone who needs help should get it in some form.
I'm sure the census will tell us but I thought the # of elderly was going to increase and unfortunately, as we live longer and poorer, the elderly will need more help.
It's very much needed.
Helping the elderly should be first in every community. They deserve our help.
This is a city wide concern.
Needed in district 2.
Elderly individuals is the population with the greatest need, not young people who are able to work.
I'm not sure of the demographics of elderly folks in the neighborhood. However, I suspect those that live here do need assistance.
Not only low income but to middle class family too.
3 Points neighborhood has a large number of retired & elderly citizen who are in desperate need of assistance to a better way of life.
TOPIC: REMOVAL OF LEAD BASED PAINT
Probably downtown.
Homes in this area are not that old and shouldn't have lead based paint.
Haven't heard of this happening.
There is a need.
We can definitely use some screening for lead paint and for radon, asbestos and other dangerous materials.
That should have been done years ago.
I don't think such homes exist.
No one helped us with our first remodel and it was costly. We still have a lot to change and this would help.
The houses are mostly newer so they should be fine.
Our homes are old.
Yes, considering the age of many homes. Azteca, Downtown, Heights, Chacón.
TOPIC: EMERGENCY SHELTERS
Additional funding for already existing programs available.
Those living under us35 overpass/Zacate creek bridge
I would think transitional housing would be most needed. While shelters help those on the

streets, I think we miss the homeless that are with family and friends.
Currently there are two shelters and for the majority of the time they are full to capacity.
Homeless population in Laredo is growing, we need to get in front of it before it becomes a greater health and humanitarian problem.
Been seeing more and more people on the streets (down town)
We don't have a problem in our neighborhood that necessitates this.
Only in areas where they panhandle, like IH 35/ Matamoros and Bartlett and Guadalupe.
School districts need to make more of an effort in opening up their gyms and cafeterias for those without shelter, whether homeless or from severe weather.
Downtown area for sure needs more.
Permanent solutions to affordability are the real solution as well as addressing the problems that lead to homelessness in the area.
In this community you have a lot of homeless sleeping under bridges.
TOPIC: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
Prevent and attack this before it's a even greater problem.
We don't have a need for this and it would not be the safest option around the elementary school either.
There needs to be resources and ways for them to find out about it. They aren't on social media or any mailing list. Community outreach needs to be greater.
Downtown area for sure.
The services needed are job placement, job skills and instead of spending on projects that do not benefit the community, funding should be allocated to small, creative, and temporary housing communities.
TOPIC: OUTREACH SERVICES
Can be accomplished with additional funding to already existing programs.
Too many homeless near I-35 and Park. They break into homes in the neighborhood.
Intensive Case Management for Outreach Component.
Much of the outreach I see seems to come from Bethany House which is a nonprofit. There should be an extension of assistance, not just punitive action.
There are very few agencies that are providing outreach.
Downtown yes.
Absolutely.
We do on occasion get many panhandlers on Saunders and Bartlett. This is unsafe for everyone and no one has done anything about it. We have children walking from elementary and high school and these types are around. Please put a stop to this.
Not a lot of homeless people, but a lot of people struggling.
Not enough folks on the street helping to pass out the word about help.
Downtown area.
The homeless congregate under the storm drain under I35 at Mann Rd. The smell is horrendous and the trash is an eyesore.
They have workers talk to them they just don't want the help, they rather do drugs in the streets.
City committee / city task force. Engagement and training of volunteers (Citizens, church, non - profits) to do outreach.
They are mostly drug users and will not want to live there because of their addiction problem.
The homeless more mostly people with an addiction, we need intervention services/rehab facilities

Probably - I know Salvation Army - a couple of blocks away from where I live - sure seems busy. Most of the homeless seem to hang out in places other than my immediate block.
TOPIC: RENT AND UTILITIES ASSISTANCE
For the elderly population.
Yes I need help with my rent I live in the housing projects in La Colonia Guadalupe and these people raise my rent on this conditions.
Need to have families in the colonias accountable for cleaning the outside of their homes.
It should only be available to individuals who actually need it.
Absolutely and various other certified nonprofit agencies should be given an opportunity to disburse these funds with guidelines.
Had you asked me this a couple of months ago, I would have said "some" but after the pandemic, we are about to see a lot of residents that are going to be displaced. The city needs to start planning now because it is coming.
To help families, citizens.
For those individuals who are on a fixed income will never be able to afford to rent or even buy a home. Many individuals are on SSI which means their income is about \$778. The rent is at either \$700 and usually the deposit is about the same for a one bedroom. If you add utilities, not counting personal items, how is that affordable.
Absolutely.
People should NOT buy or rent beyond their needs. People need to learn to save and manage money. If they do need help it should be for legal residents only and temporary.
Laredo rents are too high. Cost of living is impossible with such low work wages.
Probably.
Assist them to get a job instead.
Large issue is housing standards. Are buildings and homes energy efficient, built to withstand our semi-arid environment? Emphasis on xeriscape landscapes. There is a disconnect from the city planners and developers to build home sites that are environmentally and ecologically friendly and home sites that do not consume large amounts of water (For green lawns and tropical landscapes) and electricity.
The need is in job placement, rent and bills should be limited to the elderly and disabled citizens who cannot work.
A local office where residents can go & apply for services available to them.
Not only low income but to middle class family too.
TOPIC: COUNSELING, REFERRAL/SUPPORT SERVICES
Community development department can perhaps offer free workshops twice a year to promote services.
Same people get assistance.
I would say offer this service and not force it down it's best to let the person seek counseling on their own, not mandated.
Always. The more information made available the better our community members will be served.
Unfortunately those existing counseling service are tapped. We need Behavioral Health specialist period.
It can't just be internet-based. You are missing the poorest of the poor who do not have access or are Spanish-speakers.
Most of our elderly don't know about help they may need, having a program on checking on elderly would be lots of help.

Some community members are not aware that there are resources available to them to assist with any number of problems or situations that may arise in the course of owning a home.
Information is not clear or it is not readily available or understandable.
Absolutely.
People don't know what's available.
Please pay counselors their worth. It is a difficult job that deserves a minimum of 65k with benefits. Informing them is not enough. We need more mental health community clinics, counselors, psychiatrists, mistress, social programs, etc. This need is growing at an exponential rate. The sooner it is addressed, the better.
Goodwill provides these services.
You need to help people with Mental illness a big need here.
Yes because sometimes people don't even know about the help that is out there.
Increase domestic violence support.
Support services such as job placement services, city need to promote job skills and improving quality of life.
At a centralized office closer to District 3 residents.
TOPIC: IMPROVE EXISTING WATERLINES/FIRE HYDRANTS
Just regular maintenance.
I don't know about this. Probably can't even tell u where hydrants are located.
A good portion are not property painted and most of the chains and top seem a tad rusted.
My water pressure is super low, yet they raised the fees.
Villa del Sol neighborhood always has flood issues and water pipe leaks as well as street Repairs.
I don't know about the hydrants but the water lines remain antiquated. There were some that were replaced to serve the Outlet malls but that didn't include all of the oldest parts of downtown Laredo.
Lighting also very dark.
Always water everywhere. I doubt it's the sprinklers. Looks bad for the neighborhood.
Seems like water pressure in my area is sometimes low.
I don't know where the waterlines are but it would be good to inform our residents.
Water constantly shuts off at all times of the day, with absolutely no communication from the city as to why.
Absolutely.
The current amount of updates is sufficient.
Yes, the Santa Barbara St. main water line keeps breaking over and over and repaired.
Plumbing problems are rampant in BelMont.
Water quality isn't good. It has too much residue that causes blockage to faucets.
The city plumbing is always clogged causing backup. Have to pay a plumber to fix the Problem.
There are leaks and runoff noted frequently in the street. Patches of green grass near meter connections.
TOPIC: WATER STORAGE CAPACITY
Water pressure is fine.
Of course and hopefully it's maintained and purified water.
I am not aware but my pressure is fine, I don't know how to assess if we have low storage.
Water pressure is fine.
It seems like the water storage unit at the old United High School campus is relatively small for

serving so many people.
It'll depend on what happens in the near future. It might be the downtown becomes deserted again.
Occasionally, we've experienced very low water pressure in the neighborhood, which is odd for such new homes. I can only guess that it has something to do with the sheer volume of new homes being constructed in the area. A new water tower was constructed not too long back, but perhaps we could explore an additional one to improve water pressure in the entire San Isidro Ranch area.
Many days we have low water pressure.
Water constantly shuts off for no reason. City Leaders provide no reasonable explanation. Water smells bad from time to time.
Absolutely.
Better pressure.
Problems with frequent low pressure in recent past.
Clean our water please. It has a horrible chlorine smell. A nice tank might help.
Not sure, but since it's in the older part of town probably not.
Woodstone Ct. builders designed direct storm water go to neighbors back yards this is causing water damage in our properties specially our fences.
Low water pressure.
Many new neighborhoods are coming up, the water pressure is low at times.
TOPIC: IMPROVE/EXPAND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES
Our neighbor's house stinks. All the landlord did was raise one of the vents to go over the height of our home.
Yes, on Mines Rd near overpass.
I am not aware that this is a problem in mine but I can imagine some need improvements.
Absolutely.
Zacate Creek does not meet capacity needs, especially if we are looking to increase population with infill development.
Yes, the creek on Santa Barbara St./ New York Ave. continues to have raw sewage dumped by someone in the neighborhood.
Hard water damages plumbing fixtures and water has terrible smell.
Definitely. Our street flood.
Water is dirty.
I'm assuming no need since we're in the older part of town.
Needed in district 2.
I want the City to come back and try again to locate where our residential sewer line connects to the main line.
The odor of sewer is always an issue along Meadow & by the Chacon creek.
On Aloe Vera street they need to clean the sewers every time it rains it floods the whole street.
The need in this I imagine that as in other areas, is to kill or reduce the cockroaches in the sewers, there are too many cockroaches.
TOPIC: SIDEWALKS
Need to get cars off the sidewalks.
All around please.
Laredo sidewalks in general are unsafe and should not border the curb, there needs to be green space between the curb and the sidewalk.
Yes there needs to be better sidewalks and crosswalks for some odd reason people in this

district tend to not pay attention to traffic laws.
A must.
Fix the existing ones and keep people from parking over the existing sidewalks.
Yes, please. There aren't enough sidewalks. Some sidewalks are too narrow. One sidewalk (In front of United Middle School) needs repair.
Yes on Hillside road, no sidewalks on either side of street, many cars pass through that area forces people to basically walk on people's property, very dangerous.
Definitely around, San Vicente Church and Santo Niño Elementary School.
No sidewalks available.
ADA compliance has always been a problem. We have parking meters & light posts smack in the middle of sidewalks that force wheelchairs & walkers into the street.
Many students walk on the street on McClelland Ave between Plum and San Jose Streets. I would like for you to add to your work plan the creation of a sidewalk on the East side of McClelland Ave., which is the side of the cemetery, between Plum and San Jose Streets to help prevent an accident and for the safety of students. If possible, please put sidewalk also on the one block of St Jose Street North side of cemetery. If approved, please ask the workers to respect the trees, some are old and beautiful and others were planted there as a tribute to deceased persons outside the cemetery because they were not permitted to plant them inside.
The children and old people are walking in the middle of the street. No room for parking.
I run in my neighborhood and adjacent neighborhoods in San Isidro Ranch and it's very nice. I appreciate the time put in to making the entire area enjoyable and usable for people who live there.
A lot of cracks and a fairly new neighborhood.
My neighborhood in Whisper Hill has stretches of blocks with no sidewalks, current sidewalks need repair.
I would love to see the entrance of the neighborhood connected to the loop bike trail. It's about a half mile stretch. We live in an active community and that would be great to keep runner/bikers off the loop.
Fairly new subdivision and already sidewalks are deteriorating.
Yes and fix the current ones, right now I have a bruised ankle because of the condition of the sidewalks.
Missing or broken sections.
Extreme need, kids use bikes in streets and people who exercise etc. Not all of Riverhill loop has sidewalk.
Connect loop 20 trail all the way up to Crepusculo St. Or further.
There are not enough sidewalks especially on Meadow where there's high traffic. I always see people walking on the street. Dangerous.
No sidewalk on Guaymas/Cuatro Vientos Rd. where kids walk home.
No sidewalks on Plum St. Very much needed. Our kiddos can't walk down the street safely. Due to lack of sidewalks, they walk on the street.
Yes, especially the streets that circumference the schools. Some have 0 sidewalks, putting students at risk.
Sidewalks down Lomas Del Sur are non-existent. Several blocks need sidewalks.
Some streets do not have sidewalks. Most importantly, there should be more regulation on street parking. In my block at least, homes have more than 4 vehicles each parking on sidewalks (besides the vehicles in their driveway/ daily)and blocking the exit views of garage driveways. It's difficult to even drive through the street safely because there isn't enough space,

due to the parked cars, for vehicles to drive through the street safely. Whitewood drive and I'm sure in many other streets in Laredo.
Trees need to be placed in front of sidewalks to shield pedestrians from cars in case of an accident. Also would provide shade during hot summer days.
Sidewalks are raised and uneven. Not suitable or safe to walk on.
Yes, and something needs to get done with people parking on sidewalk.
I think I speak for most of the area between Lomas Heights all the way to Cigarroa has and probably more. If the city is going to be issuing tickets for parking on "sidewalk" the least the city can do is make sidewalks. Not just have dirt paths. This makes residents make their own.
And paving the streets too. Lyon St. and Springfield Ave. intersection (mainly all Lyon St.) paving is in very poor conditions.
Sidewalks in dire need of repair. Many incomplete. There are sidewalks that do not connect throughout the neighborhood. Chacón.
Since we are in the older, lower income part of town, lots of people walk and we don't have sidewalks on many streets.
Many of the students walking home from school have to walk on the side of the road because there are no sidewalks.
Some areas don't have sidewalks. Sidewalks that exist are too narrow/interrupted.
Many broken sidewalks, not usable.
Area located around Lomas Heights/Lomas Del Sur needs sidewalks.
International Blvd' sidewalks need to be widen.
Sidewalks are parking spaces, the community needs to be taught how to park and help keep the community overall clean, people park on sidewalks, front lawns, discard trash everywhere, etc.
We don't have any.
We urgently need parking lot of the new park, every day the vehicles park on the street.
We have no sidewalks. Street like Rosario, Cortez, Market, Guatemozin and many other in the area.
To get to Elementary by the road you have to walk through the dry, ugly grass, risking an animal to come out.
In our Subdivision, where there is newly built houses there are no sidewalks. Children play on the street, they use their bikes and they have to use the street and the cars pass by really fast.
TOPIC: DRAINAGE CONDITIONS
The whole area of the base and Jacaman road get extremely flooded especially Thomas Avenue. Need more drainage for water to let out.
Intersection of McPherson and International.
Streets flood whenever it rains.
Off of Jackman road hillside road they need better drainage.
Creek on Bristol Rd by Finley Elem. always floods when it rains a lot.
It over flows with water in front of my driveway when it rains or watering the yard.
Anna street in the Ladrillera area gets flooded all the time.
Great drains.
Yes, please clean the raw sewage that is spilled daily into the creek on New York Ave.
Small amounts of rain cause severe flooding at Mann Rd.
Yes, our street floods when it rains.
Cleaning of brush in ditches.

I've never noted flooding. Rain runoff travels fast into the arroyo.
Probably but not much.
Eden Ln.
Floods bad every time it rains. There are no drains in the streets.
Water (even when people are washing their cars) always gets stuck by my house.
Need to clean existing drainage. Have reported clogged drains several times, no response.
TOPIC: TRAFFIC SIGNALS OR STREET SIGNS
Traffic Light on Ejido And Lomas del Sur.
Maybe street lights, and nearby Blas Castaneda Skate park does not have adequate light for safely skating.
Remove light on Calton and Barlet, no need for a light there, and how lanes are used on Bartlet, so sad sometimes using one lane in one direction.
Also more light in my neighborhood it gets really dark.
Ejido & Sierra Vista especially no assistance for after school elementary school students it's a 4 way crossing with double lanes.
What we need is relocation to allow ADA compliance of the sidewalks of downtown.
Stop light or speed bumps all the way down south Meadow.
Light in the corner of Urban Ave. and Garfield St. has been out for more than a month and also about 2 more 3 blocks down Garfield St.
Need to paint dividing lines; road barriers need placement or repairs.
We can't read some of the signs at night.
Too many accidents on peak times of the day. Could be Laredo has to hand out tickets.
South Ejido and Loma del Sur.
Wrong way signs and stop signs are needed.
International needs speed pumps.
Corner of South Lucy and Sierra Vista is ridiculous. People park along both sides of the street for the church and the school, but it impedes traffic flow (sometimes it's hard to fit one car through the middle) and visibility (you can't turn safely because of all the cars blocking the way).
Yes! This is an older neighborhood; we need to update things especially around the Milton Elementary area.
Maybe some signs to slow down.
Intersection of Ejido and Lomas Del Sur badly needs lights. 4 way stop is too dangerous now that population has increased. More speed bumps needed as well.
Cars are always driving very fast around my neighborhood.
There is a need to remove speed bumps that are extremely large and damaging to vehicles. Also 30 mph speed signs inside a neighborhood with excessive speed bumps is senseless.
Yes people drive super-fast disregarding the few signs there is.
The new loop highway was never finished. The roads are ok but the need to drive a mile up the road to make a U-turn is ridiculous when traffic lights can be put up so cars can cross to the other side rather than doing the Mile drive up the road. I know it's up to TX-dot but the city should make TX-dot look into this instead of building more roads up north. Traffic lights are also needed, they use this highway like a racetrack, look at how many people have crashed/died on that road.
On Chestnut St. between Ejido and New York St.
Yes. Frequent accidents on Market / Malinche / Bartlett. It is a dangerous intersection with high risk of future personal injury or loss of life. Please research the area.

A speed bump on Los Presidentes Blvd. is needed going east before the Merida stop sign by the United South High School side entrance. Cars pass by so fast and always miss the stop sign. Students try to cross the street and cars don't stop for them.
Saunders traffic gets very congested. Cars speed through neighborhoods.
Shiloh and Woodridge Dr. International & Woodridge.
Need traffic signals at high traffic intersections since people always run the stop signs.
The intersection of Lomas del Sur/Ejido needs a traffic light.
Signage indicating neighborhood.
Traffic lights along S Ejido Ave and Lomas Del Sur, as well as Ejido / La Pita Mangana and Sierra Vista. Also, Ejido and Pine St and Chacota St.
Other than replace faded/old ones.
Traffic control at Winfield/Loop 20.
Traffic light is needed by E Del Mar Blvd and Reserve Dr. Intersection is very hazardous and vehicles are always driving at a high rate of speed by Del mar making it difficult to leave the subdivision.
All our signs are faded.
On Aloe Vera street they need to put cement boards the cars pass very fast and there are children playing in danger of an accident happening.
Install lights on poles because on Riverhill Street its super dark, it's hard to see the cars that are parked.
TOPIC: PAVE STREETS/ROADS
Bartlett street starting from where the new veterans building is all the way down to where it intersects with hillside.
Shiloh street in dire need of repairs. Northstar Dr. and surrounding streets need work. City keeps covering pot holes with cheap material, with not much success .
There's one too many potholes in already several times I have damaged previous vehicles because of the city's incompetence to repair the street how it should be. Streets need to be redone with concrete especially heavy traffic areas that allow 18-wheelers to cross through.
Fix pot holes.
Our streets are cracked and in much need of repair Villa Del Sol neighborhood North and South España.
Big need in some of the Ladrillera area and fix the existing ones.
It took them 2 months to fill in a few potholes in my neighborhood. These roads are all bumpy after the cheap pothole fill work.
Most especially on Shiloh, from I-35 to Loop 20.
Meadow passing Lyon up to Guadalupe has to be repaved.
A lot of potholes.
Shiloh stretch between IH35 to the loop is in dire need of repair, all patches make the road bumpy and it affects vehicles.
Again new subdivision and roads in places are already crumbling.
Safe smooth bike lanes on the following streets Clark St., Meadow St., Gustavus St., McPherson, Mines Rd., Bartley Rd., Guadalupe St., Meadow St., San Bernardo.
There is always a huge pothole at corner of Sandhill Oak.
Please follow up on opening Guaymas and Wormser road. It causes major congestion in the mornings and I have to drive all the way through the loop and Ejido to get to Salinas Elementary.
Just fix the potholes.

Streets need fixing.
Pot holes literally on my street. It looks worse than San Bernardo before it got fixed.
The Lyon street is terrible needs to be fixed as well as the east frost/ w Arkansas street.
5306 Cuenca Dr. street needs new pavement and speedbumps, cars drive very fast. Kids are in danger due to speed of the cars. Also there have been accidents.
Same potholes keep happening.
We need speed bumps.
Potholes close to Sierra Vista get horrible.
Roads are a mess! And the worst part is that these neighborhoods are not even that old.
Johnson drive between Bismark and Reagan Dr.
Streets around Vaquero and the street by elementary and middle schools ex. Atlanta Rd. and Chalan Dr. or River bank Dr.
The potholes and bumpy roads are terrible, I would love newly paved roads especially on Shiloh.
Lyon St is in very bad conditions especially from the 200 block of East Lyon to 600 block of East Lyon.
By Willow and Stone it's one block from the train tracks right at the corner there is too many bumps or they tried to fit it but it's worse. Also by Stone where the girls scouts is right at the corner. The street is very damage and needs to be fix. Then cause of those streets is sometimes why our cars get damage. Both streets are urgent to get fix immediately it's been like that for a very long time more less about years.
Streets need improvement, repairs are done and then left and they just get worse.
Streets are crumbling everywhere.
Several streets keep getting patched up and not resurfaced, could be a drainage problem.
The majority of the streets need repaving and there is a lots of damage on the streets.
Potholes intersection of Patron and Reposado.
Too many street cuts that are now huge sinkholes. Especially off Meadow.
We urgently need parking lot of the new park, every day the vehicles park on the street.
The corner of Aguanieve and 4 Vientos (United South 9th grade campus) is in need of quality pavement - it always has potholes.
We need paved streets because when it rains school buses do not enter the colonias and children have to walk up the road and get to school with all their shoes and uniform all full of mud.
At least in the Avila Dr, since they just come and semi-fix it, then it rains little and it creates potholes again.
There are no streets needed to be paved. But if there's a lot of need to finish installing speed bumps on Riverhill Hill Street. Cars and border patrol pass by there really fast.
All of Shiloh Avenue occupies new pavement and part of McPherson on route to Doctor's Hospital.
Too many pot holes.
TOPIC: SPEED BUMPS
On Michigan street (behind Target).
Lots of speeding but if installing speed humps is bad for ambulances then no.
The speed on San Isidro parkway between I-35 and McPherson needs to be addressed, cars frequently fly through there at 50-70+mph. Cars also do not yield to pedestrians in front of Golds Gym North Central.
Please, do not install those bumps in the city. They only damage vehicles.

The whole side of my street has makeshift mailboxes because people coming down the street run them over.
Pinder Avenue north of the water treatment plant is used as a speed way for late students heading to Laredo College.
The opposite, please remove a few speed bumps from Lindenwood Dr. There are too many, and it is a pain to drive over them every day. There are now 6 speed bumps and 2 storm drainage dips (Lindenwood Dr and Wimberley Rd). I understand the suspected need for speed bumps between schools, but as for someone who lives in the middle of all these speed bumps, there is no escape from them, I just want a smooth drive.
Around all schools in District 2.
All the way down Meadow pass Chacon bridge.
Yes, in some areas people still drive fast not really looking out for children playing outside.
United High School use La Paz subdivision as a shortcut to bypass International Blvd. traffic. They speed thru. At 1pm and 4pm weekdays.
They have been using Simon Bolivar street in San Isidro for drag racing.
Slow down speeders on Clark close to the loop 20, by the schools Laredo has a real problem with drivers following the road laws Speed bumps everywhere would be great to slow people down Meadow St., Gustavus St., Clark St., Bartley St., Arkansas St., and Guadalupe St. People drive too fast.
Houston St. - traffic drives above speed limit once they pass the St. Pete's Plaza heading towards the railroad.
I really hope they take this into consideration, cars pass at over 50 mph on Riverhill Loop, there is a few speed bumps on Riverhill Dr. But they are needed on Loop. Cars and even border patrol pass at extremely high speeds.
Yes please on Sanchez St by Dovalina School. There's speed racers all the time we need them badly.
On E Locust going into Arkansas
There were speed bumps on south Lucy Avenue, but they kept destroying them and the city never replaced them. They use the street like a raceway. Put in permanent ones.
Yes! Around school zones.
Yes, on Santa Barbara St. and more traffic enforcement on New York Ave, where some people use it as a race car drag strip.
Maybe on one street where a stop sign is slightly disregarded by people coming out of that street.
Yes! On East Lyon where Arkansas street is, cars are always driving more than the speed limit, I have seen when cars run over cats because of them always driving on a rush, it would be a great idea to have speed bumps. To avoid an accident or someone being run over.
In the trail crossing In San Isidro connection to the second phase.
On international.
A speed bump was removed a month ago and has not been replaced.
The only steer that need speed bumps is Esperanza because the mall traffic uses this street regularly. A assessment of all residents should be considered. Also if speed bumps are to be installed they should meet standards for residential areas. The speed bumps in Del Mar C are a lot more reasonable.
Yes !! Kids are always in danger due to the speed people drive by. Also there has been accidents on Cuenca Dr. by LCC south.
Yes, people drive too fast in residential area.

Very much needed!
I live a block away from Perez elementary speed bumps were removed and never replaced. Children are in danger.
Los Presidentes Up the hill by the curve. Sometimes unable to exit due to vehicles driving fast
I'd say there are too many speed bumps and many times the street/road is weirdly angled or Bumpy.
There are more than enough.
Santa Fe subdivision. People drive with a complete lack of disregard to speed limits or traffic laws.
Yes, on Los Presidentes Blvd. by United South High School side entrance. A couple of speed bumps would be great to prevent drivers from speeding special during morning and after school traffic.
A lot of speeding, especially in the evening.
We really do need speed bumps in my street. Cars drive very fast through there (over 30 mph on a curve) and there are always kids playing outside. People park their cars and it's been multiple times where cars have gotten hit.
On Lake Victoria, vehicles drive well over 40 mph
Yes we need that on Guatemozin St. People drive at a high rate of speed and we have children playing. Please install.
Unknown Hero Drive is one of the main intersections for the subdivision Lomas Heights and would benefits from having speed bumps to deter people from speeding.
Needed in District 2.
No more speed humps, the neighborhood has speed humps all over the place, too many in my Opinion.
The ones that was installed before was plastic ones and now those were removed due to damages. They need to installe more. Lots of traffic with high speed inside neighborhood.
Los Agaves (neighborhood) on Patron Loop.
Need to remove them.
Riverhill Street is in great need of speed bumps
TOPIC: STREET LIGHTS
Yes. Lots of dark corners. I do not venture out at night. Feel unsafe.
@Riverbank/Flecha Ln. area. Also need overhead clearance to keep trucks out.
At the bus stops for the children.
Belair drive is too dark.
The better lighting a neighborhood has the better the residents feel about safety.
East of KTVV, there is a large empty lot that is used as a land fill become no lighting. Lee street and Poggenpol is used to dump dead dogs.
The northern half of Beverly Dr. is in great need of brighter street lighting. If you were to drive through there at night, the old giant trees block the light of the street lights, and so the neighborhood is very dark. Combined with the fact there are no sidewalks on either side of the street, it is extremely dangerous for someone to walk through there.
We could use some lights around the new park on Spanish Oak in Los Encinos. It is very dark there in the nighttime.
Pretty dark streets.
Some areas dark. New park has no lights for the night.
There's a walking trail by the palmeto, it gets very dark, no lighting and its unsafe for our kids.
Yellow colored street lights need to be replaced with brighter lights.

Put another in on Meadow St. between Gustavus and Corpus Christi St.
Large sections of the neighborhood are dark at night, needed at intersections and along historic paths.
Again, Riverhill Loop, which is the main street with more traffic. Especially now after the new food truck was added, there is no pile lights, it is very dark and not safe for the people who live here especially since its known for illegals passings.
Especially at North Central Park. Several dark areas. Safety concern.
It's a little dark in some areas on Texas.
San Pedro St. next to LMC is very dark.
Some streets around my neighborhood are very dark.
Yes, please. Area is poorly lit. Too dark to enjoy a stroll at night.
Yes, on New York Ave. Santa Barbara St. and alongside creeks where criminals hide at night.
Lights are out often. Streets too dark.
The drive to our home is extremely dark and scary. Especially with all the big trucks around.
The corner of hillside and Gallagher is dark. We need more street lights.
Lights need to be replaced.
The new loop needs streetlights. It's used as a racetrack.
City just needs to properly maintain the existing ones plus some extras.
There is a bus stop on the 3500 block of N Ejido Ave. but there is no light there. However there are vagrants in the area.
Install more light posts, super dark around the streets making it easier for the illegal activity.
A lot of street get to dark at night.
Independence Hills park needs more lighting.
It's very dark, not all blocks have lights. The ones that do have a yellow light that doesn't provide much visibility. LED lights would make me feel safer.
Lomas del Sur (between Ejido and Cuatro Vientos Rd) is extremely dark at night.
District 2 is very dark at night.
Lighting along Loop 20 in the area between Jacaman and International.
By Meadow and to residents that live by Chacon creek.
El Eden park has no lighting in the soccer field area, and the area in general is dimly lit.
Streets are very dark.
Yes, specially behind the Tacos Kissi restaurant (by Del Mar).
AEP lightning in corners of streets. Very dark at nighttime.
TOPIC: COMMUNITY / SENIOR CENTERS
It would be great as well as for the disabled Community with the American Disability Association stuff like that more parks open more exercising areas keep people healthy.
Our population for this neighborhood will be halved in 10 years because of their age.
Senior centers are great! They provide a place for our elderly to continuously learn and engage with their peers.
North side of Laredo doesn't really have senior citizen services.
Need a community center for all ages.
Need something east of I-35. Fasken Senior Community Center is too far traveling in high traffic (Mines Rd).
Yes preferably by the Santo Nino Elementary School area.
This can prevent so many illnesses.
That would be nice to have in the Southside. There is nothing in the area just fast-food. A good thing to add would be senior centers so the elderly can have fun too. South Laredo needs to

cater to the youth but to seniors as well.
None close by.
TOPICS: RECREATION CENTERS
Perhaps a rec center for kids and adults in the area. The closest one is the Haynes recreation but it's not in my district.
We don't have a recreational center, long overdue.
We don't have recreational parks there is only one and is horrible.
In Sonterra there are no parks, Divine Mercy can be up to a mile away depending on where in Sonterra you live.
It would be great to have it open especially for those of us who work late and still like to stay active parks should be open 24/7.
Del Mar doesn't have one.
There are enough recreation centers round the city. Let's designate more funds for affordable housing programs including down payment assistance.
I don't think my district even has any recreational centers.
We don't even have one in our district. We only have the senior citizen exercise place but that is not the same thing as a recreation center.
Yes! While I love the new parks that have been going up all around, a rec center would be just wonderful. I used to live and work around the Barbara Fasken Community Center and something like that in the San Isidro area would be great.
Playgrounds are not in walking distance.
We need a rec center for kids.
North side does not have recreation centers as the south.
We don't have any rec centers nearby.
Closet Rec Center is in the Mines Rd area. too far for our family.
No good parks close by, we have to drive to get to North Central Park.
We only have 1.
No sports or recreation center located in the district - that is open to public.
There's a park but it has some damage.
Need a recreation center east of I-35. Summer programs have to be held at a school instead of an official rec center. Also suggest outside gym equipment station at North Central Park.
A cover is desperately needed over the workout equipment located on a small pocket next to Milton. New equipment please.
El Eden rec is nice, but drainage needs to be improved in the outdoor areas. Lighting needs to stay on later - kids and adults both play outside during the summer after dark because it's so hot during the day. Having complete darkness like that also encourages vandalism.
Yes. Something for our area. Arkansas, Lyon, Saunders.
Yes, please improve and make the Cigarroa complex to match the Haynes Center.
Tennis Courts.
We've never had any recreational center were we can go exercise indoors.
The parks we have need a little attention. For example, the graffiti in the playground on Gallagher needs to be cleaned off the slides.
There are none for this area.
We need a park for our kids next to Lcc South. We don't have any parks.
It would be nice to add, not a necessity but this area is growing fast with more neighborhoods being built. It's better to build now that property is widely available.
My area is basically filled with trucks drivers and busy roads due to truck drivers. Having a

alternate route for these problems would be beneficial.
We're in older part of town (closer to downtown) and all Rec centers are a drive away.
Plans have not been put into action at the recreation center and we need more parks.
None within 5+ miles.
Community Rec Center at North Central Park.
We urgently need parking lot of the new park, every day the vehicles park on the street.
District VI needs a Rec. Center.
We need a park in this neighborhood. all the kids play in the street there is a lot of danger.
Yes there is a need for parks in the neighborhood.
To avoid juvenile delinquency.
TOPIC: PARKS AND PLYGROUNDS
Please fix the current parks.
Yes, no parks within a 5 minute walk from Sonterra.
Yes keep them open 24/7 especially for those of us that work late hours or have sporadic schedules and still like to keep exercising but can't afford a gym membership or have one too many bills to take care of parks that have more exercise equipment or more areas to run would be perfect.
Need actual bathrooms built, the portable restrooms have been there too long and are a health hazard to everyone.
Old park should be repaired on Villa Del Sol neighborhood.
There is sufficient parks around the city, lets concentrate on affordable housing for everyone.
Concrete skateparks built by design/builders with experience. Plus, shade, water, seating amenities at all parks.
There are enough parks.
We have El Cuatro park but it is not used.
Not in walking distance.
Again, on palmeto , theres a great spot for a new park to service the kids in that area.
Parks were recently built with very little amenities or shaded areas.
Laredo has few good recreation areas and has some that I would only let a dog run in, those need to be updated.
Improve park add exercise equipment badly needed.
Yes, very needed.
The Independence Park needs covers/shades and more lighting.
Improve the outdoor area of el Eden rec park.
Need a park or small walking trail in our area. Arkansas, Saunders & Lyon.
A park would be amazing here.
Yes, please put exercise equipment like those at Ryan Elementary at the Santo Nino Elementary walking course.
Trautman Park has no cover while the poorer neighborhoods do.
Tennis Courts in north Laredo Playground in Plantation.
There are none in Ponderosa Hills neighborhood.
A dog park would be nice.
There are none.
Kids need a park next to LCC south, no place where kids can go and spend their afternoons. Needed to keep kids active.
We were told the city was planning a park in this area. So far we have a school. There is a huge plot of land that's a dump for many people and there is a canal running alongside. If you

can do the same as the park by McPherson with the rocks lines along the canal it would make this area nice.
Expand the park, make a trail.
They previously destroyed the skating park and parks are not as welcoming or nice as from other district areas. I would like a park just as pretty as those.
No park near to area.
Yes a lot of kids in neighborhood don't have a park close to go to we have to walk one that is 5 miles away.
Beautify Three Points Park. Modernize it and many parks.
There is no park where we live they just keep building house and no park within 2miles.
Parks are needed. Teens burned down one and never reconstructed again or paid attention to it again. Security cameras so teens or adults stop damaging parks.
We only have inner city park, which isn't much of a park rather than a building with playgrounds in the parking lot, and parks by Lyon Street. They are high crime areas because of Zacate Creek. First responders park is nice but not accessible for many. We need smaller pocket parks in neighborhoods.
We need to improve what we already have before building new ones.
The one that we have on International near McPherson needs new infrastructure and playgrounds.
The reserve / country club area has no playground or bike trails designated for children nearby. We really need a park.
TOPIC: POLICE SUBSTATIONS
We don't have one, long overdue.
If there is an emergency and we call 911 we need to wait for the Sheriff 15 -30 min to get here.
Yes.
Even though it's the north side there should definitely be a patrol unit in our neighborhood.
Definitely in Santo Niño area.
Fire station is good, police station would definitely be a great addition to the north side.
Other areas have that problem near by.
Especially at North Central Park (dimly lighted).
There is and has been and keeps on increasing the amount of robberies break ins.
We have problems with speeding and people walking around stealing items from homes during the day and night.
Yes! It is much needed.
Absolutely, put it facing Zapata Hwy where drivers can see the units.
Yes, area is growing a police presence would deter people from illegally dumping trash. New neighborhoods are being built and a huge let down is seeing old couches and junk on the side of the roads.
Definitely.
Back when we had substations you would see more police presence.
There are no substations anymore.
No substation in ghost town.
Neighborhood subs deter crime.
There is a lot of car raisings at midnight on Shiloh Street. I think it will be a great help.
There is always cops in my neighborhood.
TOPIC: DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD/ABANDONED BUILDINGS
Please flatten all the homes that are disgusting.

If buildings are abandoned maybe there's a play the city can have it leased for \$1 a year (or fines to the owner) and it can be used for housing and/or other programs.
Many abandoned lots and old houses that should be demolished in the Ladrillera area.
Around schools and churches.
Yes, there is but an empty lot is also not the solution - tall grass and dumping then happen. Historic buildings should not be demolished either .
Yes Laredo has an abandoned in south Laredo, the hospital looks like places out of a history book.
There are a couple of not livable buildings.
Various houses are in dire need for demo.
Yes. Demolish old dwellings.
Yes, many in Santo Nino.
There is one abandoned home in Granada and Esperanza that attracts kids and crime.
On N Ejido Ave between E San Jose St. and E Travis.
Aldama and Malinche Apartments and Casitas are dilapidated and an eyesore and may attribute to surrounding home values.
Many buildings/homes are old and abandoned and they look bad. I've seen unwanted people in them.
Try the house at the NE corner of San Enrique and Hidalgo. Sadly, it is a stone house - definitely historic - but remodeled over the years. Owner doesn't take care of it, nor the apartments, nor the old Azteca Tortillaria on San Enrique. In the past, there have been vagrants & drug activity there, though it seems to have calmed down some.
City's process to demolish substandard structures is a very long process. Crime is at an all time high due to these structures.
There are some abandoned mobile homes and the land also needs to be cleaned.
The Old Mercy Hospital.
TOPIC: CODE ENFORCEMENT
Sidewalk parking violations.
Please come thru the neighborhood and give citations to everyone.
It should be a daily activity for our code enforces. We have overgrown lots and many with people living there. People running mechanic businesses out of their houses creating environmental hazards . Unkempt and aggressive dogs where one cannot walk outside become of the smell or if your services go down, they can't fix your services due to no access to easement. Cars over the sidewalks and trash on the sidewalks.
Definitely in District 2.
But the City needs to take care of the sidewalks along Springfield.
Corner of Sierra Vista & Ejido.
Yes. Owners should be approached periodically. Maybe programs should be developed for alternative uses of empty lots.
All the cars are on the easement so the people are in the street and the trees in the easement fall into the streets.
High school use it as parking.
Yes, enforcement is definitely needed.
People throw away broken furniture beds etc. and it never gets picked up, stays as an eye sore along roads on sides of homes and the people are too poor to pay someone to take it to the dump.
Many lots with high weeds, trash etc.

Especially when overgrown grass covers the sidewalk.
Parking on the sides of the street make getting through the streets difficult
We have people that trash their home fronts with tons of vehicles, equipment of sorts, and just junk.
Yes! Used to live in SA and Code Enforcement is awesome over there. Super strict in yard maintenance, junk vehicles, outside placement, etc. We need to enforce homeowners keep homes in clean & tidy condition and not have sofa, washers, etc. in front yard.
ASAP, we need more code enforcement in the Santo Nino area. Loose dogs, junked cars and cars being parked on side walk areas forcing people to walk on the streets.
Too many homes with too many cars on lawns.
Yes please! It's a mess. Some houses maintain others don't. Some use their backyards as a storage junk yard along with their driveway too. Or parked cars on the street that don't work. Uncut grass. Petty's that are not walked often. Fences that are falling apart. What happened to keep Laredo beautiful. There should be funds to help people maintain their homes.
I've seen one house with like 9 cars use the parks parking lot.
Continual calls are made for dirty pools and junked cars in the neighborhood and the problem Persists.
People have cars that are not being used parked in their lawns.
Neighbor parks car in front of fire hydrant and has never been told anything.
Illegal dumping is a huge thing on lots here in this area.
N Ejido Ave between E San Jose St. and E Travis.
Aldama and Malinche.
Yes. The few sidewalks we have, have cars parked on them and weeds look horrible, need a Keep Laredo Beautiful program.
Better patrolling on junked vehicles and parking enforcement.
Woodstone Ct vehicles on a sidewalk that not allows the driver to view approaching traffic and pedestrians. This very dangerous for our students walking on the middle of the street instead of using sidewalks.
People always park on sidewalks. Current enforcement programs are done M-F, 8-5. Should be done evenings and night.
Junked cars and high weeds throughout the district 2. Nuisance is a big problem.
Specially around Trautmann Elementary and Middle schools.
More than great need. People need to be taught how to maintain clean homes, yards, etc. There needs to be more education and enforcement.
Actually, having been cited appropriately for overgrown lot a few years ago, I can tell you the CD enforcement folks do pretty well. I did notice some illegal dumping along the Zacate Creek side of San Pablo Ave (around Lincoln St intersection) last week.
Some neighbors do have junked vehicles parked.
The Chacon area is very dirty.
In the neighborhoods.
TOPIC: GRAFFITI REMOVAL
It's not as bad as other cities. If you do, maybe have the people who live in the area paint a mural.
Start fining those who have trash in front of their homes.
Very clean neighborhood.
Yes.
The playground.

But a mural would be amazing in this area. So many areas where murals can be done.
Haven't noticed any graffiti in my immediate vicinity.
At North Central Park.
From the mailboxes.
TOPIC: PROMOTE/INCENTIVIZE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
Having a small business that will benefit neighborhood residents would be ideal. Will encourage less travel time to other parts of the city, reduction in vehicle smog.
For essential small businesses, yes, not for hobby businesses.
Yes! I know there is a large commercial center nearby where HEB Plus is and smaller businesses may not be able to compete with the big guys, but smaller outfits like the food options at Golondrina Food Park are really neat and give the neighborhood a nice feel. I'd love a local coffeehouse or brewery nearby. If Laredo could make starting a business here an attractive prospect, I think we'd see a flurry of growth and more of our local talent staying put.
Put people to work building USA manufacturing can be done in Laredo.
We do have mom and pops opening up and it's great. Food, barber, beauty...
There's not a lot of anything to do in south Laredo, new things keep opening on the north side. Bring some stuff down here. We have to drive 10 miles to do anything interesting.
With big retail companies starting to downsize, it is in our best interest to assist smaller business that will boost the local economy.
So many permits make people not want to open up businesses here.
There is usually no small business.
Very impoverished community.
We could definitely have some neighborhood businesses.
Along Meadow. Purchase all the smalls homes that are not suitable for people to live in due to the high traffic off S Meadow.
TOPIC: JOB TRAINING
Have them learn a skill instead of taking out loans for college.
However, job creation is necessary so that the people being trained can actually stay in Laredo and work instead of getting trained then leaving because there are better paying jobs out of town.
More training sites free education would promote people to renovate the entire city.
This would be great since we have a high school nearby.
We lose our children to larger city because of the types of degrees colleges offer. We need a tech hub. Coding and cyber security is the future.
Citywide.
There is a super need, job placement should be training services should be priority and maybe even a requirement to receive some services, the city cannot and should not provide handouts. There are services to help with child care so parents can work, train and improve their lives free of benefits. Job training is key. The income level of this city will never increase with an unskilled workforce living off benefits.
TOPIC: BIKE LANES
That would be perfect to have it set up.
Please more bike lanes.
Bike lanes along with general education for drivers to respect drivers.
Not bike lanes, more like wheelchair and walker lanes. Fix the sidewalks first.
Bike lanes so far seem to be a menace, hazardous. Bike lanes sound good, but only benefit a select few leisure riders.

Safe smooth bike lanes on the following streets McPherson the entire road Mines road Bartley road the entire road Guadalupe street from down town to LCC south Meadow street the entire street south to north San Bernardo.
No. Bike lanes are ruining this city and they're not even being used.
Yes a lot of people ride bikes in Santo Nino.
No one rides.
This would be a nice way to progress.
There is no bike lanes or anything that would motivate people to go to parks unlike in district 6. Especially in the urban and old sectors.
I do see lots of people using bikes and they use street.
It would help transportation because the bus takes too long.
To encourage bike use is great, but resources should be allocated based on need and use... too much money into one underutilized activity not good.
In the city - definitely. Not too sure in neighborhood. Maybe along Iturbide/Market, as the 40 mph speed limit on Matamoros/Chihuahua makes putting one there risky.
We need increase lanes for cars/trucks - not bicycles.
It is almost impossible to bike along Medow Street and even cross it.
Yes, a lot of need.
TOPIC: OTHER COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
Please enforce street cleaning. Instead of incarcerating people for minor things have them clean Laredo.
Traffic light signal buttons don't work and the disable or blind people need them as a form of assistance to cross streets.
To provide the elderly window units A/C or fans during summer. To provide homeless families with counseling services.
Loop 20 exit by Laredo City Annex is dangerous for those of us who have to quickly merge and turn into Dorel Dr.
Would like to see outreach from our current councilman, perhaps an annual town hall like Meeting.
Pay attention to "las colonias" by 359. We need so many improvements and still waiting for years.
Gated dog park.
There is a need to clean and disinfect the streets just like Nuevo Laredo is doing.
Clean up lots, clean the colonias by charging or giving citations to all the renters. Or go xeriscape. Lots of opossums around. The renters just toss food out their doors. More lighting.
The streets get so crowded due to 18 wheelers parking on both sides of the street making it so hard to drive in such a crowded space. (Next to Big Lots usually in front of Maymoon Apartments)
Lighting is greatly needed @ Riverbank /Flecha crossing, also flashing stop sign might help stop people from always running stop sign.
There is an increase in the amount of stray dogs in our neighborhood.
There is a need to have a center similar to the Haynes Recreation Center in this neighborhood.
Please inform the community why it's important to wear a mask. Also please enforce a rule that if businesses can work from home they should to stop the spread.
Parks need lighting. Girls need softball parks just as much as boys. Turn on the lights and open the fields. Focus on the kids.
Azteca neighborhood is full of trash. The park in the neighborhood is not clean for the kids to

freely play.
Please help our community.
Streets and operating businesses need to be disinfected daily throughout the daily operations for our safety.
Enforce the existing code and hold people accountable. No more warnings. It's the only way they will comply.
Less speedbumps, smoother roads, more sidewalks, don't forget about bike riders.
We need more officers patrolling the streets. We need community based clinic and an asthma prevention education center. We need garbage twice a week and recycling twice a week. We need total beautification of District 2. We need for the city to decrease in property taxes. We need to allow more economical contractors so people can afford to buy a decent home. We need a program to assist our elderly in groceries, daycare assistance, etc.
Residents need medical and behavior health education in community centers, lets joined resources with needs.
No 5g towers.
Speed bumps, more night vigilance inside neighborhoods, more stores in our area, even if it's small grocery stores.
Please save some money for the residents on the north side of the tracks we have a lot of needs we know we don't create jobs or monthly income but we need help too.
Better planning of neighborhoods and streets to accommodate new development. Since this is a relatively new area, there will be a need for Senior care services in the future.
There are other regions of Laredo that do need help, I think. Where my extended family still lives, out by Farias Elementary School, there are a lot of citizens that would benefit from simple quality of life improvements like sidewalks and more street lights.
More attractions needed at Father McNaboe Park.
I feel like a lot of our street traffic lines need to repainted and Laredoans should have a lot of areas reviewed for pot holes and missing stop signs or bad traffic lights.
Traffic is horrendous and we have renters who do not keep their lawns or homes clean. Weeds all over as if it were abandoned.
We need to address traffic in Shiloh and McPherson intersection, congestion makes the traffic in neighborhoods very difficult to access inner streets.
Again, connecting the bike trail on loop 20 to the entrance on Crespuculo would be great. It'll keep people off the loop trying to get to that trail. It's only a half mile stretch.
Really free education and then the creation of jobs to improve the city. Take some of the drug Money that is dieses every year and invest into free adult education.
New Pavement on my Street by Lacho Dr. and a dead end sign.
Better lighting to the Andrew park and shading. Fix sidewalks broken big pieces along McPherson. More lighting along the walk and bike trail beginning behind the UISD north bus station.
Create a walking and bike lane on Bartlett-from Jacaman to Delmar. This is a very long street and it would be beneficial to the community to run/bike safely and promote wellbeing.
My only idea would be to have more family oriented entertainment open here.
Electric water fountains that supply cold filtered water in the park on larga Vista. Aside from that, I'd perhaps suggest sidewalks, street lighting and perhaps some type of program to reconstruct or remodel some old mobile homes and/or houses on this Colonia.
I rarley see cleans ups, sidewalks being created, speed bumps are a must in this area especially with cars passing fast.

Too many potholes.
Speed bumps needed badly on Dovalina Elementary on Sanchez St.
There needs to be an actual recreation center building for this neighborhood. The closest one is Hillside.
We should have more options regarding public transportation. Specifically, more buses to cover El Metro's routes.
We need to have better access to information. All sorts of information, where to apply for assistance with anything. Where do we vote, where are the rec centers? Etc you need to make the info available so we use the resources available already.
Make a better park for the kids it needs too much, and more light around it.
We need sidewalks especially those streets by school.
Increase safety at parks.
Enforce cleaning of properties and homes. Brighter lights in the neighborhood. More control of dogs in the streets and animal control doesn't do anything about it. And remove homeless and prostitutes from the streets, especially on San Bernardo .
Clean streets/roads.
Please consider the shed over the exercise equipment and going back to see the work on some of the sidewalks.
We need more parks and recreational centers for our youth and a little beautification of our community would be very beneficial.
Better lighting in the streets, there are no sidewalks so you end up walking on other people's driveways or on the streets.
Please open road at Guaymas and worker. This will help with traffic flow.
South Laredo needs a hospital.
Yes, do a block party. Neighbors don't know each other.
Strict enforcement of fireworks being used on public streets/roads.
We need to have more community based projects in District 2 for children in our community. Family oriented activities as an example. Also we need more soccer fields for our areas since many of our kids in our area are soccer enthusiasts.
Lights towards the green ranch/deer creek village road. It is too dark.
More and affordable parking downtown. Replace old meters with debit card option, not everyone has \$5 in coins. Do more to get homeless off the streets and asking for help in more neighborhoods throughout the city. Get more assistance within the community on the problems with drug use. Systems we have in place may not be effective or even be evaluated. Every neighborhood should have a park. Parks should be maintained as drug paraphernalia can often be found in some. Monitor them throughout the day and night.
Assistance in removing old installations and lead paint and such for home built in 50s.
We need to keep up with street pothole repairs. We should have nice clean streets. Laredo itself is full of potholes. It's taking a toll on our cars. We also need more lights in the North Central Park with safe zone stations. More lights in our neighborhood to stop the continuing car break ins.
Clean up all the litter all over our city. Update sewers. The smells are unbearable.
Power wash our downtown streets. Too much human excrement.
Clean water and bring back recycling. Fix Shiloh between 35 & McPherson and International Blvd heading to UHS. Second entrance to UHS. Less overnight trucks on Crossroads BLVD. Stop drag racing on International Blvd by UHS. Fix San Isidro Parkway on both side of McPherson Road at traffic light...road is too steep. Fix Monarch behind H-E-B Plus. Rebuild

Bartlett between Gale and Jacaman, concrete road is already torn up.
The bus transportation system needs to be a lot smoother. There has definitely been a lot of improvements over the past year, but I still feel the bus routes don't overlap or come often enough. Once an hour-two hours isn't often enough for an effective system. Every thirty minutes at least would be a great improvement. Also, the bus fare is a huge issue, public transportation is supposed to be accessible and affordable. A dollar or less fare is fair and reasonable. Day/week/month/year long passes could be made possible. They'd be cheaper but sell more thus more profit and use of the bus lines.
Need more rec. Hours and library hours. They have great program but sometimes seems they lack funding. Include free events for elderly people.
Remove the speed bumps in Belmont that are unnecessary and damaging to vehicles because they are so big.
Something really has to be done on Zapata highway traffic to get to HWY 35 is terrible in the mornings and at rush hours. I live in sierra vista and I sometimes take Zapata highway route going toward city hall and it is terrible.
I would appreciate it if some type of grant or loan would be provided to help us beautify our neighborhood.
Please help us out with our street and a park to keep our kids active.
Parking on the street, having an empty driveway.
Something needs to get done with the over pollution of stray cats and dogs. Programs or assistance in spaying or neutering pets at a lower cost.
Give the community a soccer center. A place with no less than four fut7 fields. Turf. Tall nets surrounding each field. Half of the fields covered, half uncovered. Restrooms. An office where teams go and sign up for the new league. A food court. Benches on the outside. Plants. Pet friendly.
A need to promote new big business opportunities for jobs. Offer tax exemptions for companies to move in. Keep property taxes consistent with local salaries.
The entrance to Laredo at bridge 2 is horrible looking. Pay attention to the south of Laredo lots of families and children with grand potential. Care for all equally.
Palm trees along the middle barrier of Zapata hwy would look nice. A new hospital is needed in the Southside. So we won't have to travel across town or go to emergency clinics. This can also cater to Zapata, El Cenizo and Rio Bravo. Help people build businesses by providing assistance, this can help the problem downtown. Make building owners remodel or sell by a certain date if not fine them. Prices to buy downtown are ridiculous and expensive. It's literally deteriorating. Have more public meetings (during night) and listen to propositions by the community. Also we need our own baseball team. The tecos are nice but they aren't representing us in any way. If we are going to be paying for a baseball stadium we need our own team.
Lower taxes.
Need to get rid of all the drug addicts out of under the bridges on Calton and Santa Ursula and the ones camping under the Park/San Dario area. Stop all these people asking for money on the streets very dangerous for those driving in those areas.
Roads and highways need control is highly necessary. Laredo is starting to look a lot like Mexico's border towns.
More parking spaces at Century Park.
More lights on the streets. For example in my street there's only 1 or 2 lights but it gets very dark outside.
It's been more than 10 yrs. I have seen other districts been updated so I would like for my district to be updated with parks, recreational centers/fun places, and be a more green area

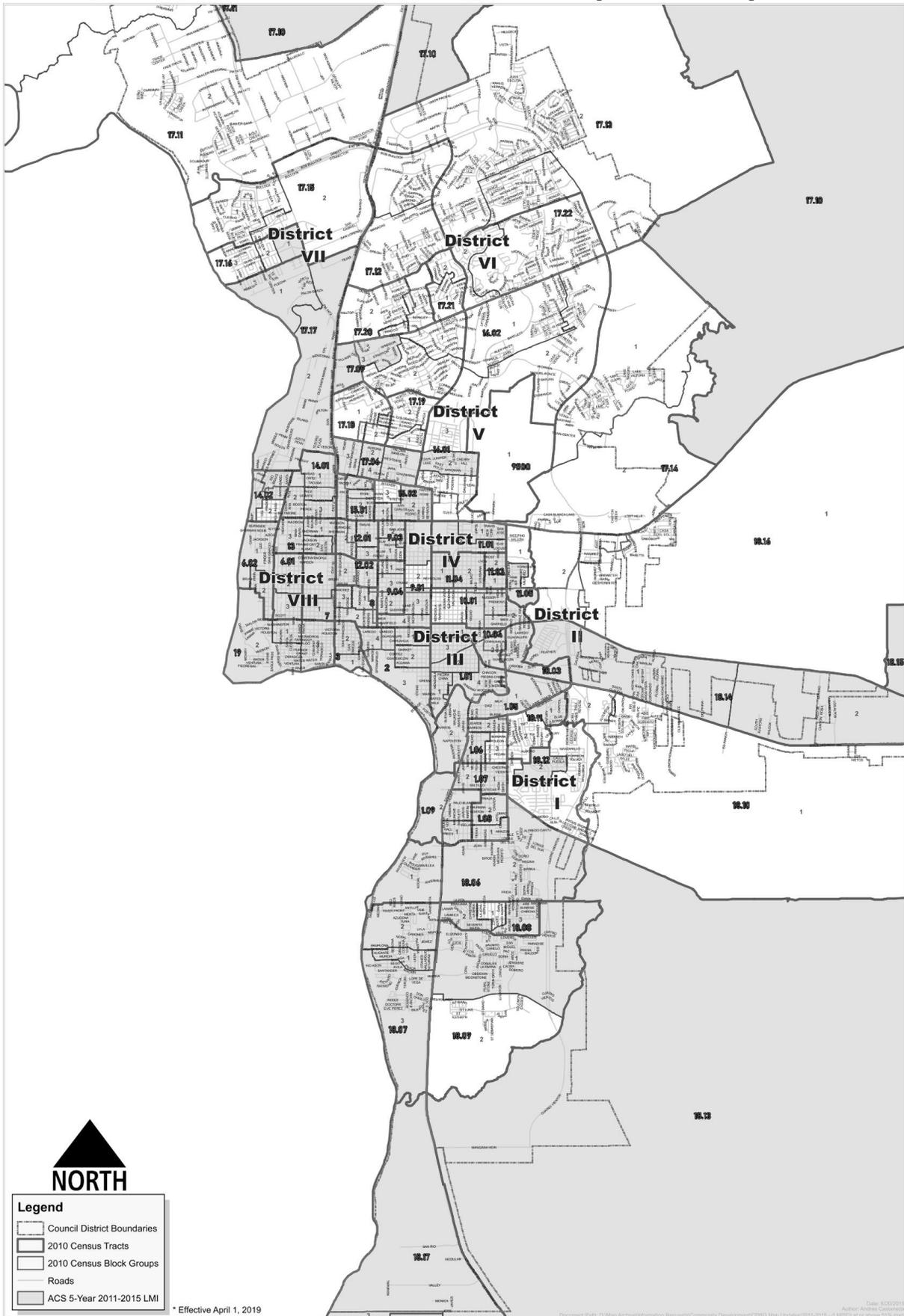
(District 6).
I would like an improved and free transportation system.
Make commercial motor vehicles use the right lanes only and more commercial motor vehicles are parked inside neighborhoods .
There needs to be a Teen Recreation Facility for our youth.
Need more police presence. Better street lighting. More animal control, stray dogs and cats everywhere.
We need a park , we need enforcing in parking people have yoga businesses in their house which causes to have unknown vehicles to the subdivision and left with no parking sometimes.
We greatly need the street light at the corner of Lomas Del Sur and Bob Bullock intersection.
Cortez St/Villa Del sol area has too many lose dogs! Really hard to feel safe from getting bitten. You can't even use the trails without thinking you might get bitten. There's a lot of lose dogs and cats around the neighborhood. Also, the trails need more lighting. Especially considering the situations in the past in the trails. If you want to prevent crimes add some lighting to make our community safe. The whole trail running from villa de sol up to Heinz needs lighting, too dark at night. There's a large community of deer, please consider adding a warning in the Cortez/ Villa de sol area especially passing by the antenna. I've had some deer jump out while driving at night. I do not mind the wildlife, but please warn others of this possibility.
Bartlett Street needs new pavement and some streets in Lakeside subdivision.
Better lighting all over the city would be great.
Need more activities for kids.
Please pave Commerce Dr.
Don't forget about fixing the streets. They really need a lot of work.
Continued public engagement.
Let's just get sidewalks up and educate on keeping Laredo clean make our neighborhood beautiful.
Something needs to be done, especially after school, to assist with traffic on the intersection of Fasken and Atlanta.
We really need a park and speed bumps.
Make a change, because our neighborhood is being left behind.
Make Laredo bike friendly.
For the trails that exist try and limit clearing of brush that provides coverage for wildlife.
Lower the cost of housing.
Please put a plan in place to pick up the garbage regularly on Lomas Del Sur.
Vehicles on a sidewalk that not allows the driver to view approaching traffic and pedestrians. This very dangerous for our students walking on the middle of the street instead of using sidewalks.
Sweepers to our streets not only the main streets. Police patrolling our neighborhood. Code enforcement. People building without permits. Shades around exercise park. Upgrade our walking trail around the schools.
Need more police presence.
Please install speed bumps along Guatemozin from Meadow to Buena Vista.
More affordable apartments for single parents. More parks for kids and more No kill animal shelter-free adoption.
I think all neighborhoods / subdivisions should have identifiable signage.
City should limit their finances in regards to housing and if truly concerned with topic should assist with employment rather than give everything to an individual.

City needs to stop trying to promote bike lanes at the expense of cars/trucks. The number of bicyclists that use streets for transportation as opposed to leisure is negligible and should not be a focus for the city.
I think my neighborhood needs a small park. I feel this would help with cars driving fast and crime can lower.
Increase enforcement of parking codes for on street parking.
Not only low income families but also help middle class family too.
The El Eden subdivision in the south side of Laredo has a growing population that cannot accommodate the needs of all the new residents. Beautification and recreational development projects rarely touch this side of the city and few adults and children leave their house for recreational activity since there is very little to do.
Please re pave 1300 block of Lois Lane. way over due and has a lot of potholes.
A higher Code Enforcement presence for street/sidewalk parking would be beneficial in my neighborhood, which has a lot of school-age children.
Parked cars on both side of street make it difficult to see at stop signs for incoming traffic; two way traffic is impossible in streets due to parked cars.
We need a traffic light in Ejido and Pita Mangana.
Police presence.
There's a water canal that divides the Henry Cuellar school and the houses that are down the street. Aloe Vera that is full of weeds.
In need of a park to exercise outdoors and swings for children in the Eden park.
The downtown businesses need to be supported by the city.
They have to have more bicycle lanes, help for seniors, more sidewalks, and parks.
Dogs being left out in the area, cars parked on the sidewalk, trash cans obstructing the sidewalk not only here but in other areas too especially at night.
Need speed limit signs on McPherson Rd. Some people drive 20mph when the limit if 45mph, reason why there is a lot of traffic between McPherson and Shiloh
We need more parks, areas to play sports and pools.
More street lights.

APPENDIX E

CDBG MAP

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APPENDIX G
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN



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Citizen Participation 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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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 F
ESG WRITTEN STANDARDS

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).

PRIORIZATION 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.

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.

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.

- (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.

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:

- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.)

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 H
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – APPROVAL OF ACTION PLAN

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

A-2020-R-11

LIVE WEB LINK: <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040

JULY 27, 2020

5:00 P.M.



DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT



Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aid or services are requested to contact Jose A. Valdez Jr., City Secretary, at (956) 791-7308 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. The accessible entrance and accessible parking spaces are located at City Hall, 1100 Victoria Ave.

Out of consideration for all attendees of the City Council meetings, please turn off all cellular phones and pagers, or place on inaudible signal. Thank you for your consideration.

Pursuant to the Texas Penal Code (trespass by holder of license to carry a handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Concealed Handgun Law or Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter into the City Council Chamber while City Council is in session with a concealed or openly-carried handgun.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of June 15, 2020, June 23, 2020, July 14, 2020.

Citizen comments

Citizens are required to fill out an online witness card no later than 5:15 p.m. and can be found at <https://forms.gle/3GcWeTgGvvCeP3X36>. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

TOTAL	\$2,264,939
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Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV)		First Allocation	Second Allocation
1	COVID-19 ESG Program Administration	\$100,386	\$250,500
2	COVID-19 Emergency Shelter - Shelter Operations	\$365,000	\$500,000
3	COVID-19 Emergency Shelter - Essential Services	\$ 30,000	\$250,000
4	COVID-19 Street Outreach	\$ 30,000	\$100,000
5	COVID-19 Rapid Rehousing (Rental assistance)	\$275,000	\$350,000
6	COVID-19 Homelessness Prevention (Rental assistance)	\$275,000	\$0
7	COVID-19 HMIS	\$ 55,000	\$100,000
8	COVID-19 COL- Homelessness Prevention (Rental assistance)		\$1,002,055
	TOTAL	\$1,130,386	\$2,552,555
ESG ALLOCATIONS TOTAL		\$3,682,941	

37. Approving the submission of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a request for funding in the amounts of \$3,850,188.00 in 46th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,167,858.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and \$327,812.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$2,800.00 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, \$72,000.00 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$260,000.00 in HOME program income. Also authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the Plans' submission. The 2020-2021 plan identifies the projects proposed to be funded by HUD through entitlement program funds and anticipated program income, which are as follows:

46th AY Community Development Block Grant		
1	Community Development Administration	\$762,000
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$317,710
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$600,000
4	Code Enforcement	\$508,107
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$ 31,511
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$165,160
7	Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$436,000
8	Park Improvements in District I	\$ 73,750
9	Sidewalks in District I	\$ 73,750
10	Park Improvements in District II	\$ 47,500
11	Park Improvements in District III	\$127,500
12	Sidewalks in District III	\$120,000
13	Park Improvements in District IV	\$100,000
14	Sidewalks in District IV	\$ 47,500
15	De Llano Park Improvements in District V	\$147,500
16	Bike Lanes in District VII	\$147,500
17	Sidewalks in District VIII	\$147,500
	TOTAL	\$3,852,988

	Revolving Loan	
18	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$ 7,027
19	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$64,973
	TOTAL	\$72,000

	HOME Investment Partnership Grant	
20	HOME Program Administration	\$116,000
21	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI)	\$260,000
22	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$400,000
23	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$200,000
24	Homeowner Reconstruction Program	\$451,858
	TOTAL	\$1,427,858

	Emergency Solutions Grant	
25	ESG Program Administration	\$16,258
26	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$106,318
27	Emergency Shelter – Essential Services	\$45,000
28	Street Outreach	\$ 9,884
29	Rapid Re-Housing	\$82,352
30	Homelessness Prevention	\$60,000
31	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 8,000
	TOTAL	\$327,812

38. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2016 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) contract with Habitat for Humanity of Laredo by increasing the total amount awarded by an additional \$63,000.00 in funding and extending the contract deadline to June 30, 2021. The additional funds will be utilize to complete the construction of three homes to benefit low to moderate income households. Funding is available in the HOME Investment Partnership Fund Program Income.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TECLO J. GARCIA, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

39. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify and approve the agreements between Lift Fund, Laredo College and Workforce Solutions in the total amount of \$3,137,000.00 as it relates to workforce training expenses and small business assistance under the CARES Act plan approved by the Laredo City Council on June 23, 2020.

These entities will provide small business assistance and workforce training to those impacted by COVID-19 in accordance with federal and state guidelines.

1. Laredo College for providing workforce skills programs and certification courses for \$700,000.00;
2. Workforce Solutions for South Texas for providing workforce and employment skills training for \$200,000.00;
3. LiftFund for developing, administering and executing a small business grant

APPENDIX I
LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE
CONTINUUM OF CARE

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

June 18, 2020

Ms. Maria Tina Martinez
Director, Community Development Department
City of Laredo
1301 Farragut Street, Transit Center, East Wing, Third Floor
Laredo, TX 78040

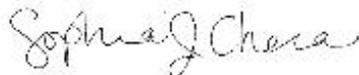
Dear Ms. Martinez,

Texas Homeless Network, the lead agency for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC), is pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Laredo's 2020-24 Consolidated Plan and 2020-21 Action Plan. THN staff and City of Laredo staff consulted with each other on homeless-related topics during the development of the plans, and THN staff reviewed the draft plans and provided input and the CoC's perspective. The plans fit the CoC's goals and priorities.

We appreciate the opportunity to strategically plan with the City staff, to ensure that our goals and plans are aligned and that we will coordinate efforts to address homelessness, including administering ESG, and activities to increase the supply of and access to affordable housing in Laredo.

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact me at sophia@thn.org or 512-861-6286.

Sincerely,



Sophia Checa, MPAff
Director of Continuum of Care Programs



**SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
INFORMATION**

Publication date: 3/21/2021

Notice of Public Hearing
Proposed Reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Projects

The City of Laredo proposes to amend its 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan to allow for the reprogramming of two previously identified projects: (1) "Park Improvements in District III" described in the 2020 plan as the design, construction and other amenities as deemed necessary to improve a park located in District III, in the amount of \$127,500 and (2) "District III Design of South Laredo Nature Center Trails" described in the 2019-2020 plan as the design and construction of the South Laredo Nature Center walking trails and other amenities as deemed necessary, in the amount of \$25,000.

The reprogramming and cancellation of these projects will allow the creation of the newly proposed "District III Public Improvements and Infrastructure" project which entails the design and/or construction of sidewalks, bike lanes, bus bays, lighting, traffic signals, street signs, landscaping, sewer and water systems, electric poles, utility improvements, and other necessary improvements and infrastructure as deemed necessary for a total funding amount of \$152,500.

A public hearing will be held on March 29, 2021 during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1110 Houston, St. Special services will be made available upon timely request for the physically impaired. Additionally, a 30-day comment period extending from March 22, 2021 to April 20, 2021 will be observed to allow interested persons the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. Mail comments to the attention of Tina Martinez, Director, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 1276, Laredo, TX 78040 or come by the Department of Community Development office located at 1301 Farragut, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Transit Center Building, Laredo, TX 78040. Comments may also be submitted via email to: cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us.



Equal Housing Opportunity

Tina Martinez
CD Director

Aviso de Audiencia Pública
Propuesta de Reprogramación de Proyectos del “Community Development Block Grant” (CDBG)

La Ciudad de Laredo propone modificar su Plan de Acción del año 2020 para tomar en cuenta la reprogramación de dos proyectos previamente identificados: (1) "Mejoras en el Parque en el Distrito III" descritas en el plan del año 2020 como el diseño, construcción y otras comodidades que se consideren necesarias para mejorar un parque ubicado en el Distrito III, con un costo de \$127,500 y (2) "Distrito III Diseño de los senderos del Centro Natural del Sur de Laredo" descrito en el plan del año 2019-2020 como el diseño y construcción de los senderos del Centro Natural del Sur de Laredo y otras comodidades según se considere necesario, con un costo de \$25,000.

La reprogramación y cancelación de estos proyectos permitirá la creación del proyecto "Distrito III de Mejoras e Infraestructuras Públicas" recientemente propuesto que incluirá el diseño y/o construcción de aceras, carriles de bicicleta, bahías de autobuses, alumbrado, señales de tráfico, paisajismo, alcantarillado y sistemas de agua, postes eléctricos, mejoras de servicios públicos y otras mejoras e infraestructuras necesarias según se considere necesario con un costo de \$152,500.

Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el 29 Marzo del 2021, a las 5:30 p.m. durante la junta ordinaria del Cabildo en la Cámara del Cabildo ubicada en 1110 Houston, St. Servicios especiales se harán disponibles a solicitud oportuna para personas incapacitadas. Además, se permitirán 30 días para recibir comentarios del público sobre cambios comenzando el día 22 de Marzo del 2021 y terminando el día 20 de Abril del 2021. Los comentarios pueden ser dirigidos a Tina Martinez, Directora del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad, 1301 Farragut, Tercer Piso, Centro de Transito, Laredo, TX 78040 o por correo a Apartado Postal 1276, Laredo, TX 78040. Los comentarios también pueden ser sometidos por correo electrónico a: cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us.



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En La Vivienda

Tina Martinez
Directora

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Sealed orders published in capital murder case

Documents released in case of man accused of killing family of four

INSIDER

By Maria Salas
LAREDO MORNING TIMES
After much discussion during a hearing earlier this month, 406th District Court Judge Oscar J. Hale published sealed orders on two motions filed by both defense attorneys and prose-

cutors in the capital murder case of the Laredo man accused of killing a family of four in April 2020. Samuel Enrique Lopez, 20, is accused of fatally stabbing Zayra Marlen Fuentes, 33; Lesly Sarahy Hernandez, 18; and Pedro Cruz, 12. He also allegedly sexually assaulted Julian Saracho, 2. **Murder continues on A13**



Samuel Enrique Lopez is accused in the murders of Zayra Marlen Fuentes, 33, Lesly Sarahy Hernandez, 18, Pedro Cruz, 12, and Julian Saracho, 2.

Gun smuggler for Cartel Del Noreste gets prison sentence

INSIDER

By César G. Rodriguez
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

A man who would purchase firearms and coordinate firearm purchases in Laredo for a Cartel Del Noreste plaza boss in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico has been sentenced to federal prison. On Monday, U.S. District Judge Marina Garcia Marmolejo sentenced Ir-



Navarro

ving Navarro, 32, to 108 months in federal prison. He had pleaded guilty to making false statements during the purchase of a firearm on Nov. 20. On Aug. 22, Navarro crossed to Laredo via the Gateway to the Americas International Bridge. A **Cartel continues on A13**



Danny Zaragoza / Laredo Morning Times

Entry into Mexico via the Gateway to the Americas International Bridge remains closed as seen Thursday, March 18, 2021.

Laredo confirms two positive cases, no deaths

By Garrett Kroeger
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

City of Laredo and Webb County officials confirmed two positives and no new deaths in their daily COVID-19 report on Saturday. With the positives reported, 89 positives have been recorded in the last six days. A total of 43,024

positives and 811 deaths have occurred in the Gateway City since the pandemic emerged locally back in March 2020. The two case Saturday marked the eighth day in March with cases in the single digits, and it is the second-lowest total of 2021 behind only Feb. 28 when no positive results **Laredo continues on A13**

Uncertainty remains at one-year anniversary

Restrictions continue as border closure reaches milestone

INSIDER

By Jorge A. Vela
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Editor's Note: This is the first in a

plans in place for safely reopening the border. Local officials and citizens have voiced concerns about the continued closure and the announcement this week that Mexico will impose travel

cal border economies despite the significant decline in COVID-19 cases and deaths seen in the area. "Without disrespect to Mexico, Mexico doesn't tell us when we reopen our border even though we do

City, community organizations adjust to increase in immigration

INSIDER

By Christian Alejandro Ocampo
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

In January, the Biden

migration System that included multiple changes to both border security and immigration policy that would affect border cities on the south and north end of the country.

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Tiempo de Laredo

DOMINGO 21 DE MARZO DE 2021

LPD

Sentencian a traficante de armas de Cártel del Noreste

Por César G. Rodríguez
TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Un hombre que compraría armas de fuego y coordinaría la compra de armas de fuego en Laredo para un jefe de plaza del Cártel del Noreste en Nuevo Laredo, México, fue sentenciado a una prisión federal.

El lunes, la jueza federal de distrito Marina García Marmolejo condenó a Irving Navarro, de 32 años, a 108 meses en una prisión federal. Se declaró culpable de hacer declaraciones falsas durante la compra de un arma de fuego el 20 de noviembre.



Navarro

El 22 de agosto, Navarro cruzó a Laredo a través del Puente Internacional Gateway to the Americas. Un vehículo utilitario deportivo Honda blanco con llantas negras lo recogió y lo dejó en la Academia de Deportes y Aire Libre en 5720 San Bernardo Ave. Agentes especiales de la Oficina de Alcohol, Tabaco, Armas de Fuego y Explosivos (ATF) dijeron que observaron a Navarro dentro de la tienda sosteniendo una pequeña bolsa blanca bajo el brazo.

Navarro compró un arma de fuego y pagó en efectivo antes de abordar un taxi. Una unidad de patrulla marcada del Departamento de Policía de Laredo detuvo el taxi por una infracción de tráfico en la cuadra 4900 de la avenida Santa Úrsula. A continuación, agentes especiales de la ATF se pusieron en contacto con Navarro.

Supuestamente declaró que acababa de comprar el arma de fuego en la Academia y que tenía 10.000 dólares en la bolsa. Navarro luego confesó a los agentes especiales de la ATF que él no era el comprador previsto del arma de fuego y que mintió en el formulario ATF 4437.

"Irving Navarro dijo que estaba trabajando para un individuo que es jefe de plaza del Cártel del Noreste en Nuevo Laredo, México", dice la declaración jurada.

Navarro agregó que se reunió con este jefe de plaza en el Walmart de Nuevo Laredo, donde Navarro recibió 1.000 dólares para comprar el arma de fuego. Este individuo instruyó a Navarro para que se reuniera con el conductor del Honda. El conductor le dio a Navarro los 10.000 dólares y le dijo que enviara el dinero a México junto con el arma de fuego.

Navarro supuestamente confirmó que las armas de fuego que compró el 27 de diciembre de 2019, el 8 de enero de 2020, el 15 de enero de 2020 y el 14 de julio de 2020 fueron compradas para el individuo en México. Navarro afirmó además que un hombre identificado como Leopoldo Martínez estaba trabajando con él para comprar armas

CORONAVIRUS EN LAREDO

Reportan dos contagios

Autoridades informan dos casos; sin decesos en relación con el virus

Por Garrett Kroeger
TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Los funcionarios de la Ciudad de Laredo y del Condado de Webb confirmaron dos nuevos casos y ninguna nueva muerte en su informe diario de COVID-19 el sábado.

Con los positivos reportados, se han registrado 89 contagios en los últimos seis días. Se han producido un total de 43.024 casos positivos y 811 muertes en la ciudad desde que la pandemia surgió en marzo de 2020 a nivel local.

Los casos activos experimentaron una dis-

minución a medida que se informaron 108, frente a los 113 del viernes. Las hospitalizaciones también vieron una caída, con 24 pacientes supuestamente bajo tratamiento en hospitales de Laredo.

Los datos del Departamento de Servicios de Salud del Estado de Texas informaron una tasa de hospitalización por COVID-19 de 4,82% para la región hospitalaria de Laredo el 19 de marzo. El 18 de marzo, la región reportó una tasa de 4,02%.

En los últimos cuatro días no se han registrado muertes. Esta es la décima vez en este mes que no se reportaron víctimas mortales.

En total, hasta ahora se han reportado 31 muertes en marzo.

Al momento de la actualización, se habían administrado 313.571 pruebas para COVID-19 en el área. Se estima que 42.105 personas se han recuperado de un contagio anterior.

En la ciudad se han administrado un total de 72.410 primeras dosis de la vacuna del virus, que suman el 36,77% de la población de Laredo. El 18,30% de la población está totalmente vacunada. De aquellos que han recibido una vacuna, se han administrado 17.866 dosis a personas de 65 años o más.

INMIGRACIÓN EN LAREDO

Impacta política migratoria en Laredo



Christian Alejandro Ocampo / Laredo Morning Times

En esta foto del 16 de mayo de 2019, migrantes de países latinoamericanos se reunieron en el Refugio La Frontera en Laredo.

Familias, mujeres y niños han emprendido el peligroso viaje para solicitar asilo al país

Por Christian Alejandro Ocampo
TIEMPO DE LAREDO

En enero, la administración Biden estableció un compromiso para modernizar el Sistema de Inmigración de EE. UU. que incluya múltiples cambios tanto en la seguridad fronteriza como en la política de inmigración que afectarían a las ciudades fronterizas en el extremo sur y norte del país.

En Laredo, varias organizaciones comunitarias y la ciudad no solo han tenido que continuar su trabajo durante la pandemia de COVID-19, sino también lidiar con

Sáenz, dijo que ha habido un aumento significativo en el número de ciudadanos varones solteros que han evadido la patrulla fronteriza y han cruzado a los EE. UU. Además, aproximadamente 500 personas como parte de los protocolos de protección al migrante, ahora cancelados por Biden, están residiendo en Nuevo Laredo esperando ser procesados.

El MPP hizo que los que no tenían la documentación adecuada, los que buscaban ser admitidos en los EE. UU. o los que ingresaron ilegalmente a los EE. UU. esperaban en México mientras duraba su proceso de inmigración. Una vez pro-

de COVID-19 podrían ingresar al refugio.

Familias, mujeres y niños han emprendido el peligroso viaje para solicitar asilo y luego son conducidos a una de las organizaciones no gubernamentales en Laredo, dijo Sáenz. Aproximadamente de 20 a 30 personas en el grupo demográfico reciben ayuda a través del Holding Institute o las Caridades Católicas.

Los menores no acompañados están emprendiendo ahora el mismo peligroso viaje. El lunes, EE. UU. planeó albergar a estos menores, incluidos 3.000 que han sido transportados al refugio temporal de FEMA en el Centro de Convenciones Hutchison en Dallas.

Siendo alcalde fronterizo, Sáenz

TRIBUNAL DE DISTRITO 406

Presentan mociones en caso de asesinato capital

Por María Salas
TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Después de mucha discusión durante una audiencia a principios de este mes, el juez del Tribunal de Distrito Oscar J. Hale publicó órdenes selladas sobre dos mociones presentadas por abogados defensores y fiscales en el caso de asesinato capital del hombre de Laredo acusado de matar a una familia de cuatro en abril de 2020.



López

Samuel Enrique López, de 20 años, está acusado de apuñalar fatalmente a Zayra Marién Fuentes, de 33; Lesly Sarahy Hernández, de 18 años; y Pedro Cruz, de 12. También presuntamente agredió sexualmente a Julián Saracho, de 2 años, con un objeto contundente según la acusación presentada a principios de mayo. Los registros indican que López también golpeó, y asfixió al niño cubriéndole la boca y la nariz con cinta adhesiva.

La oficina del fiscal de distrito del Condado de Webb busca la pena de muerte.

Durante una audiencia el 4 de marzo, los fiscales argumentaron que los abogados defensores publicaron su moción de evidencia exculpatoria con información incompleta entre el comandante de la cárcel del Condado de Webb, Shane Sowell, y los fiscales.

A principios de febrero, los abogados defensores presentaron una moción para solicitar pruebas exculpatorias y/o inconsistentes después de una audiencia de octubre en la que Sowell presentó comunicaciones documentadas entre él y la oficina del fiscal del distrito.

"En resumen, el deber de revelar no se limita a los fiscales, sino

TIEMPO DE LAREDO

AGENDA LOCAL

Domingo, 21 de marzo

• Clínica de microchips para mascotas a bajo costo organizado por Laredo Protective Society (LAPS) a las 4 p.m. en 2500 González St. El microchip tendrá un costo de 10 dólares y se requiere el uso de cubrebocas y distanciamiento social cuando esté en línea para aplicar el microchip.

• Quisicos de pruebas COVID-19. Se pide que hagan cita antes en Curativ.com. Distrito I: Parque Regional Independence Hills, 820 N. Merida; Distrito II: McKendrick Ochoa Salinas Branch Library, 1920 Palo Blanco; Distrito III: Complejo deportivo Slaughter Park, 202 Hendricks Ave.; Distrito IV: Estación de Bomberos No. 5, 2601 North Bentley Ave.; Distrito V: Centro Recreativo Blas Castañeda, 5700 Parque Blas Castañeda; Distrito VI: Edificio de Administración del Departamento de Bomberos, 616 E. Del Mar Blvd.; Distrito VII: Father Charles M. McNaabee Park, 201 Zebu Ct.; Distrito VIII: Calzada Peatonal Zaragoza, 108 Zaragoza.

Sábado, 27 de marzo

• Bingo virtual organizado por el Patronato de Damas Voluntarias Agentes Aduanales NLD, desde las 2 p.m.

ARMAS

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quien admitió haber trabajado con Navarro. Navarro le proporcionaría a Martínez dinero para comprar las armas de fuego.

"Martínez dijo que, a veces, Irving Navarro llevaba las armas de fuego a México y, a veces, hacía que los jóvenes las llevaran a México", afirma el acuerdo de culpabilidad.

Martínez declaró que un hombre identificado como Heriberto Castillo también compraría armas de fuego para Navarro y que Castillo luego le daría las armas a Navarro. Martínez agregó que todas las armas de fuego compradas fueron llevadas a México.

"El 13 de marzo de 2020, durante una investigación sobre un secuestro de la Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional (SEDENA) que fue encontrado atado y con los ojos vendados en el área de carga de un vehículo cerca La Concordia (Colonia) en Nuevo Laredo, México, el arma de fuego Micro Draco ROMARM / CUGIR comprada por Castillo el 13 de diciembre de 2019 fue descubierta en la escena del crimen", dice el acuerdo de culpabilidad.

La investigación también reveló que Cynthia Navarro, hermana de Navarro, compró al menos tres armas de fuego. En entrevista con agentes especiales, afirmó que su hermano trabaja para su exnovio en México y que Navarro coordinaría la

compra de armas por ella, según documentos judiciales.

Un quinto coacusado fue identificado como Javier Chapa. Agentes especiales de la ATF entrevistaron a Chapa en su residencia en Laredo con respecto a un arma de fuego que Chapa compró el 13 de febrero de 2020 a Cavazos Custom Firearms en Laredo. Chapa supuestamente declaró que compró una pistola Glock 48 de 9 mm. Chapa declaró que Martínez le pagó 200 dólares para comprar el arma de fuego y entregar el arma a Martínez.

El caso de Chapa permanece abierto. Castillo, Cynthia Navarro y Martínez se han declarado culpables y esperan sentencia.

TU ECONOMÍA

Boom residencial, demanda supera oferta

Por Mario Canales

ESPECIAL PARA TIEMPO DE LAREDO

La economía es un conjunto de circunstancias contrastantes; una serie de claroscuros que son un mosaico de actividades. Aún durante la peor crisis de salud y económica del último siglo, hay un sector de la economía que brilla con fuerza, como hace mucho no lo hacía: el mercado inmobiliario. El año pasado, la venta de residencias existentes registró un alza que igualó al boom residencial del 2006: con más de 6,65 millones de dólares en el mes de diciembre, un aumento desde los 5,51 millones del mismo periodo del año anterior, de acuerdo con datos de la Asociación Nacional de Agentes de Bienes Raíces y el Departamento del Trabajo, publicado en el Wall Street Journal.

Generalmente, las tendencias en el mercado residencial van ligadas a las sucesivas temporadas, siendo los últimos meses del año los de mayor actividad. Sin embargo, lo del 2020, fue un conjunto de circunstancias que colocaron al mercado inmobiliario al centro de la perspectiva optimista de la economía: tendencias mismas del mercado residencial, bajas tasas de interés, estímulos fiscales, una pandemia que orilló a permanecer en casa y transformó el espacio de trabajo hacia el hogar, además del ingreso de la generación millennial.

Todo lo anterior, entre otros, impulsó el precio medio de una residencia existente hacia cerca de 300.000 dólares en enero 2021, un aumento desde los 275.000 dólares del mismo periodo del año anterior, de acuerdo con la misma fuente. Sin embargo, cabe destacar que no todos los mercados inmobiliarios son iguales, por supuesto, que hay una regionalización del mismo. Aunque la tendencia general ha sido hacia el alza, en el Condado de Webb, el precio medio de lista de una residencia es de 195.000 dólares, de acuerdo con el sitio de Realtor.com.

Generalmente el mercado se rige como consecuencia de la oferta y la demanda. El alza en las tendencias inmobiliarias resulta, en parte, porque la demanda sobre sale de la oferta. Es decir, hay más personas buscando residencia, que las que hay disponibles. Lo anterior encarece la existencia y dispara el precio de venta. Al mismo tiempo, las tasas de interés han permanecido en niveles mínimos, lo que impulsa el refinanciamiento, así como las nuevas hipotecas.

Pero, así como el mercado inmobiliario está regionalizado, también está segmentado por ingreso: es decir, no todos son participantes del aumento de la demanda. De hecho, la mayor parte del aumento en las hipotecas originadas se dieron desde individuos con mayor registro crediticio, lo cual también sugiere sobre la fuerza del boom inmobiliario, contrario a la misma tendencia y posterior gran crisis del 2008.

• La tasa que mide la propiedad de la vivienda aumentó a 65,8% en el cuarto trimestre del 2020, un alza desde el 63,7% desde el mismo periodo del 2016, con información publicada por el Wall Street Journal.

Los estímulos fiscales en forma del envío de cheques por 1.400 dólares a millones de estadounidenses, bajas tasas de interés, aunado a las tendencias mismas del mercado inmobiliario, entre otros, han impulsado la demanda en un sector de la economía. Entre contrastes, la economía mantiene su paso hacia la recuperación económica, aunque sujeta todavía al desarrollo de la pandemia.

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CAPITAL

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lo tanto, contribuyeron al esfuerzo de la fiscalía", afirma la moción de la defensa.

Los fiscales presentaron una moción para anularla, pero Hale la rechazó. Los fiscales agregaron que la citación de la defensa se presentó con información incompleta "simplemente para crear la apariencia de incorrección" y agregaron que era un reflejo incompleto y unilateral de una conversación.

Antes de la audiencia del 4 de marzo, los fiscales presentaron una moción para anular la citación de documentos de la defensa de Sowell.

Su moción establece que la citación de la defensa es amplia, requeriría la producción de un

producto de trabajo y el tiempo dado para cumplir no era razonable.

El fiscal de distrito Isidro Alaniz le dijo a la corte que los abogados defensores no han proporcionado una base ni justificada por qué quieren ver la comunicación completa entre Sowell y la oficina del fiscal del distrito.

"No se les debe permitir que creen la apariencia de incorrección en el futuro mediante el uso de la comunicación unilateral de un producto de trabajo", dijo Alaniz.

Los abogados defensores argumentaron que los documentos adjuntos a la comunicación publicada en su moción fueron revisados por el tribunal.

"Todo lo que hicimos fue adjuntar los documentos que este

tribunal examinó y dijeron que no veían ningún problema con los documentos y desestimaron las objeciones (de los fiscales) y lo hicieron parte del expediente", dijo el abogado defensor Sid Arismendez.

Los fiscales solicitaron a la corte que hiciera la comunicación ex parte y la mantuviera sellada porque consideran que las comunicaciones son privilegiadas bajo una regla de producto de trabajo en la ley de Texas.

Según los registros judiciales en línea, hay tres órdenes selladas firmadas por Hale sobre dos mociones selladas presentadas por abogados. No está claro qué dicen las órdenes.

Hay una audiencia previa al juicio programada para el 3 de junio en el Tribunal de Distrito 406.

de una población protegida, pero eso no ha sido el caso en los últimos años.

Sin embargo, el alojamiento y la ayuda que se les brinda a los migrantes es un esfuerzo costoso. En respuesta, FEMA anunció que los programas de alimentos y refugio que ayudan con las personas y familias migrantes podrían recibir reembolsos.

Se proporcionarán aproximadamente 115 millones de dólares para ayuda humanitaria,

dijo Cuéllar durante el panel de discusión. Cuéllar continuó diciendo que millones de fondos federales ayudarían a reembolsar a las organizaciones no gubernamentales sus gastos. Los reembolsos fueron diseñados para eludir al gobierno estatal, permitiendo a las ONG solicitar y recibir sus reembolsos sin mucha demora.

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plés factores que dificultan las cosas para las familias, incluidas las dificultades con el cartel y los traficantes de personas.

Según la hermana Rosemary Welsh, se han encontrado múltiples formas de abuso entre los inmigrantes entrantes, específicamente las mujeres. En años anteriores, los casos de abuso doméstico serían parte

JUÁREZ

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puerto de Veracruz, mejor conocido como Leyes de Reforma. Con ellas, Juárez separó la Iglesia del Estado, lo que representó una transformación de enorme trascendencia porque durante los 3 siglos de la colonia y los 38 años de vida independiente del país hasta ese momento, la sociedad y la política habían funcionado con el binomio Iglesia-Estado como forma de vida.

En el México de hoy, el gobierno de la Cuarta Transformación busca separar al Estado del poder económico, lo cual sin duda es un gran intento de transformación de México por la vía pacífica. Bien haríamos en recordar que la separación Iglesia-Estado le costó al país una guerra de tres años y una intervención militar extranjera que implantó el Segundo Imperio entre julio de 1863 y el 19 de junio de 1867, fecha en la que el Emperador Maximiliano de Habsburgo fue fusilado en el

Cerro de las Campanas, Querétaro. La derrota del Segundo Imperio a manos de Benito Juárez, desbrozó el camino a la consolidación del Estado Mexicano con la forma de gobierno republicana que tenemos hasta la fecha.

Por segundo año consecutivo la pandemia del COVID19 nos privará de realizar la celebración comunitaria para conmemorar en Laredo el natalicio de Benito Juárez, pero desde este espacio recordamos al hombre que forjó el Estado Mexicano; al patriota que consumió la segunda independencia nacional; y al mexicano que nos mostró la forma en que un ser humano puede superarse partiendo desde las más difíciles condiciones de pobreza y marginación social, cuando se tienen ganas de triunfo y decisión de lucha.

Juan Carlos Mendoza Sánchez es Cónsul General de México en Laredo, Texas.

EFE MéRIDES

21 de marzo, 1806— Nace en Oaxaca, Benito Juárez, conocido como el Benemérito de las Américas.

1881— Ignacio Elizondo, con fuerza muy inferior en (Acaticita de) Baján, hace prisioneros a Allende, Hidalgo y todos los demás insurgentes. En la acción resultó muerto Indalecio Allende, hijo de Don Ignacio, y hubo dos heridos. Se hicieron en total 893 prisioneros, se capturaron 23 cañones y otro equipo militar. Además gran cantidad de barras de plata y pesos acuñados con valor en aquel tiempo de 5 millones de pesos.

1881— Un pequeño puente de los ferrocarriles es quemado cerca de Monterrey, Nuevo León.

1915— Venustiano Carranza envía telegrama en el que avisa que se están reinstalando las libertades religiosas y autoriza al cura depuesto de Nuevo Laredo, desde junio pasado, a que regrese a su ministerio.

1951— En juego inaugural en el Parque La Junta, el Águila del Veracruz es el equipo visitante. El manager de los Tecolotes de Nuevo Laredo, Salvador "Chico" Hernández escogió a su mejor lanzador para enfrentarlo al látigo "Zurdo" Lino Dorado. Ante un lleno impresionante, Lino Dorado ponchó a los primeros nueve bateadores consecutivos, al finalizar el juego, dejó un record, ponchando a 18 bateadores.

1954— Se termina la construcción de la Escuela Ocho de Mayo en la colonia Viveros, por la calle Independencia Sin Número.

En memoria de Carlos Treviño Treviño

Aviso de Audiencia Pública

Propuesta de Reprogramación de Proyectos del "Community Development Block Grant" (CDBG)

La Ciudad de Laredo propone modificar su Plan de Acción del año 2020 para tomar en cuenta la reprogramación de dos proyectos previamente identificados (1) "Mejorar el Distrito III" y (2) "Mejorar el Distrito IV".



Aviso de reunión pública virtual
Mejoras en el funcionamiento de FM 1472
Desde la Interestatal 48W hasta el Bulevar Pan American
CSJ: 2150-04-080
Condado de Webb, Texas

El Departamento de Transportación de Texas (TXDOT) está planeando realizar cambios para mejorar las operaciones de la carretera FM 1472 Las Mías desde la Interestatal 48W hasta el Bulevar Pan American en el condado de Webb, Texas. Este aviso informa al público que TXDOT llevará a cabo una reunión pública virtual en línea sobre el proyecto propuesto. La reunión virtual comenzará **martes 6 de abril de 2021** Para iniciar sesión en línea visite <https://www.txdot.com/CommunityDevelopment/1472>

Notice of Public Hearing

**Proposed Reprogramming of Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG) Projects**

The City of Laredo proposes to amend its 2021 One Year Action Plan to allow for the reprogramming of two previously identified projects: (1) "Park Improvements in District II" described in the 2021 plan as the design, construction and other amenities as deemed necessary to improve a park located in Dist. of III, in the amount of \$127,500 and (2) "Dist. of III Design of South Laredo Nature Center Trails" described in the 2021 2020 plan as the design and construction of the South Laredo Nature Center walking trails and other amenities as deemed necessary, in the amount of \$25,000.

The reprogramming and cancellation of these projects will allow the creation of the newly proposed "District II Public Improvements and Infrastructure" project which entails the design and/or construction of sidewalks, bike lanes, bus bays, lighting, traffic signals, street signs, landscaping, sewer and water systems, electric poles, utility improvements, and other necessary improvements and infrastructure as deemed necessary for a total funding amount of \$152,500.

A public hearing will be held on March 22, 2021 during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1110 Houston, St. Special services will be made available upon timely request for the physically impaired. Additionally, a 30 day comment period extending from March 22, 2021 to April 30, 2021 will be observed to allow interested persons the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. Mail comments to the attention of Tina Martinez, Director, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 1278, Laredo, TX 78040 or come by the Department of Community Development office located at 1401 Parragué, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Transit Center Building, Laredo, TX 78040. Comments may also be submitted via email to cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us.



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Tina Martinez
CD Director

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Aviso de Audiencia Pública

**Propuesta de Reprogramación de Proyectos del
"Community Development Block Grant" (CDBG)**

La Ciudad de Laredo propone modificar su Plan de Acción del año 2020 para tomar en cuenta la reprogramación de dos proyectos previamente certificados: (1) "Mejoras en el Parque en el Distrito II" descrito en el plan del año 2020 como el diseño, construcción y otras acciones que se consideren necesarias para mejorar un parque ubicada en el Distrito II, con un costo de \$127,500 y (2) "Distrito III Diseño de los senderos del Centro Natural del Sur de Laredo" descrito en el plan del año 2019 (2020) como el diseño y construcción de los senderos del Centro Natural del Sur de Laredo y otras comodidades según se considere necesario, con un costo de \$25,000.

La reprogramación y cancelación de estos proyectos permitirá la creación del proyecto "Distrito III de Mejoras e Infraestructuras Públicas" recientemente propuesta que incluirá el diseño y/o construcción de aceras, canchales de bicicleta, bahías de autobuses, alumbrado, señales de tráfico, paisajismo, señalización y sistemas de agua, postes eléctricos, mejoras de servicios públicos y otras mejoras e infraestructuras necesarias según se considere necesario con un costo de \$152,500.

Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el 29 Marzo del 2021, a las 5:30 p.m. durante la junta ordinaria del Cabildo en la Cámara del Cabildo ubicada en 1110 Austin, St. Servicios especiales se harán disponibles a solicitud oportuna para personas incapacitadas. Además, se permitirán 30 días para recibir comentarios del público sobre cambios comenzando el día 22 de Marzo del 2021 y terminando el día 20 de Abril del 2021. Los comentarios pueden ser dirigidos a Tina Martínez, Directora del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad, 1301 Paragut Tower Piso, Centro de Tránsito, Laredo, TX 76040 o por correo a: Appetada.Fiscal@ci.laredo.tx.us, Laredo, TX 76040. Los comentarios también pueden ser sometidos por correo electrónico a: edocomments@ci.laredo.tx.us.



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Public Hearings (also Intro Ord) 1.

City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 03/29/2021

Initiated By: Kristina L. Hale, Assistant City Manager

Staff Source: Tina Martinez, CD Director

SUBJECT

Public Hearing amending the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan to allow for the reprogramming of two previously identified projects: (1) "Park Improvements in District III" described in the 2020 plan as the design, construction and other amenities as deemed necessary to improve a park located in District III, in the amount of \$127,500.00 and (2) "District III Design of South Laredo Nature Center Trails" described in the 2019-2020 plan as the design and construction of the South Laredo Nature Center walking trails and other amenities as deemed necessary, in the amount of \$25,000.00.

The reprogramming and cancellation of these projects will allow the creation of the newly proposed "District III Public Improvements and Infrastructure" project which entails the Design and/or Construction of sidewalks, bike lanes, bus bays, lighting, traffic signals, street signs, landscaping, sewer and water systems, electric poles, utility improvements, and other necessary improvements and infrastructure as deemed necessary for a total funding amount of \$152,500.00.

VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND

A 30-day comment period extending from March 22, 2021 to April 20, 2021 will be observed to allow interested persons the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. Mail comments to the attention of Tina Martinez, Director, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 1276, Laredo, TX 78040 or come by the Department of Community Development office located at 1301 Farragut, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Transit Center Building, Laredo, TX 78040. Comments may also be submitted via email to: cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That this public hearing be held.

	Fiscal Impact
Fiscal Year:	2020-2021
Budgeted Y/N?:	Y
Source of Funds:	CDBG
Account #:	211-9010
Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:	N
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	
No financial impact, the new project will be funded by the two canceled projects in the amount of \$152,500.00	

City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 05/03/2021

Initiated By: Kristina L. Hale, Assistant City Manager

Staff Source: Tina Martinez, CD Director

SUBJECT

Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan to allow for the reprogramming of two previously identified projects: (1) "Park Improvements in District III" described in the 2020 plan as the design, construction and other amenities as deemed necessary to improve a park located in District III, in the amount of \$127,500.00 and (2) "District III Design of South Laredo Nature Center Trails" described in the 2019-2020 plan as the design and construction of the South Laredo Nature Center walking trails and other amenities as deemed necessary, in the amount of \$25,000.00. The reprogramming and cancellation of these projects will allow the creation of the newly proposed "District III Public Improvements and Infrastructure" project which entails the Design and/or Construction of sidewalks, bike lanes, bus bays, lighting, traffic signals, street signs, landscaping, sewer and water systems, electric poles, utility improvements, and other necessary improvements and infrastructure as deemed necessary for a total funding amount of \$152,500.00.

VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA

None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On March 29, 2021 a public hearing was held during the regular City Council meeting to allow citizens the opportunity to comment on the proposed reprogramming. No public comments were received.

BACKGROUND

A substantial amendment regarding the use of CDBG and HOME funds requires that citizens be informed of the proposed changes and be provided an opportunity to comment. In adherence with the Citizen's Participation Plan, citizens were provided 30 days beginning March 22, 2021 to April 20, 2021 to provide oral and/or written comments. No comments were received.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the motion be passed.

	Fiscal Impact
Fiscal Year:	2020-2021
Budgeted Y/N?:	Y
Source of Funds:	CDBG
Account #:	211-9010
Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:	N
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	
	No financial impact, the new project will be funded by the two canceled projects in the amount of \$152,500.00

Publication date: 6/27/2021

**Notice of Public Hearing
Proposed Substantial Amendment to the Community
Development Block Grant (CDBG) One Year Action Plan**

The City of Laredo proposes to amend its 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan to allow for the substantial amendment of a previously identified project "Bike Lanes in District VII" described in the 2020 plan as the design and construction of bike lanes to include lighting, markings, signage and related improvements, in the amount of \$147,500.

It is also proposed to cancel/reprogram the following projects from prior fiscal years:

- FY 2019-2020 District VII Neighborhood Bike Lanes \$125,000
- FY 2018-2019 Bike Lanes in District VII \$120,000
- FY 2017-2018 Bike Lanes in District VII \$43,759 (project balance)
- FY 2014-2015 Sidewalks in District VII \$10,651 (project balance)

The reprogramming and cancellation of these funds will allow the creation of the newly proposed "Park Facility in District VII" project which will entail the acquisition and/or construction of a park facility to include park amenities and other items as deemed necessary to enhance recreational activities in District VII. Funding for this new project derived from this reprogramming totals \$446,910.00

A public hearing will be held on July 26, 2021 during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1110 Houston St. Special services will be made available upon timely request for the physically impaired. Additionally, a 30-day comment period extending from June 28, 2021 to July 27, 2021 will be observed to allow interested persons the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. Mail comments to the attention of Tina Martinez, Director, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 1276, Laredo, TX 78040 or come by the Department of Community Development office located at 1301 Farragut, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Transit Center Building, Laredo, TX 78040. Comments may also be submitted via email to: cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us.



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Tina Martinez
CD Director

Fecha de Publicación: 6/27/2021

Aviso de Audiencia Pública
Propuesta de Modificación Substancial del Plan de Acción de Un Año del
“Community Development Block Grant” (CDBG)

La Ciudad de Laredo propone enmendar su Plan de Acción de Un Año 2020-2021 para permitir la modificación sustancial de un proyecto previamente identificado como "Carriles para Bicicletas en el Distrito VII" descrito en el plan 2020 como el diseño y la construcción de carriles para bicicletas incluyendo iluminación, marcas, señalización y mejoras relacionadas, por la cantidad de \$ 147,500.

También se propone cancelar/reprogramar los siguientes proyectos de años fiscales anteriores:

- Año Fiscal 2019-2020 Carriles para Bicicletas en el Vecindario del District VII \$125,000
- Año Fiscal 2018-2019 Carriles para Bicicletas en el Distrito VII \$120,000
- Año Fiscal 2017-2018 Carriles para Bicicletas en el Distrito VII \$43,759 (balance del proyecto)
- Año Fiscal 2014-2015 Banquetas en el Distrito VII \$10,651 (balance del proyecto)

La reprogramación y cancelación de estos fondos permitirá la creación del proyecto nuevo propuesto "Parque en el Distrito VII", que incluirá la adquisición y/o construcción de un parque incluyendo las comodidades y otros artículos que se consideren necesarios para mejorar las actividades recreativas en el Distrito VII. El financiamiento para este nuevo proyecto es derivado de esta reprogramación con un total de \$446,910.00

Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el 26 de Julio del 2021, a las 5:30 p.m. durante la junta ordinaria del Cabildo en la Cámara de Cabildo ubicada en 1110 Houston St. Servicios especiales se harán disponibles con solicitud oportuna para personas incapacitadas. Además, se permitirán 30 días para recibir comentarios del público sobre cambios comenzando el día 28 de Junio del 2021 y terminando el día 27 de Julio del 2021. Los comentarios pueden ser dirigidos a Tina Martínez, Directora del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad, 1301 Farragut, Tercer Piso, Centro de Transito, Laredo, TX 78040 o por correo a Apartado Postal 1276, Laredo, TX 78040. Los comentarios también pueden ser sometidos por correo electrónico a: edcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us



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Directora de CD

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Large crowd of people and other members in the Pride parade will take place in Laredo on June 27.

Pride Month closes in Laredo

Gateway City Pride Association holds parade downtown

INSIDER

By **Patricia Soto**
 Laredo, Texas
With a parade and a festival, the Gateway City Pride Association celebrated the end of Pride Month in Laredo on Sunday.



Gateway City Pride Association parade float will lead the Pride Parade on June 27.

PETA denounces LACS for halting animal intake

National organization states that not allowing new animals in is cruel to itself

INSIDER

By **Debra A. White**
 Laredo, Texas
Laredo Animal Care Services (LACS) has been denounced by PETA for halting animal intake.

According to PETA, LACS is the only animal shelter in Laredo that has not accepted any new animals since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. PETA says that this is a cruel and inhumane practice that is harmful to the animals and the shelter itself.

Disappearances rise on Mexico's 'highway of death' to border

INSIDER

By **Mark Gonzalez**
 Laredo, Texas
MEXICO CITY — An increase in disappearances has been reported along the highway connecting Mexico to the U.S. border.

Reports indicate that the number of disappearances has risen significantly in recent months, particularly in the area between Laredo and the border. Authorities are investigating the cases, but the exact reasons remain unclear.

USD approves \$3.5K payments to employees

INSIDER

By **Christian Alvarado Guajardo**
 Laredo, Texas
Congress has approved a bill that would allow for \$3,500 payments to employees.

The bill, known as the CARES Act, was passed by the House of Representatives and is now moving through the Senate. It is expected to be signed into law by the President.

Motion denied for reconsideration in quadruple murder case

INSIDER

By **Mark Gonzalez**
 Laredo, Texas
A motion for reconsideration in a quadruple murder case has been denied.



The case involves the deaths of four people in a single incident. The defendant is currently on trial, and the court has ruled against his request for a new trial.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Proposed Guidelines for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Gas Meter Action Plan

The City of Laredo is proposing to amend the 2020 CDBG Gas Meter Action Plan. The proposed amendments include: 1) increasing the number of gas meters to be replaced from 100 to 200; 2) increasing the number of gas meters to be replaced from 100 to 200; 3) increasing the number of gas meters to be replaced from 100 to 200.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 10:00 AM in the City Council Chamber, 1000 N. San Benito Street, Laredo, Texas. The hearing will be open to the public and anyone interested in the proposed amendments may wish to attend and provide comments.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (956) 796-4100.

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Por María Guadalupe

El juez federal de Laredo, Juan Carlos Rodríguez, ha rechazado la solicitud de exhumación de los cuerpos de los desaparecidos de la zona de Laredo, alegando que no hay evidencia suficiente para confirmar un asesinato colectivo.

El juez Rodríguez dijo que la exhumación de los cuerpos de los desaparecidos de la zona de Laredo, que se realizó en 1997, no ha proporcionado evidencia suficiente para confirmar un asesinato colectivo.

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RETA

Cuestionan que LACS detenga admisión de animales

Por Jorge A. Vela

Los funcionarios de la LACS (Laredo Animal Care Society) han cuestionado la decisión de la LACS de detener la admisión de animales de la zona de Laredo, alegando que no hay evidencia suficiente para confirmar un asesinato colectivo.

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La Administración Regional del Gobierno Federal de México entregó útiles escolares a los niños de la zona de Laredo, Tamaulipas, el pasado 23 de junio. En la imagen se puede observar a los niños y a los funcionarios de la administración regional.

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Impostor enviado a prisión tras afirmar ser agente de inmigración

El impostor fue enviado a prisión tras afirmar ser agente de inmigración. El caso se trata de un hombre que se hizo pasar por un agente de inmigración y fue capturado por la policía federal.



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EL ECONOMÍA

El boom del mercado residencial

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AGENDA LOCAL

Biología de Julio
El 15 de febrero, el Museo de Historia Natural de la Universidad de Laredo, presentará el libro "Biología de Julio" escrito por el profesor de Biología, Julio César Chávez. El libro describe la vida de los animales y plantas que viven en el desierto de Laredo.

Música de Julio
El 15 de febrero, el Museo de Historia Natural de la Universidad de Laredo, presentará el libro "Música de Julio" escrito por el profesor de Música, Julio César Chávez. El libro describe la vida de los músicos que viven en el desierto de Laredo.

Viveros de Julio
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¿Será la última pelea de Julio César Chávez?

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Chávez, quien tiene 40 años, anunció su retiro durante una conferencia de prensa en Laredo, Texas, el día de su cumpleaños número 40. Él dijo que quiere pasar más tiempo con su familia y disfrutar de su vida fuera del ring. Él también dijo que quiere seguir enseñando a los niños sobre la lucha libre y el deporte en general.

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Public Hearings (also Intro Ord) 1.

City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 07/26/2021

Initiated By: Kristina L. Hale,
Assistant City Manager

Staff Source: Tina Martinez, CD Director

SUBJECT



Planned and Moving

Public Hearing amending the 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan to allow for the substantial amendment of a previously identified project "Bike Lanes in District VII" described in the 2020 plan as the design and construction of bike lanes to include lighting, markings, signage and related improvements, in the amount of \$147,500.00.

It is also proposed to cancel/reprogram the following projects from prior fiscal years:

FY 2019-2020 District VII Neighborhood Bike Lanes \$125,000.00

FY 2018-2019 Bike Lanes in District VII \$120,000.00

FY 2017-2018 Bike Lanes in District VII \$43,759.00 (project balance)

FY 2014-2015 Sidewalks in District VII \$10,651.00 (project balance)

The reprogramming and cancellation of these funds will allow the creation of the newly proposed "Park Facility in District VII" project which will entail the acquisition and/or construction of a park facility to include park amenities and other items as deemed necessary to enhance recreational activities in District VII. Funding for this new project derived from this reprogramming totals \$446,910.00.

VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND

A 30-day comment period extending from June 28, 2021 to July 27, 2021 will be observed to allow interested persons the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes. Mail comments to the attention of Tina Martinez, Director, Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 1276, Laredo, TX 78040 or come by the Department of Community Development office located at 1301 Farragut, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Transit Center Building, Laredo, TX 78040. Comments may also be submitted via email to: cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That this public hearing be held.

	Fiscal Impact
Fiscal Year:	2020-2021
Budgeted Y/N?:	Y
Source of Funds:	CDBG
Account #:	211-9010
Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:	N
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	
No financial impact. The new project will be funded by the proposed substantial amendment and four prior year projects proposed for cancellation or reprogramming for a total of \$446,910.00.	

City Council

Meeting Date: 08/02/2021

Initiated By: Kristina L. Hale, Assistant City Manager

Staff Source: Tina Martinez, CD Director

SUBJECT

Planned and Moving



Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's 2020-2021 One Year Action Plan to allow for the substantial amendment of a previously identified project "Bike Lanes in District VII" described in the 2020 plan as the design and construction of bike lanes to include lighting, markings, signage and related improvements, in the amount of \$147,500.00.

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VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA

None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On July 26, 2021 a public hearing was held during the regular City Council meeting to allow citizens the opportunity to comment on the proposed reprogramming. No public comments were received.

BACKGROUND

A substantial amendment regarding the use of CDBG and HOME funds requires that citizens be informed of the proposed changes and be provided an opportunity to comment. In adherence with the Citizen's Participation Plan, citizens were provided 30 days beginning June 28, 2021 to July 27, 2021 to provide oral and/or written comments. No comments were received.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the motion be passed.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

Budgeted Y/N?: Y

Source of Funds: CDBG

Account #: 211-9010

Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N: N

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact, the new project will be funded by the substantial amendment in the amount of \$446,910.00

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

**APPENDIX A
SF424 AND SF424D FORMS**

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* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="78010"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
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="Mrs."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Rocia"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="B"/>	* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Martinez"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Director"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(956) 795-2675"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="(956) 795-2689"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="rmartinez2@ci.laredo.tx.us"/>		

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<p>14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</p> <input type="text" value=""/> <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, Housing Rehabilitation, Code Enforcement, Rental Rehabilitation, Public Facilities, Public Improvements, and Public Services including Graffiti Removal."/>	
<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="1,850,188.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="2,868.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,852,988.00"/>

*** 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 218, 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:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* 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. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the '98 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. §§4901 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 handicaps; (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 dd-3 and 290 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. 93-523); 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 1968 (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 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Laredo	7/28/2020

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e. Organizational Unit:		
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<input type="text" value="Community Development"/>	<input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix:	<input type="text" value="Mrs."/>	* First Name:
Middle Name:	<input type="text" value="E."/>	
* Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Kastines"/>	
Suffix:	<input type="text"/>	
Title:	<input type="text" value="Community Development Director"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number:	<input type="text" value="(956) 795-2678"/>	Fax Number:
	<input type="text" value="(956) 795-2699"/>	
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16. Congressional Districts Of:

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

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17. Proposed Project:

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

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,167,858.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="260,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,427,858.00"/>

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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 28, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

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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.
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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. §§4728-4763) 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).
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12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1509 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
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19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Laredo	DATE SUBMITTED 

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* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/> B-20-MC-40-0505	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text"/> City of Laredo, Texas		
* b. Employer/ taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text"/> 74-6001573	* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text"/> 6181504600000	
d. Address:		
* Street1: <input type="text"/> 1101 Zaragoza St. (Transit Center 3rd Floor)	Street2: <input type="text"/>	
* City: <input type="text"/> Laredo	County/Parish: <input type="text"/>	
* State: <input type="text"/> TX: Texas	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: <input type="text"/> USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text"/> 78040	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text"/> 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"/> Mrs.	* First Name: <input type="text"/> Maria	Middle Name: <input type="text"/> E
* Last Name: <input type="text"/> Martinez	Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text"/> Community Development Director		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text"/> (956) 795-2695	Fax Number: <input type="text"/> (956) 795-2689	
* Email: <input type="text"/> mmartinez2001.laredo.tx.us		

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="C: City or Township Government"/>	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.251"/>	
CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="Emergency Solutions Grant"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input style="background-color: yellow;" type="text"/>	
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17. Proposed Project:
 * a. Start Date: 01/01/2020 * b. End Date: 09/30/2021

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	327,812.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	327,812.00

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 ** I AGREE
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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: [Mr.] * First Name: Robert
 Middle Name: A.
 * Last Name: Leado
 Suffix: []
 * Title: City Manager
 * Telephone Number: (956) 791-7362 Fax Number: (956) 791-7498
 * Email: leado@ci.laredo.tx.us
 * Signature of Authorized Representative: [Signature] * Date Signed: 7/28/2020

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Laredo	7/26/2020

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* 3. Date Received <input type="text"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text" value="6-20-MC-40-0005"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="City of Laredo, Texas"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="74-6001573"/>	* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="618150460000"/>	
d. Address:		
* Street1: <input type="text" value="1301 Farragut St. (Transit Center 3rd Floor)"/>	Street2: <input type="text"/>	
* City: <input type="text" value="Laredo"/>	County/Parish: <input type="text"/>	
* State: <input type="text" value="TX: Texas"/>	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>	* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="78040"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
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="Mrs."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Narcia"/>	Middle Name: <input type="text" value="E"/>
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Martinez"/>	Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Director"/>		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(956) 795-2675"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="(956) 795-2689"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="nmartinez26ci.laredo.tx.us"/>		

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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"/>	
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<p>* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <input type="text" value=""/> <p>* Title:</p> <input type="text" value=""/>	
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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="3,849,601.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
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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 218, Section 1001)**

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

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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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): _____ * Other (Specify): _____
* 3. Date Received: [REDACTED]	4. Applicant Identifier: W-20-NC-48-0585	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: _____	5b. Federal Award Identifier: _____	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: _____	7. State Application Identifier: _____	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: City of Laredo, Texas		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 70-6001373	* c. Organizational DUNS: 6181584600000	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 1101 Farragut St. (Transit Center 3rd Floor)	Street2: _____	
* City: Laredo	County/Parish: _____	
* State: TX: Texas	Province: _____	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip/Postal Code: 78040	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Community Development	Division Name: _____	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mrs.	* First Name: Maria	
Middle Name: E	* Last Name: Martinez	
Suffix: _____	Title: Community Development Director	
Organizational Affiliation: _____		
* Telephone Number: (956) 755-2675	Fax Number: (956) 955-2689	
* Email: mmartinez2@ci.laredo.tx.us		

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<p>* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> 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="14.239"/>	
<p>CFDA Title:</p> <input type="text" value="HOPE Investment Partnership Program"/>	
<p>* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:</p> <input type="text"/>	
<p>* Title:</p> <input type="text"/>	
<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"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
<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), and Homeowner Reconstruction Program."/>	
<p>Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.</p> <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

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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="1,167,578.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="260,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,427,578.00"/>

* 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

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APPENDIX B
CERTIFICATIONS

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 specifics 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) 2020-2021 [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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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.

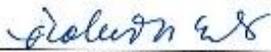
Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

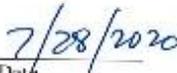
Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

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.

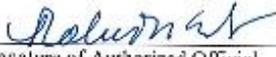
Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

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 - Alternate/Local Data Sources