



CITY OF LAREDO

**Community
Development
Department**

2021-2022 Annual Action Plan



Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2021 One-Year Action Plan serves as an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for 47th Action Year funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), 2021 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and 2021 Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG). This plan also serves as a strategic outline, which describes the proposed projects for the City during FY 2021-2022. The City of Laredo's Consolidated One-Year Action Plan for FY 2021-2022 represents the implementation of housing and non-housing strategies identified in the City's Consolidated Five-Year Action Plan. The City will receive \$3,748,497 in CDBG funds, \$1,158,599 in HOME funds, and \$328,355 in ESG funds from HUD. Upon award of these funds, the City proposes to undertake numerous activities to address the housing and non-housing needs of the community. Federal resources are as follows:

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

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

Through the use of CDBG funds, the City anticipates funding the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, Code Enforcement Program, Graffiti Removal Program, Downtown Senior Center, a Downtown Rental Rehabilitation program, park improvements in Districts I, II, III, IV, V, and VII, as well as construction of sidewalks in Districts I, III, IV, VII, and VIII.

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

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

In an effort to provide the above mentioned services for CDBG, HOME, and ESG initiatives, funds will be allocated for the payment of reasonable administrative costs and project delivery charges related to the planning and execution of community development activities. The City proposes to undertake all of the above-outlined initiatives in order to address the housing and non-housing needs of the community. These activities are proposed for the period beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, contingent upon the award of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. Refer to the Project section for a full description of each of these proposed projects.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

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

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

As evidenced by the submission of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD, the City of Laredo has been able to demonstrate that activities undertaken during the previous reporting period were consistent with the strategies identified in the City's 5 Year Consolidated Plan and 2020 Annual Plan. The City utilized CDBG program funds for a variety of activities, including, housing, code enforcement, public facilities and improvements, and public services.

On April 1st, 2021, the City received correspondence from HUD regarding the 2019-2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The City was congratulated for its performance and dedication to serving low and moderate-income persons and for its continuous timely delivery of services to the citizens of Laredo.

Regarding the HOME grant, HUD mentioned that the activities undertaken during this reporting period were consistent with the affordable housing strategy identified in the City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan and its 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Regarding the ESG program, HUD noted that activities undertaken by the City during this reporting period were found to be consistent with the homeless assistance strategy identified in the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and its FY2019 Action Plan (AP). HUD also thanked the City of Laredo and its dedicated staff for the continued effort of providing shelter and other services to its homeless clients and those at risk of becoming homeless.

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

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The citizen participation process included public notices, public hearings, an online survey and a comment period. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the City is conducting City Council meetings in person, yet, citizens comments are held virtually to reduce the amount of people in the City Council Chambers room and avoid the spread of the virus.

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

On April 4th, 2021 a notice was published in the Laredo Morning Times, the newspaper with the greatest circulation notifying citizens that CD would be receiving surveys and public comments through the following methods: during a Zoom online live public meeting, during a public hearing, in person at two city office locations, by phone, via e-mail at cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us, orally or in writing at the CD Admin office, and via an online survey.

The City is conducting City Council meetings in person, yet, citizens comments are held virtually to reduce the amount of people in the City Council Chambers room and avoid the spread of the virus.

The City collected a total of 205 online surveys which were available through the Survey Monkey site in English and Spanish in an effort to collect additional public input. The availability of the online survey was promoted in the newspaper, in the City's website, in the City's Facebook page, via posters posted at different City and Non-profit agencies' offices and during the City Council meeting. The survey helped in identifying the community needs and projects they would like to see funded in FY 2021-2022.

A public hearing was held on April 19, 2021 during the regular scheduled City Council meeting, in order to give citizens another opportunity to express their housing and community development needs. During this meeting, no comments were received. A second public hearing was held on June 7th, 2021 during the regular scheduled City Council virtual meeting as part of the City's Citizen Participation Plan to allow the public to comment on the proposed use of funds. No comments were received. Additionally, the thirty day comment period began on 6/7/21 and ended on 7/6/21 in order for the public to review the plan and provide comments. No comments were received.

5. Summary of public comments

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

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

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

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

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

7. Summary

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

Posters announcing the survey information and other ways to comment were posted at the Laredo Housing Authority, Bethany House (homeless shelter), COVID-19 Response Programs Center, CD Admin office, Municipal Housing office, Health Department of the City of Laredo, City Hall, City Hall Annex, Building Department of the City of Laredo, NeighborWorks office, and Habitat for Humanity.

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

The community needs survey was available online through Survey Monkey and posted on our City website (main page) for easy accessibility. The link to the survey was also emailed internally to city staff members. Paper surveys were also available at the Municipal Housing and COVID-19 Response Programs offices upon request for those who couldn't access the survey via a computer.

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

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

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

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

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Laredo’s Community Development Department serves as the lead agency responsible for administering the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs covered in the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan. It manages the City’s HUD grant portfolio and develops the Annual Action Plan. The office works to ensure that the City of Laredo, an entitlement community, maximizes the use of its HUD funding to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for its citizens. The Laredo City Council awards funding to qualified subrecipient agencies and city departments to conduct the activities outlined in this plan.

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

1. Introduction

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

For the creation of the 2021-2022 Action Plan, the City also looked at the City's Comprehensive Plan "Viva Laredo", which was adopted by City Council on September of 2017. This is the City's first strategic development plan since 1991 and was created with the input from thousands of Laredo residents. The city's comprehensive plan provides the basis for public policy in Laredo regarding community wide concerns such as housing, homelessness, mobility, community/economic development and quality of life. The Viva Laredo comprehensive plan establishes priorities for public-sector action while at the same time providing direction for complementary private-sector decisions.

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

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

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

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

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

On June 8th, 2021, the City of Laredo consulted with the Texas Homeless Network (THN), the Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) in an effort to address the needs of the homeless, and those on the verge of becoming homeless, within the City of Laredo. After responding to THN's questions and comments, a letter of support from the TX BoS CoC was received and is attached as Appendix I. This letter states that THN and the CoC will continue to support the City's efforts to address homelessness, including administering ESG, and activities to increase the supply of and access to affordable housing in Laredo.

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

On May 19th, 2021, The Texas Homeless Network (THN) shared with us data from the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. Regarding the City's HIC data, THN shared the City's 2021 report that shows what shelter and housing is available to serve people experiencing homelessness. Regarding the PIT Count, the report starts with an explanation of why the 2021 PIT Count was so different from the 2020 PIT Count. THN explained that because of COVID-19, the 2021 data includes only a count of sheltered people, not unsheltered people. THN also mentioned that for the 2021-2022 Action Plan, the City could use the 2021 sheltered count and the 2020 unsheltered count. Both reports can be found on Appendix K.

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

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

outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

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

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

THN reviewed the ESG allocation amounts per category and agreed with these. The City looks forward to the performance standards and evaluating outcomes to be implemented by THN in the future. The City also plans on providing input, as needed, for any policies and procedures to be developed.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Border Region MHMR Behavioral Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. Border Region Behavioral Health Center is funded by both the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) and The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and has continued to operate several programs that provide temporary housing and support services to persons who are mentally challenged. BRBHC serves approximately 9,000 clients (adults and children) per year. Programs include: Intellectual Development Disabilities, Mental Health Services, Primary Health Care, and Substance Abuse Services, outreach services to mentally ill, homeless adults, children, and adolescents who are residents of Webb, Starr, Jim Hogg, and Zapata Counties regardless of their ability to pay. Additional services include Veterans Services and Telemedicine. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to individuals through the Coordinated Entry process.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Bethany House of Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Employment

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
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	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The agency was consulted through email. Bethany House provides services for temporary housing (Transitional) for families with children. During the course of these services, agency/staff provides intensive case management assistance, referrals, job coaching to include resume writing, mock interviews, and interviewing skills, housing coaching, and collaboration with other agencies to engage clients in substance abuse and mental health services. Chronic homeless are provided with essential services in the area of agency referrals, clothing referrals, meal and shelter program, transportation, and mental health and substance abuse (co-occurring disorder) services as needed. In addition, our Outreach program targets the street homeless, and information is disseminated to engage them in services. The following are offered to homeless individuals, families and those at risk of becoming homeless: Food Pantry Program, Homebound Delivery Program, and other Emergency Assistance. During the pandemic, the agency integrated additional resources through the CARES Act (ESG-CV) to assist our homeless population and complement our ongoing assistance in the areas of Shelter Operations, Essential Services, Street Outreach Services, data collection, direct assistance through the Rapid-rehousing program, and Homelessness Prevention Program to prevent the initial or further spread of COVID-19 to people experiencing homelessness, and/or people at risk of homelessness. In addition, the agency participates in the local Laredo Homeless Coalition and networks with other agencies, city, state, and the federal government to provide updates on current programs and information regarding the issues of homelessness. Texas Homeless Network and the Homeless Management Information System are vital in providing critical updates and also measurement of effectiveness. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was to seek information regarding the various programs and services offered, the identification of the needs of the community and gaps, and better coordination of the services offered to the homeless population.</p>
3	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Casa de Misericordia</p>

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. Casa de Misericordia (Casa) provides shelter and support services to adults and children who are homeless due to domestic violence. Casas services includes twenty four hour full service emergency shelter and crisis hotline, information and referral, safety planning, advocacy and intervention services, support groups, counseling intervention services, case management, tutoring, educational arrangements, music classes, summer camps for children, educational, life skills classes, primary prevention services and community education. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The agency was consulted through email. The programs provided by this agency are: Emergency Assistance to help individuals/families with utilities and rent, Immigration Services which help families to stay united and allow for lawful employment, Senior Services will provide interactive activity on a daily basis to ensure they have a safe and secure environment through education and food distribution. nutritional meals and daily interactions for seniors 60 years and older, Disaster or Humanitarian Relief assists families who have suffered a disaster and seek a place to lie as we assist families who found themselves in desperate situations and flee their countries for asylum, Mission providing medical and home repair missions for low income communities. They also provide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, food drives and toy drives. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.</p>
5	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD)</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Other government - Local</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>HOPWA Strategy</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Consulted through email. The goal of the state funded HOPWA Program is to provide housing assistance and supportive services for income-eligible individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families to establish or better maintain a stable living environment in housing that is affordable and livable, safe, and sanitary, to reduce the risk of homelessness, and to improve access to health care and supportive services. Also provided are HIV/STD/Hepatitis B and C screening, testing and treatment, Mental Health and Substance Abuse screening, counseling, and treatment, HIV Community Mobilization, condom distribution, prevention and education. HIV care services provides needed case management for people living with HIV along with assistance to see a HIV medical provider and get needed lab work, TB, and immunizations. The program provides assistance with medical and social services through its network of internal and external referrals to ensure that clients are maintaining a healthy lifestyle while living with HIV. In addition, 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. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to our community.</p>
6	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF LAREDO, INC.</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc. builds simple, decent and affordable single family homes. The organization also rehabilitates and does critical home repairs. Partnerships with the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs, foundations, local donors and vendors plus donated volunteer labor keep the cost of the homes affordable to the families who receive a zero interest mortgage upon completion of 500 hours of sweat equity. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Laredo Community College
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. LC offers students a variety of certificate and degree programs and continually adds programs and student support services to accomplish its mission of making education accessible to all. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to our community. NOTE: The college name has changed to Laredo College.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Laredo Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The agency was consulted through email. The Housing Authority of the City of Laredo, Texas administers three housing programs: Low-Income Public Housing, Farm Labor Housing, and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8). The Low income Public Housing Program provides decent and safe rental housing for 764 eligible low-income families with 732 units in Laredo and 32 in Asherton. The Farm Labor Housing Program provides decent and safe rental housing for eligible migrant families in 48 USDA designated farm labor units. The Section 8 Program provides assistance to 1,779 low-income families with various types of vouchers such as the Housing Choice , Project Based, VASH, Mainstream, Emergency Housing, RAD, and Mod Rehab. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.</p>
9	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>NeighborWorks Laredo</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Education Service-Fair Housing</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. NeighborWorks Laredo (NWL) Services include: Homebuyer Classes and Counseling, Foreclosure Prevention Counseling, Financial Management, has 67 affordable rental units and is now offering small consumer lending. NWL is in the process of becoming a CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution). NWL empowers individuals and families to fulfill the American dream through education, counseling, and available resources. NW Laredo will continue to offer foreclosure counseling services to save families from becoming homeless. NW Laredo also offers Financial Management and counseling that includes guiding clients with their credit goals. NWL has acquired vacant lots and is in the process of constructing three affordable single family houses. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	LULAC Haven, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs

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

12	Agency/Group/Organization	Serving Children and Adults in Need (SCAN)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. SCAN provides individuals with access to a variety of evidence-based prevention, intervention, and treatment services that are delivered by highly trained and caring staff members. The agency provides the following programs: Adult Outpatient Treatment, Alcohol Education for Minors, Arco Iris Transitional Living, Border Reentry and Community Integration, Border Traumatic Stress Response Center, Cooccurring Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders, DWI Outpatient Program, Emergency Shelter, Esperanza Youth Recovery Home, Family and Youth Success, Futuros Brillantes YPU Val Verde, Futuros Con Promesa, Healthy Border Initiative Project, Mental Health Awareness Training, Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support, RGV Youth Recovery House, Runaway and Homeless Youth, Youth Outpatient Program, among other programs in order to foster the healthy development of individuals through trauma informed empowerment opportunities that are rooted in the community. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to individuals through the Coordinated Entry process.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Villa San Luis
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. Provides section 8, 202, and 221 housing for low income individuals. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Texas A&M International University
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), a proud member of the Texas A&M University System, prepares students for leadership roles in an increasingly complex, culturally diverse state, national, and global society. TAMIU provides a learning environment built on a solid academic foundation in the arts and sciences with a commitment to community engagement through its service learning programs. The University offers a range of baccalaureate and masters programs and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in International Business Administration and Criminal Justice. Now a regional University of choice serving over 8,000 students, TAMIU is home to five colleges: The College of Arts and Sciences, the A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business, the College of Education and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences with its Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing, and University College. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to our community.

15	Agency/Group/Organization	The Salvation Army
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. The agency works with United Way and other non-profit agencies. Services provided include Christmas Assistance, Food Pantry, Clothing and Household Goods Vouchers, Summer Day Camp, and Homeless Shelter as well as the School of Music Program, Youth Program and Womens and Mens Ministries. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was to seek information regarding the various programs and services offered, the identification of the needs of the community and gaps, and better coordination of the services offered to the homeless population.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	LAREDO-WEBB COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The agency was consulted through email. Services include: Utility Assistance; Emergency Food distribution; skills training; Case Management; Rural Mass Transit; Meals-on-Wheels; Elderly Nutrition; Financial Literacy; Computer Literacy; Construction classes; Tool Library; Colonia clean-up of illegal dump sites; housing rehab; new house construction; major reconstruction and small home improvements. This agency also provides emergency rental assistance and mortgage assistance. Funding comes from grants provided by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; Texas Dept. of Transportation; Texas Department of Health and Human Commission; County of Webb; FEMA, Texas Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to the families in our community.</p>
17	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>MileOne</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Education Services-Employment Business Leaders</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Economic Development</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. MileOne is an economic resource center focused on the growth and economic prosperity of Laredo and Webb county region. Their mission is to build capacity for entrepreneurial expansion in our region by establishing an eco-system that promotes business opportunities, investment and job growth. MileOne is utilizing three main initiatives to develop a robust entrepreneurial climate: (1) Assist small-mid size businesses create sustainability and growth; (2) Incubate start up and existing business ventures through dedicated mentorship, office space, and workshops; (3) Attract foreign & domestic direct investment. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered to our community.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Webb County Youth Village
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Corrections Programs and Institutions
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through phone. Some of the services that this agency provides include: 24/7 detention services, transportation to services needed by the youth, educational services for individuals who are unable to attend school as well as probation services. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered in our community.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Workforce Solutions for South Texas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency was consulted through email. This is a local organization that implements a system of services focused to increase our communitys economic development - as a resource for employers to access workforce they are seeking, and training individuals to be successfully employed. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was the identification of the needs of the community and better coordination of the services offered in our community.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Laredo
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department of Community Development consults with the Mayor and City Council members during public City Council meetings to discuss the proposed projects for the next fiscal year. The anticipated outcome of the consultation was to ensure that citizen's needs from the different low/mod areas of the districts are met to the greatest extent feasible.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Laredo Fire Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Hazard Mitigation

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Laredo Fire Department is part of the City Council meetings in which the ideas as well as the proposed projects for the next fiscal year are discussed. The anticipated outcome of the consultation is to identify the needs of the community and identify programs or projects to address these including being better prepared in case of a flood and other emergencies in our community.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

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

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 due to the highly contagious nature of this virus. Nonetheless, the City did not exclude any agency during the process of the preparation of this 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. The City believes that our goals overlap with the goals and strategies stated in the CoC Action draft plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City recognizes that collaboration with both private and public entities is important in providing effective services to the citizens of Laredo. A high priority of the City of Laredo efforts to meeting its objectives and goals is the coordination of efforts between the City and the agencies that service our community. By continuing to work with the agencies, as well as other city departments we will strive to find new approaches to addressing the community issues.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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

On April 4th, 2021 a notice was published in the Laredo Morning Times, the newspaper with the greatest circulation notifying citizens that CD would be receiving surveys and public comments through the following methods: during a Zoom online live public meeting, during a public hearing, in person at two city office locations, by phone, via e-mail at cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us, orally or in writing at the CD Admin office, and via an online survey. The City collected a total of 205 online surveys which were available through the Survey Monkey site in English and Spanish in an effort to collect additional public input. The availability of the online survey was promoted in the newspaper, in the City's website, in the City's Facebook page, via posters posted at different City and Non-profit agencies' offices and during the City Council meeting. The survey helped in identifying the community needs and projects they would like to see funded in FY 2021-2022.

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

A public hearing was held on April 19, 2021 during the regular scheduled City Council virtual meeting, in order to give citizens another opportunity to express their housing and community development needs. During this meeting, no comments were received.

A second public hearing was held on June 7th, 2021 during the regular scheduled City Council meeting as part of the City's Citizen Participation Plan to allow the public to comment on the proposed use of funds. The City is conducting City Council meetings in person, yet, citizens comments are held virtually, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to reduce the amount of people in the City Council Chambers room and avoid the spread of the virus.

No comments were received. Additionally, the thirty day comment period began on 6/7/21 and ended on 7/6/21 in order for the public to review the plan and provide comments. No comments were received.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Laredo published a public notice in the Laredo Morning Times on 4/4/21 announcing the Community Needs survey, other ways of submitting public comments and the first public hearing held on 4/19/21.	No comments received.	No comments received.	N/A

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Online Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Laredo held an online live public meeting on 4/16/21 via Zoom in order to receive comments regarding the use of funds.	Comments received included the waiting period for rental and mortgage assistance applications, the pick-up of debris left by the winter storm and eligibility for the COVID assistance programs.	All comments were heard and read.	N/A

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	<p>The City of Laredo held a public hearing on 4/19/21 during the City Council meeting in order to receive comments regarding the use of funds.</p>	<p>No comments received.</p>	<p>No comments received.</p>	<p>https://www.cityoflaredo.com/city-council/council-activities/council-minutes/2021Min/M2021-R-07.pdf</p>

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

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

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
7	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	The City of Laredo had a public hearing on 6/7/21 during the City Council Meeting in order to receive comments regarding the proposed use of funds.	No comments received.	No comments received.	http://www.cityoflaredo.com/city-council/council-activities/council-minutes/2021Min/M2021-R-10.pdf

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
8	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The City made its 2021-2022 Community Needs Survey available online in English and Spanish through Survey Monkey.	A total of 205 surveys were collected online and the results of the survey which denotes the percentage of respondents that indicated that there was either a great need, some need, or no need for a particular activity or service can be found in the Appendix Section D.	All comments were heard and read. However, due that there is limited funding, not all comments received will result in the creation of a goal. The amount of funding to be received dictates the number of projects that can be carried out.	N/A

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

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The anticipated budget for FY 2021-2022 is as follows: CDBG \$3,748,497, HOME \$1,158,599 and, ESG \$328,355. The City of Laredo anticipates the receipt of \$260,000 in HOME program income. The City also anticipates receiving \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$6,506) and projects under this program (\$65,494), totaling \$3,820,497.00

of CDBG funds expected to be available on year 2.

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	3,748,497	0	0	3,748,497	11,245,491	CDBG funds will be used for a housing rehabilitation loan program, code enforcement, graffiti removal, a downtown senior recreational program, a downtown rental rehabilitation program, park improvements in Districts I, II, III, IV, V, and VII, as well as construction of sidewalks in Districts I, III, IV, VII, and VIII. A minimum of 70% of funds will be used to address the low and moderate national objective. CDBG Funds used throughout the City will leverage other federal, local, and private funds. The City also anticipates receiving \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$6,506) and projects under this program (\$65,494), totaling \$3,820,497 expected to be available on year 2.

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	1,158,599	260,000	0	1,418,599	4,255,797	HOME funds will be used to provide Down Payment Assistance, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, fund Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), for a Homeowner Reconstruction Program and an Affordable Rental Housing Program. HOME funds will leverage other federal, local, and private funds.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	328,355	0	0	328,355	985,065	Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds will be used to fund Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, and Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) in order to reduce homelessness in the city. ESG match requirements will be met by requiring organizations to achieve a 100% match of all funds received.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

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

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

The City of Laredo has been determined by HUD to be an area of severe fiscal distress, for this reason, the HOME matching requirement is waved 100% for FY 2021-2022. However, in support of the City's HOME funded Down Payment Assistance Program, the program is estimated to leverage approximately \$1,200,000 in private sector mortgage loan financing for FY 2021-2022.

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 2021 is at least \$328,355.00. The City's ESG subrecipients submit the match documentation to city staff; the information is verified for compliance before payment is processed for reimbursement. In addition, 100% match on all expenditures must be provided after the date that HUD signs the grant agreement.

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

As mentioned before, the City of Laredo will continue to look at several City owned properties to be used to address the needs identified in the plan. These lots can be used for the potential construction of affordable housing for qualifying low and moderate income families. As well as for the development of public facilities and the provision of public services. In addition, the City is currently working on the application for a HUD Section 108 loan which will help with the conversion of the Southern Hotel, a city-owned building located in downtown Laredo, into mixed income rental housing.

Additionally, the Laredo Housing Authority continues to evaluate the amount of vacant residential lots through a city wide study which the City can use for the purpose of planning projects through various programs/activities by non-profits and the private sector.

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: \$1,227,624 HOME: \$100,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 22 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 27 Household Housing Unit
2	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		New Construction of Housing	HOME: \$544,599	Rental units constructed: 3 Household Housing Unit 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: 100 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Homeless Assistance	2020	2024	Homeless		Homelessness Assistance	ESG: \$312,097	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 16 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 7518 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 11 Persons Assisted
6	Public Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities	CDBG: \$506,000	Other: 6 Other
7	Public Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Improvements	CDBG: \$320,000	Other: 5 Other
8	Code Enforcement	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$508,107	Other: 102155 Other
9	Public Service	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Service	CDBG: \$196,550	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			CDBG: \$1,062,216 HOME: \$114,000 ESG: \$16,258	

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Goal Description	<p>The Housing Rehabilitation program will provide persons of low-moderate income (at or below 80% of AMI) an opportunity to rehabilitate their homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Qualifying owner occupants may receive Housing Rehabilitation loans of up to \$50,000; Reconstruction loans in amounts determined on a case by case basis; and livability grants up to \$15,000. The City estimates to assist 22 households with the Housing Rehabilitation Program and 4 households with the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program.</p> <p>The Homeowner Reconstruction Program project will provide a low-moderate income (at or below 80% of AMI) household an opportunity to reconstruct its home and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Reconstruction loan amount will be determined on a case by case basis with an affordability period of 20 years. The City estimates to assist 1 household with this program.</p> <p>The Downtown Rental Rehabilitation project will consist of the rehabilitation of an existing building located downtown for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households. The City estimates to assist 22 households after the project is completed.</p>
2	Goal Name	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation
	Goal Description	<p>The City will reserve HOME allocation for investment in housing to be developed, sponsored, or owned by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for the provision of decent housing that is affordable to low and moderate income persons. The City estimates to assist 2 households under this program.</p> <p>The Affordable Rental Housing program entails the acquisition, rehabilitation, design and/or construction of rental housing units for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households. The City estimates to assist 3 households under this program.</p>
3	Goal Name	Homebuyer Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide down payment assistance to qualifying low-income first-time homebuyers citywide at or below 80% AMI. City estimates to assist 12 households under this program.

4	Goal Name	Rental Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide tenant-based rental assistance to elderly persons, who wish to live in the downtown area, at or below 60% of HAMFI. The City estimates to assist 100 households under this program.
5	Goal Name	Homeless Assistance
	Goal Description	Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) funds will be used to fund Homeless Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach, Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS), and Rapid Re-housing in order to reduce homelessness in the city. The City estimates to assist 16 households with the Rapid Rehousing Program, 11 households with the Homelessness Prevention Program and 7,518 persons at the homeless shelters.
6	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	These projects will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of park improvements at various public facilities located in low and moderate income areas throughout the city. The six proposed projects will be located in Districts I, II, III, IV, V and VII. The City plans on undertaking 6 park improvement projects under this goal.
7	Goal Name	Public Improvements
	Goal Description	These projects 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, street improvements and/or other amenities as deemed necessary in Districts I, III, IV, VII, and VIII. The City plans on undertaking 5 sidewalks projects under this goal.
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. The City estimates to assist 102,155 persons residing in low/moderate income census tracts with this program.

9	Goal Name	Public Service
	Goal Description	<p>The Graffiti removal program will provide services with manpower and materials in the removal of graffiti from public facilities such as parks, sidewalks, bridges, underpasses, and creeks that are located within CDBG target areas. The City estimates to assist 102,155 persons residing in low/moderate income census tracts with this program.</p> <p>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. The City estimates to assist 100 persons with this program.</p>
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

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City will receive \$3,748,497 in CDBG funds, \$1,158,599 in HOME funds, and \$328,355 in ESG funds from HUD.

Through the use of CDBG funds, the City anticipates funding the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program, Code Enforcement Program, Graffiti Removal Program, Downtown Senior Center, a Downtown Rental Rehabilitation program, park improvements in Districts I, II, III, IV, V, and VII, as well as construction of sidewalks in Districts I, III, IV, VII, and VIII.

The City also anticipates receiving \$72,000 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds to be used for the administration of the Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$6,506) and projects under this program (\$65,494).

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

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

ESG Program Administration: \$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: \$60,543

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

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

60% as required by HUD.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	2021 Community Development Administration
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program
4	Code Enforcement
5	Graffiti Removal Program
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program
7	Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program
8	Park Improvements in District I
9	Sidewalks in District I
10	Park Improvements in District II
11	Park Improvements in District III
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Table 7 - 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 a Community Needs Survey collected by the City, and through a

public hearing where citizens could voice how the City could assist them in providing for those needs.

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.

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019, 5 year Estimates indicated that 26.7% of people lived in poverty in Laredo, 36.8% of children under 18 lived below the poverty level, compared with 21.2% of people 18-64 years of age and 24.3% for those 65 years of age and over. For this reason, the collaboration with local agencies, institutions of higher education, and service providers remain critical in addressing the needs of the underserved.

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 funding, as may become available, in support of the housing and non-housing priorities identified in this plan.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	2021 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: \$738,000
	Description	This is for payment of reasonable administrative costs and carrying charges related to the planning and execution of community development activities assisted in whole or in part with Community Development Block Grant funds.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	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	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	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 Rehabilitation Program will provide persons of low-moderate income an opportunity to rehabilitate their homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Qualifying owner occupants may receive Housing Rehabilitation loans of up to \$50,000; Reconstruction loans in amounts determined on a case by case basis; and livability grants of up to \$15,000. It is estimated that the program will fund 8 housing rehabilitation loans and 14 livability grants.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	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	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Code Enforcement.
5	Project Name	Graffiti Removal Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$31,550
	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	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Graffiti removal program.
	Project Name	Downtown Senior Recreational Program

6	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$165,000
	Description	This project entails the operation of a recreation program for seniors residing in the downtown area.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Public service for the elderly.
7	Project Name	Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$562,130
	Description	This project will consist of the rehabilitation of an existing building located downtown for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
Planned Activities	Housing Rehabilitation.	
8	Project Name	Park Improvements in District I
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities

	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$59,000
	Description	The project will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of park improvements at a public facility located in a low/moderate income area in District I.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Park Improvements
9	Project Name	Sidewalks in District I
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$59,000
	Description	This project entails the design, testing, and/or construction of public improvements to be located in low and moderate income areas of District I. The proposed public improvements include sidewalks, street improvements and/or other amenities as deemed necessary.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
Planned Activities	Public improvements such as sidewalks, street improvements and/or other amenities.	
10	Project Name	Park Improvements in District II
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities

	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$118,000
	Description	The project will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of park improvements at a public facility located in a low/moderate income area in District II.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Park Improvements
11	Project Name	Park Improvements in District III
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$68,000
	Description	The project will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of park improvements at a public facility located in a low/moderate income area in District III.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Park Improvements
12	Project Name	Sidewalks in District III
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements

	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	This project entails the design, testing, and/or construction of public improvements to be located in low and moderate income areas of District I. The proposed public improvements include sidewalks, street improvements and/or other amenities as deemed necessary.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Public improvements such as sidewalks, street improvements and/or other amenities.
13	Project Name	Park Improvements in District IV
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	The project will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of park improvements at a public facility located in a low/moderate income area in District IV.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Park Improvements
14	Project Name	Sidewalks in District IV
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements

	Funding	CDBG: \$43,000
	Description	This project entails the design, testing, and/or construction of public improvements to be located in low and moderate income areas of District IV. The proposed public improvements include sidewalks, street improvements and/or other amenities as deemed necessary.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Public improvements such as sidewalks, street improvements and/or other amenities.
15	Project Name	Park Improvements in District V
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$118,000
	Description	The project will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of park improvements at a public facility located in a low/moderate income area in District V.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Park Improvements
16	Project Name	Sidewalks in District VII
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements

	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	This project entails the design, testing, and/or construction of public improvements to be located in low and moderate income areas of District VII. The proposed public improvements include sidewalks, street improvements and/or other amenities as deemed necessary.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Public improvements such as sidewalks, street improvements and/or other amenities.
17	Project Name	Park Improvements in District VII
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$68,000
	Description	The project will entail the design, testing, and/or construction of park improvements at a public facility located in a low/moderate income area in District VII.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Park Improvements
18	Project Name	Sidewalks in District VIII
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Public Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements

	Funding	CDBG: \$118,000
	Description	This project entails the design, testing, and/or construction of public improvements to be located in low and moderate income areas of District VIII. The proposed public improvements include sidewalks, street improvements and/or other amenities as deemed necessary.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Public improvements such as sidewalks, street improvements and/or other amenities.
19	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,506
	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	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administration
20	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,494
	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	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Housing rehabilitation.
21	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homebuyer Assistance Rental Assistance
	Needs Addressed	New Construction of Housing Homebuyer Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$114,000
	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	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Administration.
22	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	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Down Payment Assistance.
23	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	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Tenant based rental assistance.
24	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	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	New construction of owner occupied housing.
25	Project Name	Homeowner Reconstruction Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rehabilitation of Existing Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	HOME: \$100,000
	Description	The Homeowner Reconstruction Program will provide 1 low-moderate income household an opportunity to rehabilitate its homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Qualifying owner occupant may receive a reconstruction loans in an amount determined on a case by case basis with an affordability period of 15 years.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Housing reconstruction loan.
26	Project Name	Affordable Rental Housing Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Acquisition/Acquisition Relocation
	Needs Addressed	New Construction of Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$344,599
	Description	This project entails the acquisition, rehabilitation, design and/or construction of rental housing units for the purpose of providing affordable rental housing units to be available to low income households.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	New construction of housing units.
27	Project Name	ESG 21 Laredo
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Assistance
	Funding	ESG: \$328,355
	Description	This consists of the payment of reasonable administrative costs and programs for homeless assistance activities funded through the Emergency Solutions Grant.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	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 FY 2021 ACS 5-Year 2011-2015 low and moderate-income summary data, certain areas of the City have high concentrations of low-income residents. Census Tracts and block groups with populations of 51% or more of low and moderate income persons but less 70% include:

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

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

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

According to the 2019 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, in terms of race, Laredo's population is 95.8% White, 0.5% Black or African American, 0.2% American Indian and Alaska Native, 0.5% Asian, and, and 0.5% two or more races. Of the total population, 95.4% are Hispanic or Latino and 3.6% are White alone. Because Laredo's ethnic population is 95.4% Hispanic or Latino, every area of the city is considered an area of minority concentration.

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

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

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

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

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

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

Discussion

The City plans to use its 2021-2022 CDBG allocation in CDBG eligible areas within the City of Laredo, no specific target area was identified for any of the proposed projects.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	16
Non-Homeless	43
Special-Needs	100
Total	159

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	127
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	27
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	159

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

Discussion

The City of Laredo will take a several approaches to meeting the affordable housing need for low and moderate income households. First, the provision ESG funds for homeless households. The Homelessness Prevention program will pay back owed rent, rent, utilities, deposits, and/or housing placement for approximately 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 100 elderly households at or below 60% of HAMFI. Third, the City will assist in the preservation of existing housing stock through the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Programs; 26 low and moderate income homeowners will be given the opportunity to rehabilitate their homes and live in a safe, decent, sanitary, and suitable environment. Fourth, HOME funds will be awarded to a Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) for investment in approximately 2 housing units to be developed for low and moderate income persons.

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

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

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

- Homeless: 16 households under the Rapid Rehousing Program
- Non-Homeless: 11 households under the Homelessness Prevention Program, 22 households under the Housing Rehabilitation Program, 4 households under the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program, 1 household under the Homeowner Reconstruction Program, 2 households by CHDOs, and 3 households under the Affordable Rental Housing Project for a total of 43 beneficiaries.
- Special Needs: 100 households under the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program

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

- Rental Assistance: 16 households under the Rapid Rehousing Program, 11 households under the Homelessness Prevention Program and 100 households under the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for a total of 127 beneficiaries.
- The Production of New Units: 2 households by CHDOs and 3 households under the Affordable Rental Housing Project for a total of 5 beneficiaries.
- Rehab of Existing Units: 22 households under the Housing Rehabilitation Program, 4 households under the Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program and 1 household under the Homeowner Reconstruction Program for a total of 27 beneficiaries.

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

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

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

Throughout the year, the City of Laredo will continue working in collaboration with the Laredo Housing Authority (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 providing the necessary assistance which will allow residents to live independently. LHA will continue to assist families and individuals of very-low income to secure safe, decent, and sanitary housing. During the next fiscal year, LHA anticipates providing assistance through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV), Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Mainstream Vouchers, Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Project Based Vouchers, Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV), 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 improve 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, roof replacement, floor replacement, sidewalks,

landscaping, grading and filling, roof replacement, shower renovation, electrical service upgrades, entry doors, 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, permanent supportive housing, redevelopment of the Russell Terrace Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) property, Meadow Elderly RAD property, and Low-Income Tax Credit properties such as the Casa Verde Apartments and the River Bank Village Apartments.

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

LHA will continue to maintain activities and services that promote self-sufficiency, resident organizations, resident training, community development, and other services. These will be accomplished by providing resident training related to housekeeping, 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 Workforce Solutions for South Texas. In partnership with Laredo College, English as a Second Language classes are offered to residents. These classes are designed for adults of limited English proficiency. ESL consists of integrated listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.

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 a 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 were completed in January 2020 and the leasing of 162 units is complete.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City anticipates receiving \$328,355 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 \$60,543
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) \$8,000

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

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

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

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

including

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

In order to address the homeless needs of the community, the City of Laredo will continue to support organizations that reach out to homeless individuals in order to create a better service system to address these needs. Through the funding of the following ESG components: Homelessness Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach, and HMIS, the City will ensure those in most need will receive this type of assistance. The City will advertise a Request for Proposals in June 2021, 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. 2021 Emergency Shelter funds will be utilized for the operating costs of local homeless shelters such as for maintenance, insurance, furnishings, food, and staff payroll. The City will also provide essential services including those related to employment, health, drug abuse, or educational services to those staying at the homeless shelter. By collaborating with agencies, the City will strive to serve approximately 7,518 or more people (possibly duplicate clients) at the shelters with the various programs available.

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 approximately two (2) housing units to be developed for low and moderate income persons.

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

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

In addition, the City, 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.

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 2019 American Community Survey, 5-year estimates, show that 26.7% of individuals live below the poverty level.

The City contracted with Blulynx Solutions to develop the “2018 Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice”. The 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 2021-2022, 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 property tax rate for the City of Laredo 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 could use for the purpose of infill housing activities through various programs/activities by non-profits and the private sector.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

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

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019, 5 year Estimates indicated that 26.7% of people lived in poverty in Laredo, 36.8% of children under 18 lived below the poverty level, compared with 21.2% of people 18-64 years of age and 24.3% for those 65 years of age and over.

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

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

- The City's HOME Program currently provides down payment assistance of up to \$30,000 to households at 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.

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 one (1) Lead Risk Assessors with the Department of Community Development. The Department owns its own thermal scientific NitonXLt portable XRF analyzer. In order to reduce lead-based paint hazards, the City informs residents, through its HR Program and also through the Health Department, of the sources of lead-based paint, the symptoms associated with lead poisoning, and precautions to take to prevent lead-based paint poisoning. The Lead Risk Assessor evaluates the condition of the paint in the unit and forms an opinion as to the level of lead-based paint hazard using guidelines established by HUD and the EPA. If the Lead Risk Assessor determines there is a lead based risk hazard in the subject property, the Lead Risk Assessor, following established federal guidelines, determines what lead hazard control/abatement must be done.

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

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

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

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

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

In an effort to reduce the incidence of poverty in Laredo, the City will implement the following efforts during FY 2021-2022:

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 budgeted \$924,203 to assist third party organizations, many of which are identified in this Annual Plan. The City also manages a Non-Profit and Volunteer Center. As notices of funding opportunities and/or trainings are identified, the City will advise local organizations as may be appropriate.

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

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

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

Discussion:

The City of Laredo strives to enhance and refine its strategies to address underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of

poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between housing and social service agencies. By developing greater collaboration, the City of Laredo will create increased opportunities for those in need.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The City is not expecting to receive program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed, proceeds from Section 108 loan guarantees, surplus funds from urban renewal settlements, funds returned to the line of credit nor income from float-funded activities.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

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

- HOME Program Administration - \$114,000
- Down Payment Assistance - \$260,000 (Program Income)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - \$400,000
- Community Housing Development Organizations - \$200,000
- Homeowner Reconstruction Program - \$100,000
- Affordable Rental Housing Program - \$344,599

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

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

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

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

The City anticipates receiving \$328,355 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 \$60,543

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

The City will advertise a Request for Proposals in June 2021, to make known what activities are eligible to be funded from the ESG program. Funds will be awarded once proposals are received.

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

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

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

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

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

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

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

Attachments

APPENDIX D
SURVEY RESULTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

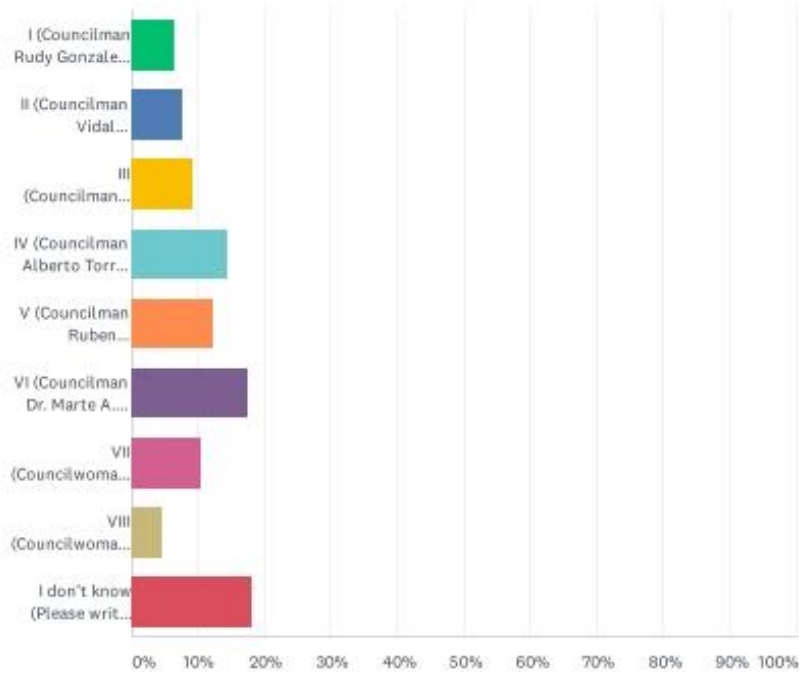
**2021-2022 Community Needs Survey Summary
ALL DISTRICTS
(205 SURVEYS)**

Community Need	TOTAL (ENG + SPA)			TOTAL	%			TOP NEEDS
	Great Need	Some Need	No Need					
1 New housing construction for purchase by low-income households	112	46	45	203	54.63%	22.44%	21.95%	TOP 5 NEEDS TOP 10 NEEDS
2 Rental Assistance for low income elderly individuals	108	62	30	200	52.68%	30.24%	14.63%	
3 Counseling, Referral/Support Services	101	79	20	200	49.27%	38.54%	9.76%	
4 Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance	100	63	39	202	48.78%	30.73%	19.02%	
5 Job Training	100	69	29	198	48.78%	33.66%	14.15%	
6 Recreation centers	92	74	35	201	44.88%	36.10%	17.07%	
7 Code Enforcement	92	71	39	202	44.88%	34.63%	19.02%	
8 Homelessness Prevention (rent and utility assistance)	90	75	36	201	43.90%	36.59%	17.56%	
9 Parks and Playgrounds	90	71	40	201	43.90%	34.63%	19.51%	
10 Outreach services for homeless living in the street	89	63	46	198	43.41%	30.73%	22.44%	
11 Construct Sidewalks	89	61	51	201	43.41%	29.76%	24.88%	
12 Community/Senior Centers	86	86	27	199	41.95%	41.95%	13.17%	
13 Emergency Shelters	84	59	57	200	40.98%	28.78%	27.80%	
14 Small Business Development	83	75	41	199	40.49%	36.59%	20.00%	
15 Bike Lanes	83	66	53	202	40.49%	32.20%	25.85%	
16 Housing Rehabilitation (owners)	80	73	49	202	39.02%	35.61%	23.90%	
17 Transitional (Temporary) Housing	79	67	53	199	38.54%	32.68%	25.85%	
18 Pave streets/roads	77	71	53	201	37.56%	34.63%	25.85%	
19 Street Lighting	77	70	52	199	37.56%	34.15%	25.37%	
20 Speed bumps	76	60	65	201	37.07%	29.27%	31.71%	
21 Neighborhood Police Substations	73	80	47	200	35.61%	39.02%	22.93%	
22 Improve existing waterlines/fire hydrants	70	80	50	200	34.15%	39.02%	24.39%	
23 Lead-based paint removal	65	71	59	195	31.71%	34.63%	28.78%	
24 Traffic signals/street signs	64	66	71	201	31.22%	32.20%	34.63%	
25 New or increased water storage capacity	61	74	65	200	29.76%	36.10%	31.71%	
26 Improve/Expand sewer treatment facilities	56	81	62	199	27.32%	39.51%	30.24%	
27 Demolition of substandard buildings	56	51	93	200	27.32%	24.88%	45.37%	
28 Construct/improve drainage conditions	55	89	55	199	26.83%	43.41%	26.83%	
29 Graffiti Removal	18	83	97	198	8.78%	40.49%	47.32%	

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Q1 What City District do you live in?

Answered: 173 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I (Councilman Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)	6.36% 11
II (Councilman Vidal Rodriguez)	7.51% 13
III (Councilman Mercurio Martinez III)	9.25% 16
IV (Councilman Alberto Torres, Jr.)	14.45% 25
V (Councilman Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.)	12.14% 21
VI (Councilman Dr. Marte A. Martinez)	17.34% 30
VII (Councilwoman Vanessa Perez)	10.40% 18
VIII (Councilwoman Alyssa Cigarroa)	4.62% 8
I don't know (Please write the name of your subdivision or neighborhood in the line below)	17.92% 31
TOTAL	173

#	SUBDIVISION OR NEIGHBORHOOD NAME:	DATE
1	Buenos Aires/Las Lomas	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	University park	4/19/2021 2:06 PM

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3	Loop and 359	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	J. W. Nixon High School area; do not know the name.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	El Cantaranas / West side	4/16/2021 1:06 PM
6	Old Heights	4/16/2021 7:39 AM
7	Green Ranch	4/15/2021 10:33 AM
8	Santa Rita	4/15/2021 10:15 AM
9	I think the name of my neighborhood is Las Lomas.	4/14/2021 3:19 PM
10	Santa Rita	4/13/2021 3:25 PM
11	sierra vista	4/13/2021 2:00 PM
12	Amazonia	4/12/2021 11:31 PM
13	San Isidro	4/8/2021 8:58 PM
14	Midtown	4/8/2021 5:30 PM
15	Indian Sunset	4/8/2021 4:21 PM
16	Los Obispos	4/8/2021 4:14 PM
17	Deer field	4/8/2021 3:42 PM
18	Rancho Viejo	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
19	Stamford Heights.	4/8/2021 2:45 PM
20	Green ranch	4/8/2021 2:02 PM
21	Old Hieghts	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
22	Plantation	4/8/2021 6:57 AM
23	Green ranch	4/8/2021 2:15 AM
24	Nixon Area	4/7/2021 11:31 PM
25	Independence Hills	4/7/2021 5:35 PM
26	St. Peter's	4/7/2021 11:04 AM
27	Ponderosa	4/7/2021 10:36 AM
28	Santa Rita	4/7/2021 9:52 AM
29	Villas San Agustin	4/7/2021 9:27 AM
30	los presidentes	4/7/2021 9:23 AM
31	Escondido	4/7/2021 9:14 AM
32	Del Mar C	4/7/2021 9:02 AM
33	Del Mar C	4/7/2021 8:19 AM
34	northridge	4/7/2021 8:19 AM
35	The Woodlands	4/7/2021 7:12 AM
36	Santo Niño	4/7/2021 6:41 AM
37	Canta ranas	4/7/2021 1:30 AM
38	Heights	4/6/2021 11:58 PM
39	Lomas del Sur	4/6/2021 10:43 PM
40	Las Brisas	4/6/2021 10:41 PM

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41	Villa de Laredo Townhomes	4/6/2021 8:45 PM
42	Villa del sol	4/6/2021 8:29 PM
43	Del Mar C	4/6/2021 7:31 PM
44	Shiloh	4/6/2021 7:31 PM
45	Century City	4/6/2021 7:09 PM
46	Hillside area	4/6/2021 7:03 PM
47	Lomas del sur	4/6/2021 6:57 PM
48	Los Amores	4/6/2021 6:57 PM
49	Heights area. 1501 Fremont Laredo Texas	4/6/2021 6:30 PM
50	Shiloh	4/6/2021 6:28 PM
51	Delmar	4/6/2021 6:25 PM
52	Downtown	4/6/2021 6:20 PM
53	Alexander	4/6/2021 6:20 PM
54	Sierra vista	4/6/2021 6:14 PM
55	Highland Park	4/6/2021 6:11 PM
56	Heights	4/6/2021 5:34 PM
57	Presidentes	4/6/2021 5:30 PM
58	Heights	4/6/2021 5:13 PM
59	Espana II	4/6/2021 4:28 PM
60	4 vientos sur	4/6/2021 3:13 PM
61	San Isidro	4/6/2021 11:14 AM
62	Alexander	4/6/2021 9:41 AM
63	2500 Zacatecas st	4/6/2021 8:47 AM
64	Heights Area	4/6/2021 8:43 AM
65	Heights	4/5/2021 9:34 AM
66	San Isidro	4/3/2021 11:34 PM
67	Santo Niño	4/3/2021 10:09 PM
68	Villa San Agustín	4/3/2021 5:23 PM
69	Del Mar C area	4/3/2021 4:18 PM
70	Cuatro Vientos Sur	4/3/2021 4:17 PM
71	1810 Santa Cleotilde Ave	4/3/2021 10:35 AM
72	Freedom Park	4/3/2021 12:02 AM
73	Sierra vista	4/2/2021 7:43 AM
74	Plantation	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
75	Plantation	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
76	Lake Side	4/1/2021 3:35 PM
77	Santo Niño Neighborhood	4/1/2021 3:25 PM
78	Eastwoods	4/1/2021 3:03 PM

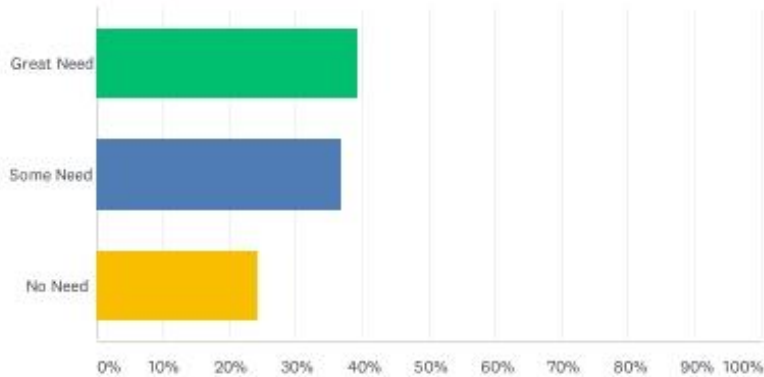
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79	Woodlands Subdivision on E. Hwy 59	4/1/2021 2:36 PM
80	Casa Verde Rd	4/1/2021 2:32 PM
81	Shiloh	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
82	San Isidro	4/1/2021 2:16 PM
83	Las Misiones	4/1/2021 2:10 PM
84	Las Lomas	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
85	Chacon	4/1/2021 2:02 PM
86	Shiloh	4/1/2021 1:31 PM
87	khaledi	4/1/2021 1:30 PM
88	Towne East	4/1/2021 1:29 PM
89	las lomas	4/1/2021 1:26 PM
90	Santo nino	4/1/2021 1:22 PM
91	las cruces	4/1/2021 1:13 PM
92	San Isidro	4/1/2021 1:13 PM
93	LOS PALMARES PHASE 2	4/1/2021 1:06 PM
94	Shiloh	4/1/2021 1:04 PM
95	Woodridge Heights	4/1/2021 1:03 PM
96	Cielito Lindo	4/1/2021 12:55 PM
97	heights	4/1/2021 12:55 PM
98	Eastwoods	4/1/2021 12:45 PM
99	Santo Nino	4/1/2021 12:38 PM
100	Hieghts	4/1/2021 12:36 PM
101	Summerwind Subdivision	4/1/2021 12:30 PM
102	San Isidro	4/1/2021 12:27 PM
103	Escondido	4/1/2021 12:23 PM
104	Del Mar	4/1/2021 12:21 PM
105	Santa Fe	4/1/2021 12:17 PM
106	Santo Nino	4/1/2021 12:11 PM
107	Highland Park	4/1/2021 12:10 PM
108	Delmar	4/1/2021 12:08 PM
109	Los Presidentes	4/1/2021 12:05 PM
110	Independence Hill Subdivision	3/31/2021 8:34 AM

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Q2 Is there a need for a Housing Rehabilitation Program to assist homeowners with roof repairs, plumbing/electrical issues, etc.?

Answered: 179 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	39.11%	70
Some Need	36.87%	66
No Need	24.02%	43
TOTAL		179

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Roof repairs, plumbing and electrical issues, etc.	4/21/2021 1:33 PM
2	There are houses older than 50 years old	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
3	Some houses are more than 20 years old and may need help	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
4	There are a lot of families that do not have proper budgeting or finance education to plan ahead, others don't earn enough to sustain their families and their homes, therefore have not home owner's insurance. They require assistance for these repairs. Most families either pay out of pocket, try an alternative method to fixing these repairs on their own and end up creating more of a problem, or do not repair it at all and leave potential health or safety hazards.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
5	Most of these houses have been established since estimated 1960's or 1950's and some are owned by elders who are on fixed income.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
6	No Affordable Loans or No Loans Issued on Repairs	4/16/2021 7:39 AM
7	We are in much need of help to repair our house. We need roofing, floor, plumbing and electrical repairs.	4/14/2021 3:19 PM
8	air cond. roof.	4/12/2021 11:31 PM
9	New Subdivision	4/8/2021 5:30 PM
10	We need programs that weatherize older homes	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
11	Many homeowners require roof repairs and brush with kindness to make the houses look nicer.	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
12	Especially in the inner city. The inner city is deteriorating in terms of housing condition and	4/7/2021 9:02 AM

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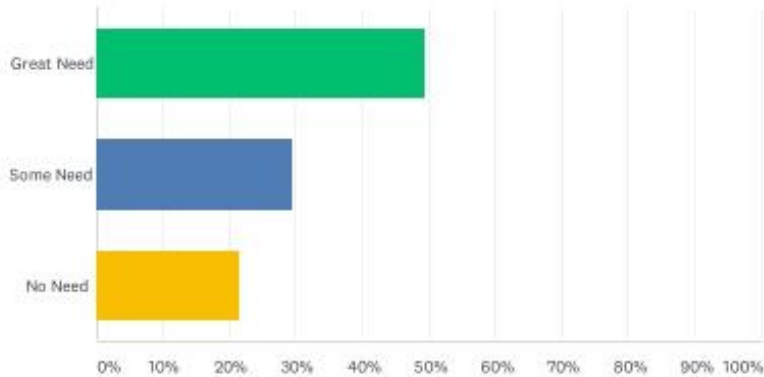
economic reinvestment. More should be done by the City of Laredo to redevelop and help drive reinvestment in the inner city.

13	Yes our roof need repair.	4/6/2021 5:13 PM
14	Not in my immediate neighborhood but certainly in the older parts of town.	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
15	The subdivision is over 20 years old so I would say yes, there is some need for these repairs/issues.	4/1/2021 2:36 PM
16	Many old homes	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
17	There is a need to have the houses owned by the City of Laredo to be fixed, such as fencing, maybe some landscaping.	4/1/2021 12:45 PM
18	There is a need. While some homes in the area are newer, some of the older subdivisions within Council District I have homes that are aging (20+ years). In addition, the population in these areas with older homes is also aging and the income of many families may be limited making it difficult to make substantial improvements to their homes. If considering city wide needs, there is a great need for these kinds of programs, especially in low-income neighborhoods and areas with aging populations.	4/1/2021 12:27 PM

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Q3 Is there a need for a Down Payment Assistance Program to assist first time low income home buyers?

Answered: 178 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	49.44%	88
Some Need	29.21%	52
No Need	21.35%	38
TOTAL		178

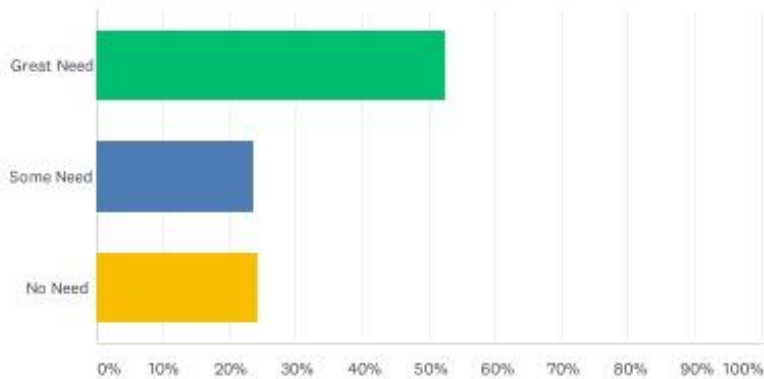
#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Some people need help paying their TAXES	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	I think this would be a great program for first time home owners. Unless individuals have been saving with the intention of buying a home, then they will get a better deal but financial education is a need as well. Most families don't emphasize too much on building their credit, budgeting and saving or want to detach from their families.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
3	For the first time low income home buyers, these area can be for a starter house.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
4	The problem is that we don't qualify for a loan because of bad credit.	4/14/2021 3:19 PM
5	Need to improve job opportunities instead of giving away money by attracting businesses to invest. I'm not impressed incentives for outside companies to invest in this city.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
6	Especially for Veteran and younger adults	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
7	But there is also a need for low or no-interest loans for owner rehabilitation of homes.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM
8	Slippery slope. Only for very well qualified and counseled buyers. Need to ensure people are not duped into variable rate loans etc.	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
9	There is always a need for down payment assistance for first time home buyers in our community due to the low prevailing wages in our community and high cost of land.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
10	No.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
11	Probably	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
12	This area of the city is growing and there are many new homeowners moving into the	4/1/2021 12:27 PM

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neighborhoods in the district. However, there also seems to be some vacant homes in the area that may have been foreclosed or older homes that are now for sale. Down payment assistance can be an incentive to ensure homes remain occupied, and at the same time can help people who wish to live in the area.

Q4 Is there a need for new construction of affordable housing for sale to low-income individuals/families?

Answered: 179 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	52.51%	94
Some Need	23.46%	42
No Need	24.02%	43
TOTAL		179

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	There are none except the Guadalupe center nearby	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	In this area, yes. I do not know of any around here. The closest is on Springfield and Gale	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	Yes! I think this will be a great way to dissipate multiple family homes. Having low-income affordable homes for individuals and families can increase single family homes and more independence.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	As I drive around my neighborhood, some of the properties are rented and are not kept up- very depressing for young families to rent or own property.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	Absolutley no need	4/13/2021 10:03 AM
6	Incentives to improve existing houses. This district has houses from the 60s	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
7	Extremely great need, especially of the lower level of the income bracket - those earning less than 50% of the income bracket. There is affordability gap for those in those low income segment.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM
8	Yes, there is a need. When we talk about affordable housing not everyone qualifies because there are many with a fixed income which will prevent them from qualifying for housing. Example; if someone is getting SSI with an income of \$790 and rent for 1 bedroom apartment is between \$525 and \$590 including deposit and utilities, how is that affordable.	4/6/2021 4:02 PM
9	Yes, but not necessarily new construction. Increased Home ownership in older neighborhoods can go a great way to revitalizing our community. Support for renovations is very important	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
10	There is a big shortage low income housing in our community and quite a few pockets of land	4/1/2021 3:56 PM

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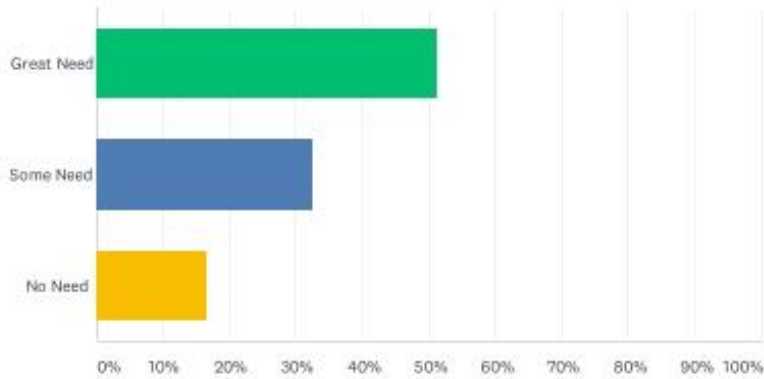
throughout the city for that kind of housing.

11	New Construction on areas where affordable housing is available.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
12	Yes, that section of Laredo needs to be beautify and make it more appealing. The old Mercy Hospital is an eye sore.	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
13	Yes, this is needed city wide; affordable housing needs to be strategically located all over to city and should be near transit, parks, and places of employment.	4/1/2021 12:27 PM

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Q5 Is there a need to provide rental assistance to low income elderly individuals?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	51.14%	90
Some Need	32.39%	57
No Need	16.48%	29
TOTAL		176

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	There are many low income families	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	There are some senior citizens living here	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	The elderly population needs a centrally located community in which they have easy access to individual needs, such as walking distance grocery stores, pharmacies, public transportation, near by park and possibly a community center in which they can socialize and engage with other individuals their age, with similarly related concerns. It would be nice to have a property that can provide this assistance with rent for low income elder individuals and also provide access to those listed above.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	Elderly like to be independent from their families; however, if you are going to provide assistance, also put in place safety and security for our elders.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	I totally have a soft spot for elderly housing but PLEASE don't use real estate located in the prime area of downtown like a previous councilman did where the flow of income will be nonexistent.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
6	Better, safer government housing	4/8/2021 6:57 AM
7	Yes, low-income residents are locked-in to living in the older neighborhoods (many are deteriorated), where it may be the only affordable place to remain, but they have survive with social and economic amenities because of the disinvestment.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM
8	Government and charity already are	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
9	Due to the fact that many elderly have great medical expenses and are in a fixed income.	4/6/2021 4:02 PM

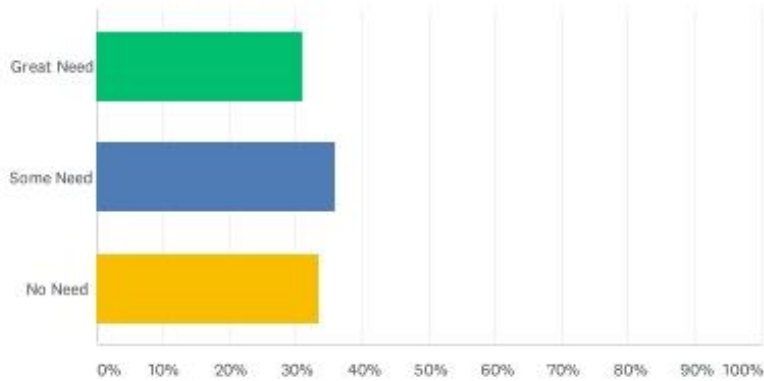
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10	Yes	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
11	There are quite a few elderly individuals in our community whose only source of income is social security, who would welcome such assistance.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
12	Yes.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
13	Probably	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
14	Yes, there is a great need provide rental assistance to low income elderly individuals. Additionally, the city needs to ensure that low income elderly individuals have safe, affordable, and good quality housing near transit, parks, and healthcare facilities.	4/1/2021 12:27 PM
15	don't know	4/1/2021 12:10 PM

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Q6 Is there a need to remove lead-based paint in homes?

Answered: 171 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	30.99%	53
Some Need	35.67%	61
No Need	33.33%	57
TOTAL		171

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Great need as per HUD guidelines. Lead paint can cause respiratory problems	4/21/2021 3:47 PM
2	There are homes more than 50 years old	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
3	As I said before, some homes are more than 20 years old	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
4	Yes, if individuals are living in homes that have lead based paints, with time, they will deteriorate and will create more of a safety hazard, producing more toxicity in the home. Most people are not knowledgeable or equipped to do this process on their own.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
5	This is a big issue with our children.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
6	I have been trying...	4/16/2021 7:39 AM
7	New homes	4/8/2021 5:30 PM
8	Not sure	4/8/2021 3:13 PM
9	I don't know how old are the homes in the area.	4/8/2021 2:57 PM
10	Not sure what year used lead paint.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
11	Especially the old houses	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
12	unsure	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
13	Yes, particularly in the older neighborhoods and properties that haven't seen home renovations for decades.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM
14	a little late for that	4/6/2021 11:21 PM

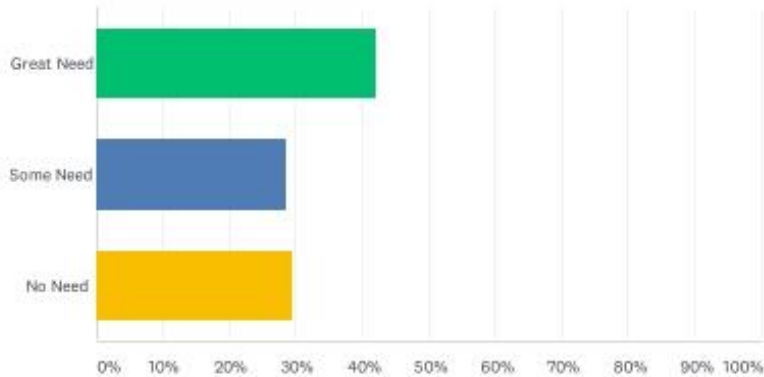
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15	Unsure	4/6/2021 7:52 PM
16	Unknown to me	4/6/2021 1:06 PM
17	Yes, particularly in homes with young children	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
18	Not sure about that.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
19	I dont know	4/1/2021 3:25 PM
20	Cannot answer but probably	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
21	don't know	4/1/2021 12:27 PM
22	I assume since they are old houses.	4/1/2021 12:11 PM

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Q7 Is there a need for emergency shelters to house homeless individuals or families?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	42.05%	74
Some Need	28.41%	50
No Need	29.55%	52
TOTAL		176

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Please visit Housing Authority at night or downtown area at noon for proof	4/21/2021 3:47 PM
2	The nearest is Bethany house	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
3	There are some schools around that could act as such in emergencies but no shelters	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
4	There is an overflow and wait list at the current shelters and some individuals do not know how to navigate these systems or are fearful for various reasons and don't seek help. An emergency shelter to house homeless individuals or families is greatly needed in Laredo because in moments of crisis or extreme temperature weather, or recently with the pandemic, several homeless individuals were seen on living in the streets. Freezing temperatures get as low as in the 30s and hot temperatures get as high as 108. A Shelter is desperately needed that can house all the homeless individuals, and with that come staff that can care and manage the facility as well.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
5	Not only a place to stay; but a shelter with safety, security measures; provide an entertainment and activity place; try staying outside since 6 AM thru 6PM in the summer and cold days-- Most of us will not tolerant it	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
6	we need a wet outdoor shelter for the homeless that is walking distance from downtown. we need to stop feeding people at the bethany house. they are defecating, urinating, and harassing customers and merchants away from the downtown. all of the down town rehab efforts are in vain until this is fixed.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
7	Not sure	4/8/2021 3:13 PM
8	We need to get them back into the workforce and educational system to be part of the	4/8/2021 9:01 AM

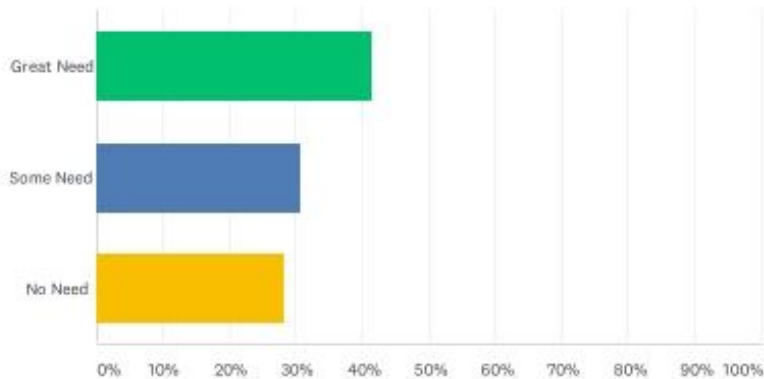
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community.

9	These are currently done by non profits like Casa de Misericordia. Continue to help support those organizations.	4/8/2021 6:57 AM
10	There has always been a need for Emergency shelters. With the COVID19 pandemic there is a greater need due to social distancing and space available for individuals in need.	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
11	Absolutely great need. There needs an earnest effort on the part of the City of Laredo to lead in the development and funding of a new emergency shelter that is integrated with supportive services. The current emergency shelters are at capacity and with mixed homeless groups that require segmentation. The city has a several hundred street and shelter homeless that need to experience a recovery process, but the current facilities are overflowing. A new center is required to be built as soon as possible before encampments start growing and become more disruptive to economic well-being of downtown and other parts of the city.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM
12	already exists	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
13	Our homeless population if fairly high in our community. We need to make sure our veterans are never in this situation.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
14	It is needed but at the end of the day it depends on the homeless.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
15	Do not know	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
16	I believe they should be built at a different area. Downtown has many individuals that are homeless and sleep at businesses.	4/1/2021 2:02 PM
17	Homelessness is a city wide issue that should be addressed as a whole	4/1/2021 12:45 PM

Q8 Is there a need for transitional (temporary) housing which provides homeless individuals or families a home while they transition into a permanent home?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	41.14%	72
Some Need	30.86%	54
No Need	28.00%	49
TOTAL		175

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	There are several homeless people living under the I35 highway	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	There have been some homeless people seen sleeping on bus benches	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	Yes, going along with what I mentioned above, staff and proper management is needed to make this potential shelter or temporary housing program run smoothly and can get these people into a safer, comfortable and more stable living environment, as well as proper case management for other needs, such as physical health, mental health, education, navigating programs that can provide other benefits, etc.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	Absolutely; Let's give people an opportunity to recover	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	the homeless that are most at issue are the ones that are stretching health and safety resources thin and causing so much economic depression in the downtown area.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
6	Not sure	4/8/2021 3:13 PM
7	Key word is temporary and transitional.	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
8	There is a great need for Transitional Housing for individuals and families. This programs along with case management are important to guide the family and individuals transition to a more stable environment.	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
9	Absolutely, yes. The City of Laredo should dedicate funding resources to developing this type of housing, or a similar version of supportive housing. It should incentive non-profits with grant funds where these types of housing (transitional and supportive) are planned with ONSITE	4/7/2021 9:02 AM

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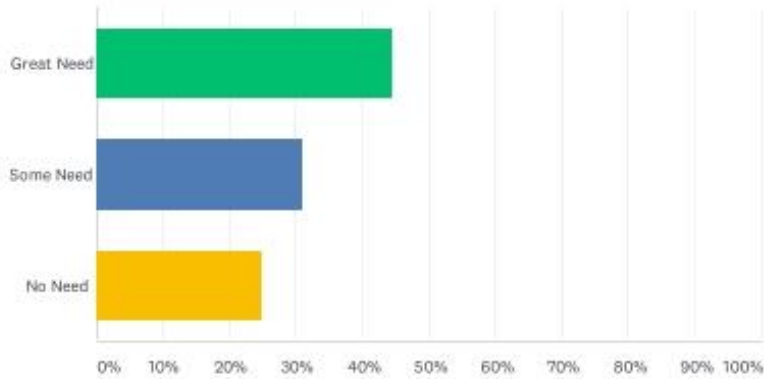
supportive services for the segments they intend to serve. Without onsite supportive services, the recovery process for homeless persons will be more difficult, if not impossible to help instill.

10	Do not know	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
11	Great need but in my neighborhood we don't have individuals that are homeless and living in the street but downtown does need assistance.	4/1/2021 2:02 PM

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Q9 Is there a need for outreach services to provide information regarding services available to homeless individuals living in the streets?

Answered: 174 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	44.25%	77
Some Need	31.03%	54
No Need	24.71%	43
TOTAL		174

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	As mentioned before, you can see homeless people living on the streets	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	As mentioned before, there have been some people sleeping on benches	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	Yes, not a lot of people or organization work with the homeless population in Laredo. It would be wonderful to create a task force that can solely focus on helping the homeless individuals in our community.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	I do think that some non profits have attempted to provide much needed information; I like to see a conscious effort from the city to do more to reach out to our homeless population.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	they need their own place to hangout where they can get clean bathrooms and showers and where they can wash their clothes and be treated with basic human dignty - the city is failing them.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
6	Not sure	4/8/2021 3:13 PM
7	Perhaps psychological treatment. Please pass an ordinance to keep panhandlers from asking for money for the safety of others. Some are belligerent. If there is an ordinance ENFORCE it.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
8	Outreach services and active individual providing services	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
9	There is a need to reach out to those individual that in most cases are not aware of the services available in the community.	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
10	Yes, this key to engaging the homeless where they are – on the streets. Unfortunately, many non-profit and government service providers choose to serve from their desk, instead of being true outreach providers. This needs to change if the outreach programs are to be successful.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM

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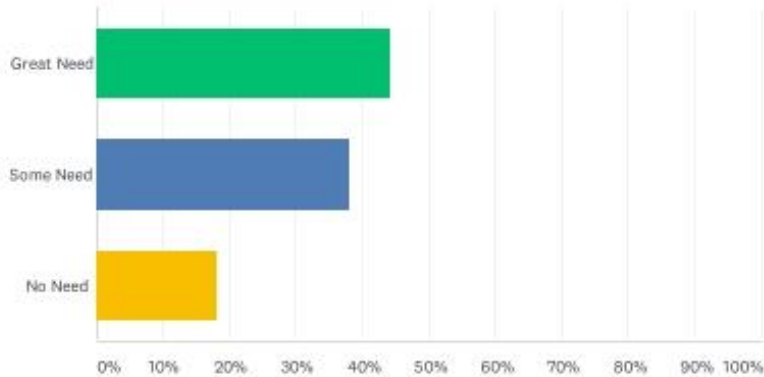
Many outreach workers almost expect the homeless to come to them, instead of the other way around. The City of Laredo should install funding requirements that make a firm requisite for street outreach funding to be 75% of all time reimbursed for those positions.

11	they wont use since they have addiction and psychiatric disorders	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
12	Probably	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
13	Yes, there is a great need for a more coordinated effort in providing outreach services to homeless individuals.	4/1/2021 12:27 PM

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Q10 Is there a need to provide individuals/families with assistance to pay rent and utility bills to prevent homelessness?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	44.07%	78
Some Need	37.85%	67
No Need	18.08%	32
TOTAL		177

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	There are a lot of elderly and low income families	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	Yes, especially during the pandemic, I worked with families that could not afford to pay their rent or utilities and some were able to get assistance for a short period of time, however having a program and funds that can assist with this need to prevent homelessness would be beneficial.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
3	More so now --a lot of loss during recent events--federal shut down, water problems, pandemic, winter storm, COVID 19 restrictions, more--All these issues continues to snowball for years to come. We are not out of the woods.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
4	Must have check and balances not to abuse the system	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
5	It is, in my opinion a preventative method for homelessness.	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
6	Especially for those 30% or below of area median income.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM
7	already a lot of government assistance available	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
8	for will qualified and counseled individuals and families.	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
9	Probably	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
10	Great need especially with the pandemic.	4/1/2021 2:02 PM
11	Yes, a main focus in addressing homelessness and poverty issues in the city should be to prevent homelessness. This can be accomplished through programs that help with rental assistance, utility bill assistance, outreach services, financial literacy education, tenant	4/1/2021 12:27 PM

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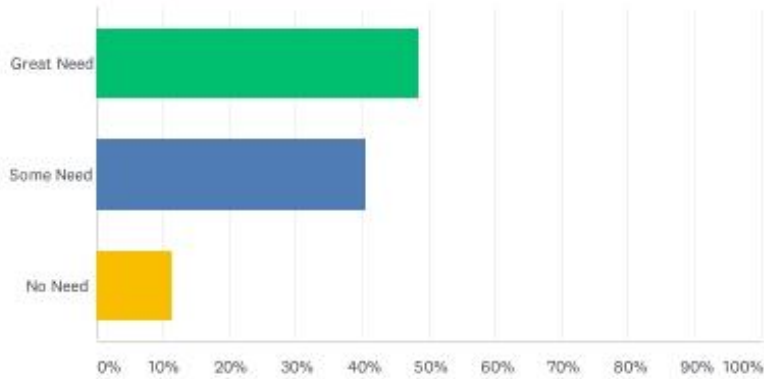
protection programs, and other programs focused on helping families build intergenerational wealth.

12	Due to the COVID-19 there are many families without a job or there work has cut down hours.	3/31/2021 8:34 AM
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Q11 Is there a need to provide counseling, referral/support services to inform individuals of resources available in the community?

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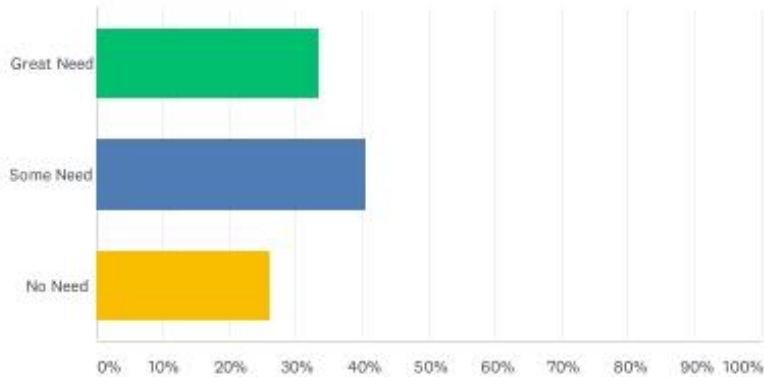
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	48.30%	85
Some Need	40.34%	71
No Need	11.36%	20
TOTAL		176

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Again, some elderly people need assistance	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	Yes, creating a list of community providers, resources and agencies that work to support and build a resilient community would be beneficial.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
3	We are going to continue to need this great services for years to come. Many families and individual have been impacted by a variety of stressors and it is here to stay. Mental health services are just as important as medical.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
4	Counseling for mental disorders, yes.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
5	The community needs to have support service available	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
6	There is a need to provide referral/ support services and guide individuals in need.	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
7	too many local non-profits spend a lot of energy reinventing the wheel and coveting one another's resources. there is enough to go around and meaningful collaboration would make a huge difference.	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
8	Probably	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
9	To elderly citizens or low-income families	3/31/2021 8:34 AM

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Q12 Is there a need to improve existing waterlines/fire hydrants in your neighborhood?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	33.52%	59
Some Need	40.34%	71
No Need	26.14%	46
TOTAL		176

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Water lines are older than 60 years old	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	There are times the toilet will not completely flush and the water comes out dirty	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	I think the need to improve the water quality in Laredo is a huge. I can speak for myself, my water quality in central Laredo is not the best. I get a glass of water from my kitchen faucet and it is foggy for several seconds until it starts to dissipate and even then, its still not clear. I have not tested my ph levels of water, and I don't drink or cook with faucet water unless I boil it. Bottled water is what I drink and use, which I can afford, but for people who cannot, they are drinking this foggy water.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	Did you get the message of our water problems here in my Nixon area during the winter storm and the early problems? There needs to be ongoing plan to reevaluate our precious water/fire hydrants systems; our lives depend on it.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	I have no knowledge of how to asses such infrastructure, thus this is a poorly worded question	4/13/2021 10:03 AM
6	Old infastructure requires upgrades.	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
7	Waterlines	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
8	yes we need water pressure	4/7/2021 8:19 AM
9	Just make sure they work	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
10	We have aging water and sewer infrastructure that needs to be kept up.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
11	Never had a problem with water lines but fire hydrants are old in the area.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM

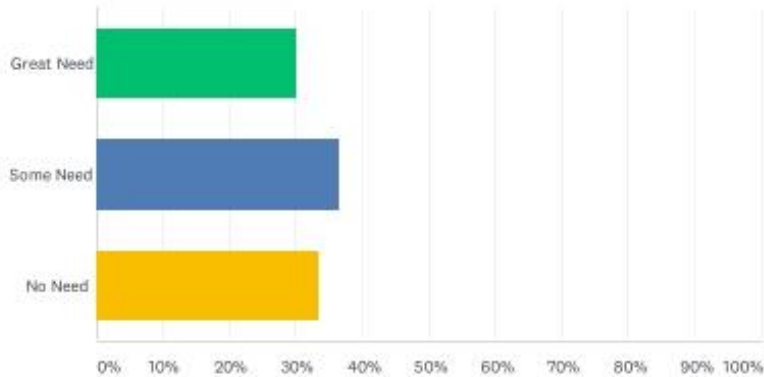
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12	Yes because it is an old part of town	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
13	LEAKS FROM ALL OVER CONCRETE ON EVERY AREA	4/1/2021 1:06 PM
14	I HAVE NO IDEA	4/1/2021 12:27 PM
15	I am not aware of any need regarding this issue in my neighborhood. However, I do know many of Laredo's older neighborhoods are in desperate need of having the infrastructure updated.	4/1/2021 12:27 PM

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Q13 Is there a need for new or increased water storage capacity in your neighborhood?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



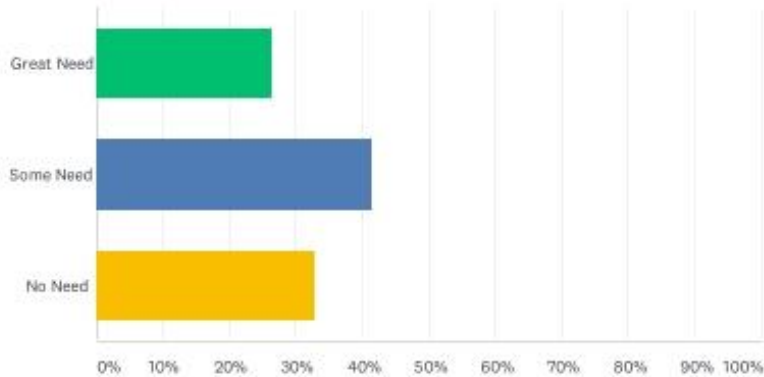
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	30.11%	53
Some Need	36.36%	64
No Need	33.52%	59
TOTAL		176

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	The nearest is the Lyon tanks	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	Our community is growing, so more water storage would definitely help our community.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
3	Our two water tanks were in serious need of repairs and it was evident during the water boiling event this past year and the recent storm freeze.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
4	I have no knowledge of how to asses such infrastructure, thus this is a poorly worded question	4/13/2021 10:03 AM
5	It depends on the age of the neighborhood, but yes.	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
6	Lyon Tanks	4/7/2021 11:31 PM
7	not sure	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
8	north side is growing rapidly	4/7/2021 8:19 AM
9	Low water pressure sometimes	4/6/2021 11:14 AM
10	North Laredo is experiencing a lot of growth. Let's make sure the infrastructure keeps up with it.	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
11	New Houses are being built and as it is water pressure is always low. It sometimes takes three hours to wash a load of laundry.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
12	Maybe in some area	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
13	It always help in any neighborhood	4/1/2021 2:04 PM

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Q14 Is there a need to improve/expand sewer treatment facilities in your neighborhood?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	26.29%	46
Some Need	41.14%	72
No Need	32.57%	57
TOTAL		175

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Water and sewer lines are older than 60 years old and in my home, the toilets don't flush completely or get clogged up. So we can't throw toilet paper in commode	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	Sometimes the toilet will not completely flush	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	Any improvement is good for our community. I do not know much about the sewer treatment but I think evaluating this would not hurt.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	It would benefit my old neighborhood to update.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	I have no knowledge of how to asses such infrastructure, thus this is a poorly worded question	4/13/2021 10:03 AM
6	unsure	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
7	Great need to improve on infrastructure in the inner city neighborhoods that are aged and deteriorating.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM
8	as above	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
9	We need to make sure that the treatment plant facility in our area, limits the output of foul odors, it must continually be kept under control.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
10	Never had a sewer problem	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
11	Yes anywhere in Laredo helps.	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
12	I HAVE NO IDEA	4/1/2021 12:27 PM
13	Not sure of it pertains to this question specifically but when we turn on the water faucet it	4/1/2021 12:05 PM

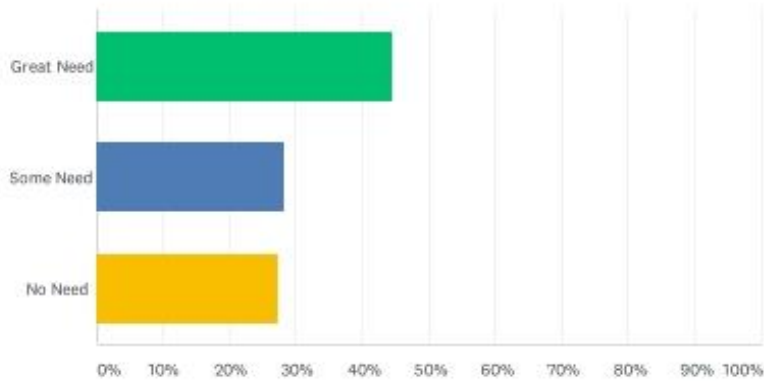
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smells a lot like sewer.

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Q15 Is there a need to construct new sidewalks in your neighborhood?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	44.63%	79
Some Need	28.25%	50
No Need	27.12%	48
TOTAL		177

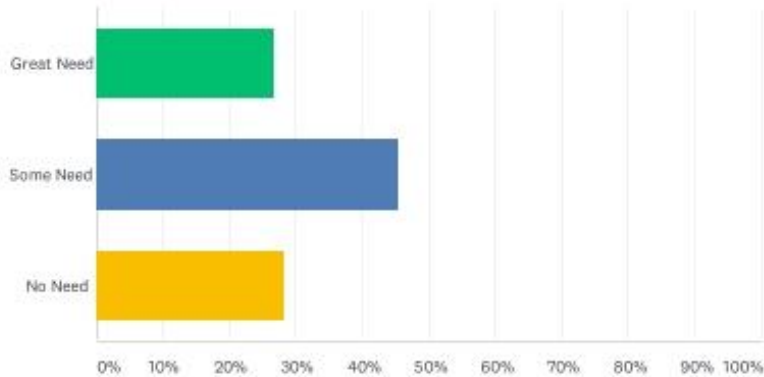
#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	There are sidewalks	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	There are some streets with little or no sidewalks	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	Yes! Most families park their vehicles on the sidewalk, and with time, these sidewalks will not be sustained. Better sidewalks are needed and some neighborhoods don't even have any.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	It is time that the city start spending for much needed sidewalks in my neighborhoods--as children, elders walk on the streets for lack of sidewalk. It is the safe thing to do.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	There are very few sidewalks that connect to major roads and destinations, making walking less accessible. It also makes it dangerous for people with disabilities to move around safely since they are forced to walk on the street alongside vehicular traffic instead of on paved sidewalks. This is particularly an issue on US 83- S. Zapata Highway	4/15/2021 10:15 AM
6	There is a need to address the issue of vehicles parked on the sidewalks	4/13/2021 10:03 AM
7	our children cannot safely walk or ride their bikes through the neighborhoods or around town or to school.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
8	Plum street that leads to Nixon was never paved.	4/8/2021 2:57 PM
9	Number one priority. Common sense: low cost (compared to other councilman ideas) long lasting, improved home value, increases safety, promotes health by walking. If you want to win a district you can say "A sidewalk on every block". Our neighborhoods would be transformed. Robbstown is doing that and looks transformed.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
10	the park that is on back of divine mercy church . TO REMOVE SIGNS OF NO PARKING AT THE PARK. CAUSE WHERE DO YOU PEOPLE TO PARK!!	4/8/2021 12:50 PM

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11	Laredo requires to visit all neighborhoods for sidewalks, especially for those areas with the elderly and children.	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
12	Some areas flat out dont have any sidewalks	4/7/2021 5:35 PM
13	Try limited tax abatement and free sidewalk permits . Have Del Mar C residents obey code regulations and deed restrictions	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
14	S Martin St. needs a sidewalk. It is right in front of Cigarroa Middle School.	4/6/2021 10:43 PM
15	Hillside street on the 1200 block on both sides of street , no sidewalks , hazard walking through there especially during heavy traffic hours , you have to basically get on a persons yard to move safely through that area !! Sidewalk needed on either side of street all the way to the McPherson intersection !!	4/6/2021 7:03 PM
16	No sidewalks and trees in easement's plus cars trucks boats where sidewalks should be. We all walk in the street just horrible!	4/3/2021 10:35 AM
17	some older parts of plantation and/or empty lots need sidewalks. the covenants and restrictions require a house be built within a defined timeframe. these need to be enforced.	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
18	There should be more sidewalks built that way drivers don't strike pedestrians	4/1/2021 3:12 PM
19	SPEED BUMPS NEEDED ON CASA VERDE RD. IT IS A STRAIGHT ROAD AND PEOPLE USE IT TO RACE! VERY DANGEROUS FOR KIDS OR PEOPLE WHO EXERCISE	4/1/2021 2:32 PM
20	Will the City maintain it? If yes, then yes. If no, then N-O.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
21	Yes, it is an old part of Laredo	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
22	Yes, this needs to be done city wide. Many sidewalks have obstructions and are not wide enough. There are also many sidewalks in disrepair and with missing gaps. We need to fill in sidewalk gaps. Additionally, we need wider sidewalks that are nicely landscaped wherever possible. The landscaping can act as a buffer from vehicular traffic.	4/1/2021 12:27 PM

Q16 Is there a need to construct/improve drainage conditions in your neighborhood?

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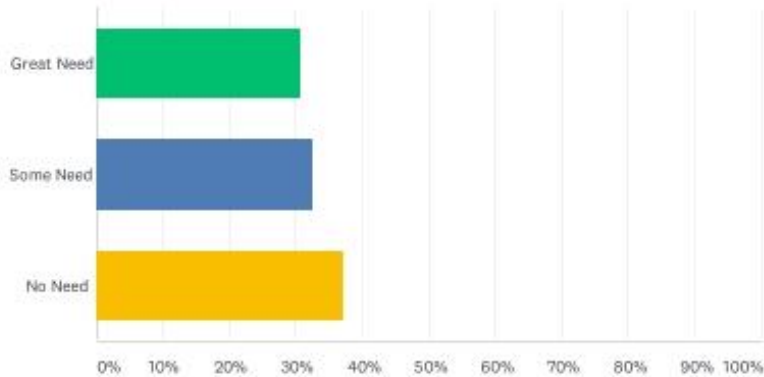
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	26.86%	47
Some Need	45.14%	79
No Need	28.00%	49
TOTAL		175

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Some stagnant water is seen when a heavy downpour	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	Sometimes rainwater won't drain fast enough but it does	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	It floods when it rains	4/8/2021 5:30 PM
4	on mcpherson especialy by jacaman-shiloh	4/7/2021 8:19 AM
5	Water puddles in some streets	4/6/2021 11:14 AM
6	As growth occurs North of Shiloh the drainage into the creek is increasing. Trash needs to be removed and builders need to control the amount of refuse they accumulate	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
7	Live on a hill. Perfectly fine.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
8	My block is easily flooded with little rain. Not much drainage in the area.	4/1/2021 1:29 PM
9	I HAVE NO IDEA	4/1/2021 12:27 PM

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Q17 Is there a need to install new traffic signals or street signs in your neighborhood?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	30.68%	54
Some Need	32.39%	57
No Need	36.93%	65
TOTAL		176

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Maybe on Monterrey avenue	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	On busy crosswalks for school children	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	Street signs and speed bumps to slow the traffic within my neighborhood, especially during the traffic for school--no one should allow to park in such heavy traffic areas because these students do not want to use their parking lot in school It is a mad house during school days-- parking on both sides of the street creates a safety hazard for the residents, especially elders and young children. Also, the park near Nixon, the councilman should come at night to see the population that hangs out and the mess they leave for our children to find next day--it is interesting--Signs and trash cans are needed.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
4	Traffic Direction during begin/end of School hours. Signage Needs to be More Visible. (Solar lights) during begin/end of schools	4/16/2021 7:39 AM
5	Speed bumps	4/8/2021 5:30 PM
6	Speed bumps! People drive way too fast on Rancho Viejo. It's almost every night I hear cars speeding down Rancho Viejo in their loud race cars. Also, on Fasken Blvd near the new housing development.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
7	We have one exit from Green Ranch to mines road and everyday we have traffic congestion going into town and alot of difficulty even leaving neighborhood due to the lines of traffic lines on mines road an issue that has never been resolved with an alternative exit from mines road but may be a light will help	4/8/2021 2:02 PM
8	On the Del Mar and King Arthur's Ct/Reserve Dr interception, it is nearly impossible to turn into	4/7/2021 5:45 PM

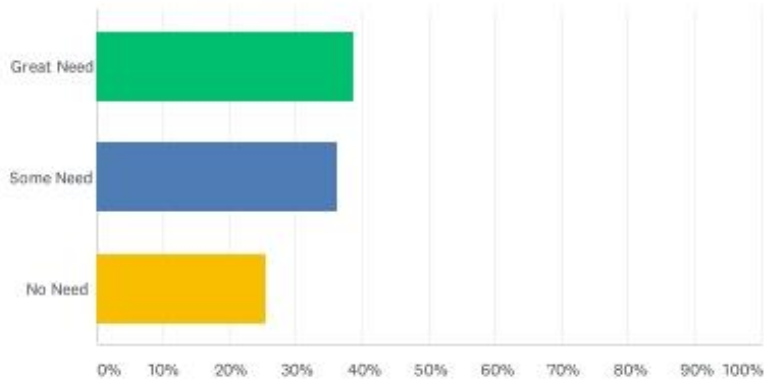
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Del Mar. A traffic light addition would be a great addition		
9	Corner of Ejido & Lomas del Sur	4/6/2021 10:43 PM
10	People speed a lot in my neighborhood and don't obey the signals	4/6/2021 8:29 PM
11	Speed limit sign(s) between the intersection of Springfield Ave. and Michigan Ave. and the intersection between Michigan Ave. and Superior Dr.	4/6/2021 3:55 PM
12	Lights on Merida are too dim.	4/3/2021 12:02 AM
13	Del Mar Blvd is a mess at certain times of the day, but more lights is not an answer. Open University from McPherson to Loop 20 to provide another artery. Also, make Del Mar 4 -5 lanes from the Loop to I35. May need to invoke eminent domain, but the congestion from St. Patrick's to Rangel Field is ridiculous.	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
14	Due to upcoming opening at the far end of Plantation East where it will connect to Shiloh and the proposed increase in traffic flow cutting through the neighborhood, and then the opening of the schools a traffic light will be needed at the corner of Del Mar and Reserve. A potential traffic flow hazard with many potential accidents waiting to happen if a traffic light is not in place.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
15	Speed humps in between where houses are and speed limits	4/1/2021 3:12 PM
16	A 3-WAY STOP SIGN ON CASA VERDE ROAD AND WHITTIER DRIVE. SO MUCH RACING AND SPEEDING ON CASA VERDE ROAD IT IS BECOMING DANGEROUS	4/1/2021 2:32 PM
17	Not in my area.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
18	Please do a traffic study. Maybe	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
19	Yes concord hills area is growing and we constantly see people speeding and losing control on concord hill main street by park.	4/1/2021 1:48 PM
20	DONT THINK SO	4/1/2021 12:27 PM
21	Speed bumps	4/1/2021 12:05 PM

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Q18 Is there a need to pave streets/roads in your neighborhood?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	38.42%	68
Some Need	36.16%	64
No Need	25.42%	45
TOTAL		177

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Please visit Gallagher street!!!	4/21/2021 3:47 PM
2	Most streets are paved here	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
3	Most if not all are paved	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
4	I drive towards the south side of Laredo and near some of the streets in between hwy 359 and Jaime Zapata. There are some roads that have large pot holes and need to be repaved.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
5	Main street people's is very bad street needs to be patch in different areas	4/8/2021 2:02 PM
6	Lets repair the existing paved streets and roads first.	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
7	The pavement workers decided to stop halfway for some reason	4/7/2021 5:35 PM
8	some streets need resurfacing	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
9	Many streets in horrible condition	4/6/2021 7:03 PM
10	Shiloh needs repair from McPherson going east	4/6/2021 6:28 PM
11	For being a fairly new neighborhood there seems to be an awful lot of potholes	4/6/2021 11:14 AM
12	Lois Ln is in very poor condition and receives heavy use due to people using it as a short cut to go from international to plantation (country club drive) The road is very rough and edges have a lot of potholes that affect residence drive ways	4/6/2021 10:43 AM
13	Most streets are full of potholes	4/3/2021 12:02 AM
14	Many streets in the neighborhood need to be resurfaced, and pot holes filled/smoothed out properly .	4/1/2021 3:56 PM

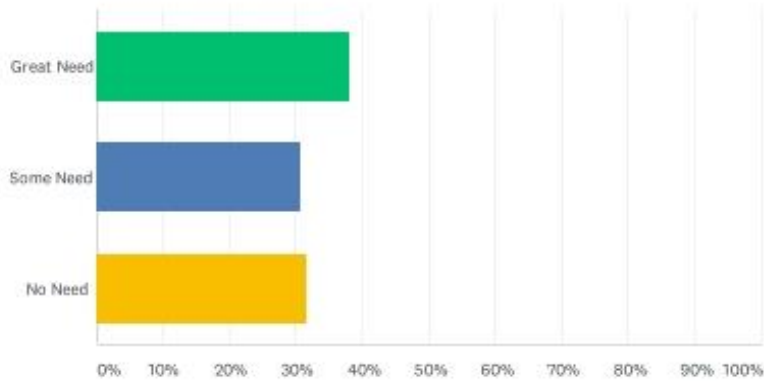
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15	Santa Rita Subdivision	4/1/2021 3:12 PM
16	Old part of Laredo, well constructed streets and better made than the new ones. but in some years will be needed.	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
17	East Fiesta Loop constantly has pot hole repairs. There is a need to repave the area in order to fix the issue permanently. No more patch jobs.	4/1/2021 1:29 PM
18	WATER LEAKS CAUSING CRACKS ON STREETS	4/1/2021 1:06 PM
19	Re pave some areas	4/1/2021 1:04 PM
20	there are some areas that need repaving. Masterson Rd entrance by Jack in the Box needs to be repaved and also the turn/intersection on Masterson and Susie Dr needs to be repaved.	4/1/2021 12:17 PM
21	pot holes in streets wild cat st.	3/31/2021 8:34 AM

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Q19 Is there a need to install speed bumps in your neighborhood?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	37.85%	67
Some Need	30.51%	54
No Need	31.64%	56
TOTAL		177

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	On calton Rd	4/21/2021 3:47 PM
2	Yes please install speed bumps at San Francisco Ave.	4/21/2021 1:33 PM
3	3 schools are near by and cars speed through our house during all times of day especially on the Sanders and Musser side of Memorial middle school. No bumps have ever been installed for JC Martin nor Gallego	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
4	Where the school children cross on Shiloh	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
5	No need for this in my neighborhood.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
6	come and see for yourself--four way stop--people do not stop and speed all the way to Meadow--try getting out of your house under those conditions--Thank God we have not have a death.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
7	Specially at night, there are many cars that drive by the neighborhood over the speed limit of 30mph. Speed bumps would be greatly appreciated by Baltimore Street.	4/16/2021 1:06 PM
8	Prada Machin might benefit from a speed bump, particularly on parts that it curves	4/15/2021 10:15 AM
9	Traffic enforcement is close to non-existing in Laredo, so one should perhaps address enforcement first	4/13/2021 10:03 AM
10	cars drive too fast throughtout the district and we need to slow things down and also get people to stop parking on the sidewalks.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
11	Yes! Rancho Viejo and Fasken Blvd. People drive way to fast at night while I'm walking with my family. They take off super fast from the stop signs. Maybe add a speed bump halfway between each stop sign on Rancho Viejo.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM

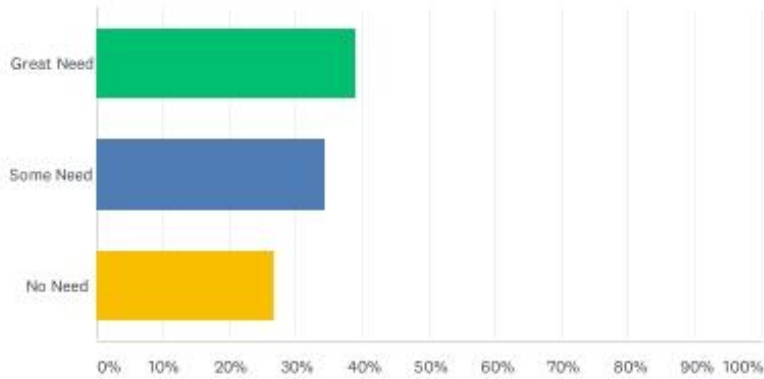
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12	Speed bumps on Casa Verde near the entrance to the subdivision. Traffic flows fast on Casa Verde and consequently as they are entering the subdivision on Messi.	4/8/2021 2:45 PM
13	Find a better way that installing speed bumps all over town. Encourage people to follow speed limits like other cities	4/8/2021 6:57 AM
14	on riverbank drive	4/7/2021 9:27 AM
15	safety issue	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
16	Yes cause the cars sometimes are speeding and they won't let the people cross the street	4/6/2021 8:50 PM
17	Cars are always speeding on Navajo Lane.	4/6/2021 7:31 PM
18	Lois Ln is in very poor condition and receives heavy use due to people using it as a short cut to go from international to plantation (country club drive) since it doesn't have speed humps like nearby streets like Kimberly	4/6/2021 10:43 AM
19	Especially on Atlanta Dr. There are 3 school on Atlanta Dr. and there are areas that do not have speed humps.	4/6/2021 9:34 AM
20	Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitaiton Center , located at Malinche and Laredo street has a great need for a speed bump on Laredo street as cars drive by very fast and endanger our patients as they cross the street.	4/6/2021 8:43 AM
21	Merida from Jaime Zapata to the park is a drag race. Every night. We've had several cars lose control and crash on the curve by the bridge	4/3/2021 12:02 AM
22	Once Plantation East opens up to Shiloh there will be a need in the areas close to the intersection of Plantation East and Country Club Drive and improved lighting in that area.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
23	Victoria is a collector street with many pedestrians walking on the sidewalks while cars drive very fast.	4/1/2021 3:35 PM
24	I have talked about this issue with a city Director who also lives near CASA VERDE ROAD. It is a long straight road and people use it to race or speed OFTEN. it could use speed bumps in a few areas.	4/1/2021 2:32 PM
25	Along Shiloh drive between McPherson and Loop 20. Individuals sometimes speed along the roadway.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
26	maybe Traffic Department should help to detetrmine	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
27	I've spent time in the area on Guatemozin between Meadow and Buena Vista and you always see cars speeding through at a high rate of speed, very dangerous for children.	4/1/2021 2:02 PM
28	Yes concord hills area is growing and we constantly see people speeding and losing control on concord hill main street by park. There is a lot of reckless driver calls in that area because people disregard stop signs	4/1/2021 1:48 PM
29	we have to many of them no need for more	4/1/2021 1:22 PM
30	The Jacaman Rd we need to install speed bumps, drivers think they are driving on IH-35.	4/1/2021 12:30 PM
31	Susie Dr. needs speed bumps. There are always kids playing on the street and vehicles speed through before getting to the curve.	4/1/2021 12:17 PM
32	Merida Street is like a race track at night. We hear cars speeding at night.	4/1/2021 12:05 PM
33	more speed bumps would be ideal. People drive way to fast within the neighborhood streets.	3/31/2021 9:06 AM

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Q20 Is there a need to install new or additional street lighting in your neighborhood?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	38.86%	68
Some Need	34.29%	60
No Need	26.86%	47
TOTAL		175

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Yes please install street lighting San Francisco Ave.	4/21/2021 1:33 PM
2	Some streets are dark during the night time with no street lights	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
3	Street lights are not enough	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
4	By Baltimore Street, there is need of more lighting. There is more crime, and the neighbors feel unsafe.	4/16/2021 1:06 PM
5	I think that brighter light bulbs could improve visibility. I know these have been installed on Prada Machin, but not the rest of the neighborhood	4/15/2021 10:15 AM
6	we need more street lamps that have LED's that are directional so that things are brighter and there is less crime and we are safer if things are brighter.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
7	Mines Rd neighborhoods are very poorly lit. Lighting does a great deal to make the neighborhoods appear nicer and safer. Updating the old yellow light bulbs to the white light would also help.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
8	Dark sky and other lighting mechanisms can provide light where needed but not necessarily all the time. We need to conserve energy and keep atmosphere healthy too	4/8/2021 6:57 AM
9	Gets pretty dark around here	4/7/2021 5:35 PM
10	By the old soccer fields , very dark if u plan to walk or jog in that area by the little park in the base area close to Bartlett by San Martin de Porras , very dark in that area ! More lighting needed !!!	4/6/2021 7:03 PM

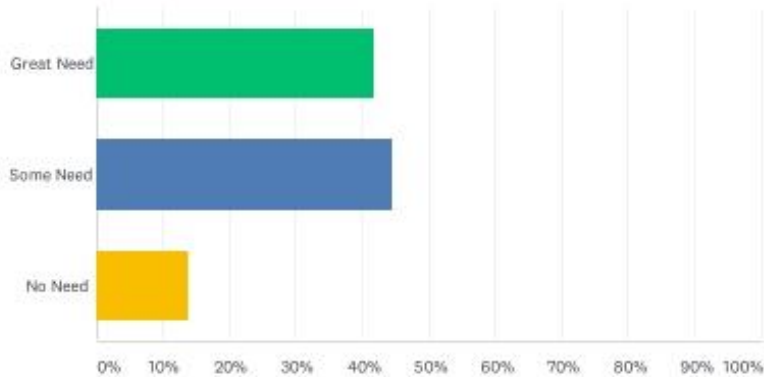
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11	Very Very dark!!!	4/3/2021 10:35 AM
12	Yes once the extension of Plantation East opens the lighting will have to improve at the corner of Country Club Drive and Plantation East due to the increased traffic cutting through the neighborhood due to the opening.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
13	maybe	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
14	There are few areas that require some light.	4/1/2021 1:29 PM
15	Added Lights or Trim Large Trees that Block Existing Lights - Along International, Woodridge, amongst other streets that do have street lights but are mostly blocked by large trees. A trim will add a lot of visibility for walkers and people that want to use bike in the late afternoons.	4/1/2021 12:31 PM
16	on Jalapa St at night it is dark	4/1/2021 12:05 PM

2021 City of Laredo Community Needs Survey

Q21 Is there a need for community/senior centers to provide elderly individuals with activities that will benefit their well being?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	41.71%	73
Some Need	44.57%	78
No Need	13.71%	24
TOTAL		175

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	The closest is the Buenos Aires community center	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	I don't know what the closest community center is	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	Yes! As mentioned above, community centers that are free! Not where the city will impose a fee or monthly membership that they will not be able to uphold.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	not just loteria; there are meaningful activities, such as yoga, reading clubs, dancing, exercise equipment design for elders with on staff certified instructors paid by the city, pool, recreational room with a library	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	Due to COVID, this is probably not a major priority	4/15/2021 10:15 AM
6	There are a lot of elderly families in the Mines Rd area	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
7	Need to provide good quality of life to make Laredo enjoyable. Activities generation wide	4/8/2021 6:57 AM
8	already exists	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
9	Comment to previous : Lighting definitely needed @ Flecha / Riverbank!!	4/6/2021 5:50 PM
10	no rec center anywhere close to the neighborhood.	4/3/2021 12:02 AM
11	We need a youth center on the North Side of Town - a perfect opportunity to collaborate with the Boys and Girls Club!!	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
12	There are no public recreation centers for seniors and after school activities for the youth. The push for those facilities have all been to south Laredo, even the water park facilities.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM

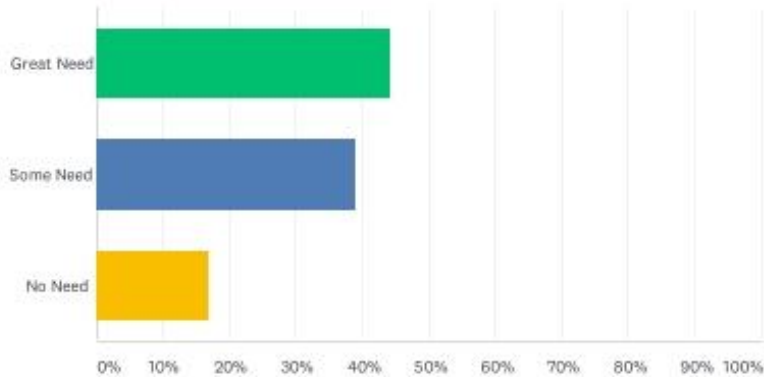
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13	within the neighborhood	4/1/2021 12:38 PM
14	Community Centers are dearly needed. Not everyone can afford private gyms or clubs. Seniors in the area have to travel to other Districts for this type of opportunities. Indoor well-being activities are much needed for adults and seniors that cannot afford memberships.	4/1/2021 12:31 PM
15	don't know	4/1/2021 12:10 PM

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Q22 Is there a need for new or additional recreation centers in your neighborhood?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	44.07%	78
Some Need	38.98%	69
No Need	16.95%	30
TOTAL		177

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Yes, the closest is Tarver	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	Recreation center needed	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	Yes! Free recreational centers for the families that are struggling and are low income.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	with plenty of physical activities: volleyball, basketball, yoga, ping pong, tennis, and swimming and more; area for homework/study/library	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	The Rec Ctr on (Tennis Court) Market could use Lighting	4/16/2021 7:39 AM
6	There is a need to improve the recreational conditions at Parque España	4/15/2021 10:15 AM
7	Closest one is Haynes recreation and is always packed.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
8	We have one small park and behind park is alot of bushes n old trees making it very dangerous exposure to Rattlesnakes for kids their our community grew alot and I think we need another park or trail since afternoon is difficult to leave our community since we are trapped with traffic lines	4/8/2021 2:02 PM
9	Other cities have incredible community centers. What happened to water park? The citizens asked for it and city hired a firm. Yet again, city did not follow through and it is gone. It was great by all the vélata and arenas in the entertainment district in that area.	4/8/2021 6:57 AM
10	unnecessary	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
11	We need Fine Arts centers and new community theater venues	4/6/2021 8:45 PM
12	North side doesn't have any rec centers for kids. Nearest one would be Mines road, or down	4/6/2021 7:31 PM

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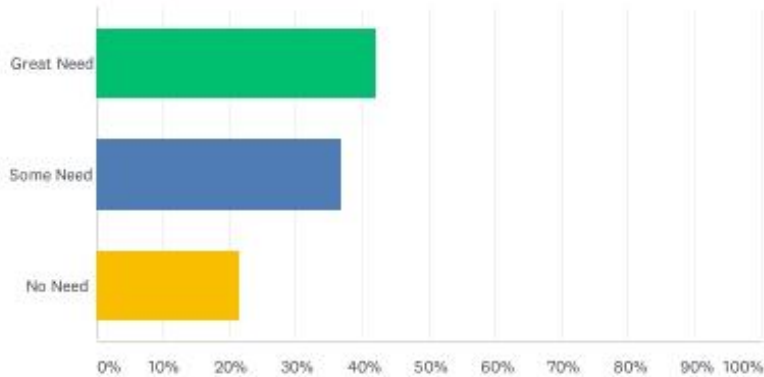
towards Hillside. Got to get through lots of traffic.

13	Tennis courts	4/6/2021 6:28 PM
14	None in the neighborhood	4/6/2021 11:14 AM
15	Even just adding additional basketball courts, outdoor volleyball, tennis courts, etc... to existing courts. I coached basketball to many youth teams and had a very hard time to find a place to work with the kids.	4/6/2021 9:33 AM
16	As above	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
17	Yes an actual public facility for afterschool activities for the youth. Exercise programs for the general public other than the privately owned facilities. A facility that can also be used for senior programs and or activities.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
18	There are no community recreation centers North of Calle del Norte and East of 35. We have North Central Park and the pool but the area needs an exercise facility/recreation center for adults and children.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
19	Another Rec Complex with more available activities	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
20	Dont know if we have one at Slaughter park or not but it would be a great idea.	4/1/2021 2:02 PM
21	There is nothing in the area.	4/1/2021 1:29 PM
22	NO REC CENTER	4/1/2021 1:06 PM
23	See #21 There are no Rec Centers in this District.	4/1/2021 12:31 PM

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Q23 Is there a need for new or additional parks and playgrounds in your neighborhood?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	41.81%	74
Some Need	36.72%	65
No Need	21.47%	38
TOTAL		177

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	The nearest playground, park was the one on JC Martin school but now it's something else	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	We need more clean and safe parks, with a variety of activities to do. More swimming pools, more trees and shade. Laredo is hot, most kids wont want to be outdoors unless there is more opportunities to cool off and be in the shade.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
3	I would definitely like that, but it needs to have a fence and security. Restrictions: children with adult supervision at all times; no pets and if you are going to bring a pet with leash and need to pick their mess or no pet allow	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
4	Lighting at Slaughter Park, what happened?	4/16/2021 7:39 AM
5	Parque España needs investment such as a playground, drainage, cleanup crews. Due to its position next to the Rio Grande, it would be great to see investment in birding and natural science attractions that could serve as a South Laredo environmental resource. This could be accomplished by identifying native plants and setting up simple stations where residents can observe nature	4/15/2021 10:15 AM
6	what we need is more green spaces and wilderness for hiking, biking and bird watching and our recreation centers need camping programs.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
7	Updating Father Macnobe Park would be good. More lighting on the walking path. Ensuring soccer field lights are on at night. It's so hot during the day, most people want to play at night when it's cool.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
8	Try making mini parks in abandoned areas with constant police presence.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
9	open the baseball park to all	4/6/2021 11:21 PM

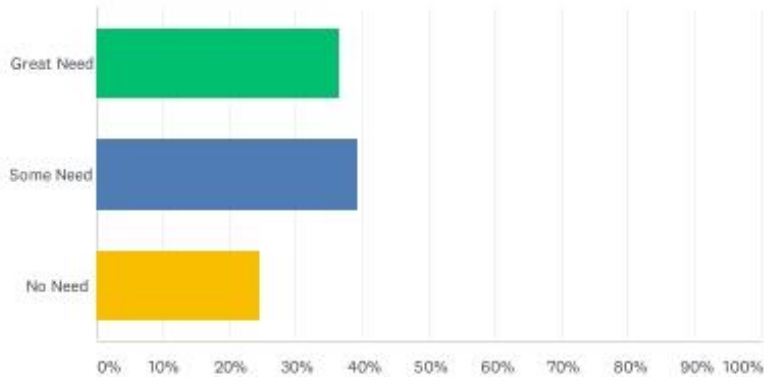
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10	No "beautiful/nice" baseball fields for my sons to practice in. Nearest nice ones are in Mines road. Heavy traffic there during peak hours. North side needs a park like Slaughter Park or Father McNaboe. Im tired of having to drive ALL THE WAY to Slaughter Park for my son to play flag football, soccer games, or even sometimes baseball. It's not fair to the north side people.	4/6/2021 7:31 PM
11	Tennis courts	4/6/2021 6:28 PM
12	Green area or park in between intersection of International Blvd. and Michigan Ave. and intersection of Michigan Ave. and Springfield Ave.	4/6/2021 3:55 PM
13	No need for new parks in my area, just add activities to the existing park and funding is available. The north central park is large enough.	4/6/2021 9:33 AM
14	Bike routes very necessary and please get the DOGS off the STREET!!!	4/3/2021 10:35 AM
15	park is looking pretty sad	4/3/2021 12:02 AM
16	in the Alexander Subdivision-current and only park gets packed	4/1/2021 4:29 PM
17	Playgrounds build communities. Plantation has a few open spots that could be used for small playgrounds	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
18	It is sad that the developer in Plantation is developing every square inch of the neighborhood for housing without any pocket parks.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
19	There are no playgrounds near my home.	4/1/2021 1:29 PM
20	More playgrounds with roofs (summer months) in Bartlett Park	4/1/2021 12:30 PM
21	There is a need for more parks and amenities at the parks city wide. I live close to Independence Hills Park, so there's not a need for a new park nearby, but there is a need for more amenities such as benches and art installations. Additionally, there is a need for a well connected trail system so that parks can be connected and easily accessible.	4/1/2021 12:27 PM
22	I would especially love a park for only pets and their owners. A true park with water for them and shade. I realize there are "dog parks" in most people parks. So you're trying to walk and play with your dog, and here comes a jogger, or a bike, or a skate board. You name it.	4/1/2021 12:12 PM
23	adding amenities to the park and playground is needed	3/31/2021 9:06 AM

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Q24 Is there a need for neighborhood police substations in your neighborhood?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	36.36%	64
Some Need	39.20%	69
No Need	24.43%	43
TOTAL		176

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Yes there is a need for more police. There is no police at 10:00 PM or 12:00 AM or 5:00 AM.	4/21/2021 1:33 PM
2	The nearest is Tarver elementary	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
3	I don't know where the nearest substation is	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
4	Yes! I don't see any police substations in the south side. The disparity of where they are located is limited to on area of Laredo. People need to feel safe and need to have easy access to these services.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
5	Especially, if the city does not have restrictions, families and elders find it difficult to walk or to enjoy the park, when ones feels unsafe. In other city, the park are also enjoyed by people who work and want walk before returning to work or simply eat lunch outside.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
6	There is one at Santa Maria, but it would be a great idea for Police to be vigilant around the areas of Santa Maria, Main Avenue, Baltimore Street, Santa Cleotilde	4/16/2021 1:06 PM
7	There is a sufficient presence of law enforcement every hour and the neighborhood is extremely safe	4/15/2021 10:15 AM
8	we need the police to be on patrol and not holed up in fortifications.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
9	I've had several things stolen straight from my front yard. I know of several other people who have experienced theft of their vehicles. I think more street lighting could help prevent this. It's so easy to hide in the dark streets.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
10	All the police are always giving speeding tickets in the Del Mar area by Alexander HS. Send them somewhere else or to look for real criminals not people going 5 over the speed limit,	4/7/2021 5:45 PM

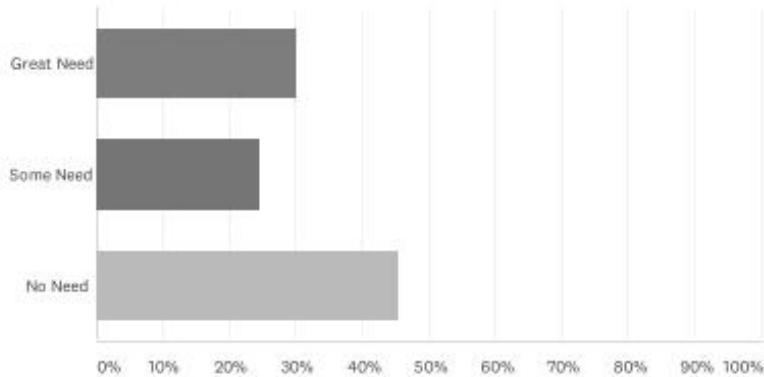
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11	Theres been a couple of altercations here recently i think itd be beneficial if there was one or two substations here.	4/7/2021 5:35 PM
12	Unsure	4/6/2021 7:52 PM
13	Lot's of horrendous drivers during peak hours on Shiloh and Mcpherson area.	4/6/2021 7:31 PM
14	There is one, but rarely that a patrol is there.	4/6/2021 6:14 PM
15	Need to see more police units patrolling the streets. Very necessary	4/3/2021 10:09 PM
16	the substations are not even used	4/3/2021 12:02 AM
17	You can never have enough policing for public safety. A substation with actual police officer is always welcome and not just an empty building.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
18	The area is quiet and safe. Police presence is good to have.	4/1/2021 1:29 PM
19	Area is growing so a police presence will benefit.	4/1/2021 1:04 PM
20	There seems to be some questionable activity at the Eastwood Parks as well as some smoking weed close to closing time of park	4/1/2021 12:45 PM
21	Added Patrols into the neighborhoods are desirable; especially over the weekends where private gatherings spill into the streets with loud noise and cars parked blocking driveways and fire hydrants.	4/1/2021 12:31 PM
22	It doesn't matter, they probably would never be there.	4/1/2021 12:12 PM

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Q25 Is there a need to demolish substandard/abandoned buildings where crime may be occurring due to the building's condition?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	30.11%	53
Some Need	24.43%	43
No Need	45.45%	80
TOTAL		176

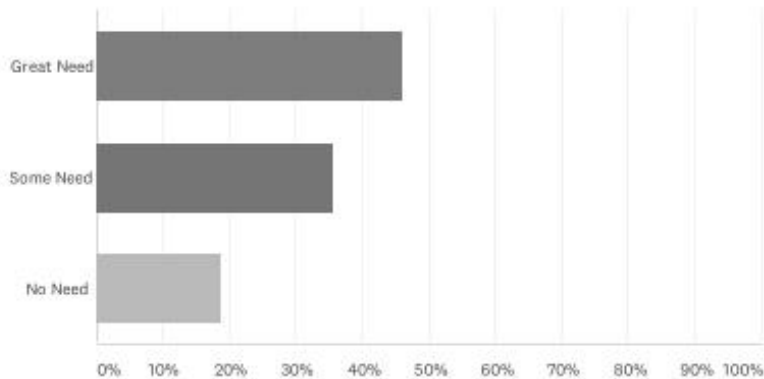
#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	There are some old abandoned buildings around the neighborhood	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	There are some old buildings	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	Yes, tear down and recreate something new that will benefit the community.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	These properties devalue our properties and pose a danger to our neighborhood, such sash house, drug, animals, and more. If the property owner is elder, then provide some assistance to restore safety to their house.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	The crime rate is increasing by Santa Mana and Baltimore	4/16/2021 1:06 PM
6	especially in the more impoverished areas of town.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
7	There is an abandoned apartment complex or something on Bristol rd next to Finely Elementary School. The city needs to demolish them or renovate them. It's been empty for years.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
8	We need more bulk items and hazardous waste pick up. We need more recycling centers. The hours of operation could be expanded as well.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
9	Not my neighborhood, but abandoned Mercy hospital needs to be demolished. There's always groups of young men hanging around and/or trying to sneak in.	4/7/2021 9:52 AM
10	Yes, but with a plan to help owners or investors to restore or reactivate the property. Simply demolishing to address a nuisance is shortsighted. Yes, it eliminates a temporary problem, but it also may create a long term income gap and neighborhood blight.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM

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11	too many slumlords	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
12	Unsure	4/6/2021 7:52 PM
13	Dellwood Apts!!	4/6/2021 5:50 PM
14	Can't think of any.	4/6/2021 9:33 AM
15	Of course	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
16	housing	4/1/2021 3:25 PM
17	Old Mercy Hospital (ugly and shady)	4/1/2021 2:04 PM
18	very much, especially those houses that have been abandon for example on cortex st.	4/1/2021 12:55 PM
19	To demolish some city owned properties as well as privately owned	4/1/2021 12:45 PM
20	Not in the subdivision	4/1/2021 12:30 PM
21	Yes	4/1/2021 12:11 PM

Q26 Is there a need for a Code Enforcement Program to address violations such as weeded lots, junked vehicles, and nuisances in your area to allow for a cleaner and safer neighborhood?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	45.76%	81
Some Need	35.59%	63
No Need	18.64%	33
TOTAL		177

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Yes please there a great need.	4/21/2021 1:33 PM
2	Yes! We as a community need to set a standard and educate people about the hazards of hoarding junk in their lawns and not taking proper care of their homes.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
3	Code enforcement look at business like car repair shop in the neighborhood that keeps the street pathway compromised and old rental mobile homes, which my lately was raid as a sash house, and last year found a dead person.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
4	The priority should be infrastructure and improving the city's investment, not code violations.	4/15/2021 10:15 AM
5	of course some houses have cars just park on the side walk and people are not able to walk	4/13/2021 2:00 PM
6	Yes, a great need. Enforce parked "for sale" vehicles and junk vehicles	4/13/2021 10:03 AM
7	we need an abandoned buildings ordinance	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
8	There is not a lot of pride taken in peoples lawns. A lot of homes look very trashy. It doesn't make for a very attractive neighborhood when people are considering buying homes. It's hurts the resale value of the whole community.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
9	City should expand services of bulk pick up and give incentives for cleaning neighborhoods. Have a contest for neighborhoods where residents can pick a service "front lawn mow, tree planting, painting of a mailbox, etc.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
10	We've ask HOA about all the wild trees and bushes and said the city is responsible for that	4/8/2021 2:02 PM

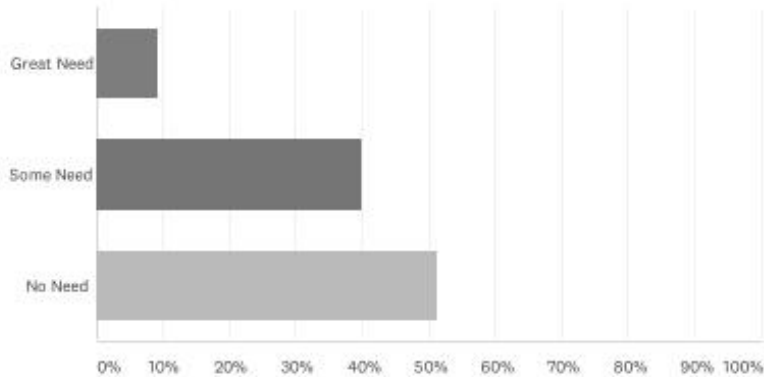
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please evaluate our community we have alot of Rattlesnakes

11	It would be great if yall can do something about cars parked on the sidewalk. I like biking and its a great nuisance having to go down a drive then back up on the sidewalk. Its kinda dangerous too theres been many times i didnt notice a car passing.	4/7/2021 5:35 PM
12	Especially downtown. Downtown remains filthy with absentee property owners that do not seem to regulated to conform.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM
13	neighborhood entrance on Remington	4/7/2021 7:12 AM
14	they need fresh blood, training, and ethics. The current ones are corrupt and lazy	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
15	I have a neighbor that parks his tractor trailer at his house. Very noisy!	4/6/2021 7:31 PM
16	Removal of Trashcans and Recycle bins from public sidewalk directly in front of Miramar Condominiums (7406 Michigan Avenue)	4/6/2021 3:55 PM
17	Can't think of any.	4/6/2021 9:33 AM
18	yards are full of trash, junked vehicles.	4/3/2021 12:02 AM
19	absolutely!!!	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
20	Some need at times for people that park on sidewalks and force people to walk on the streets.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
21	No anyone can define those 3 things on opinions of Code Enforcements. Kind of like Cops,	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
22	There are unkept lots at times. Vehicles often block fire hydrant access.	4/1/2021 1:29 PM
23	There is number of empty lots and allies (behind Denmark St.) that are illegal dumps and nobody seem to address those. It is unsanitary, and a mosquito incubator.	4/1/2021 12:31 PM
24	MY NEIGHBOR (2103 E. MONTGOMERY)	4/1/2021 12:12 PM
25	Yes!!	4/1/2021 12:11 PM

Q27 Is there a need to remove graffiti from walls, bridges and underpasses in your neighborhood?

Answered: 174 Skipped: 6



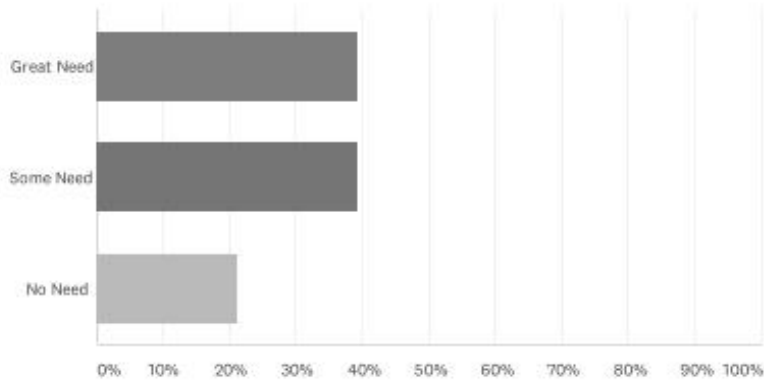
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	9.20%	16
Some Need	39.66%	69
No Need	51.15%	89
TOTAL		174

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Having a well presented community will definitely be a plus! I don't see a huge need for this, but there are some neighborhoods that could benefit from this.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
2	I have not seen much.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
3	No. However, mural projects would be greatly appreciated! There is no public art in my neighborhood	4/15/2021 10:15 AM
4	My neighbors wall has had graffiti on it for many years. There is graffiti on the large cement water wash outs.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
5	Under the bridge to enter the park with a pond where theres tunnels. Its by independence park, but honestly the graffiti keeos coming back i dont think its worth the time and energy.	4/7/2021 5:35 PM
6	Some need in some of the drainage creeks.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
7	Our mailbox bank was recently vandalized with blue graffiti; it needs to be repainted.	4/1/2021 1:03 PM

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Q28 Is there a need to promote/incentivize small business development?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	39.43%	69
Some Need	39.43%	69
No Need	21.14%	37
TOTAL		175

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Some need such as ice cream shops and no more car washes	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
2	Yes! Lots of mothers are already creating businesses out of their homes. I think these women should be targeted and given an opportunity to promote and launch their own business.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
3	My neighborhood needs to stay as neighbor for families to live safe and thrive. Depending on the business, I do not want to encourage growth because with growth business bring the traffic, noise level, and undesirable people.	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
4	laredo does not let small businesses grow or they fail due to way too high rents. we lost our small business due to a 6000 dollar rent for a small cyber games that we would charge 10 dollars for 30m i have talk to many small businesses that have to let go of their dreams for the same reason. only big companies make it and that if...	4/12/2021 11:31 PM
5	we need to stop giving taxpayers dollars to big companies like majestic and find ways to help smaller businesses grow and start.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
6	We have a brand new business center that was built on Mines Rd and no tenants. The small businesses on Mines Rd also look very trashy. The "grass"/weed area between the street and business is very overgrown. There need to be improvements to these areas to entice businesses to do business in Mines rd. The businesses just look very run down.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
7	There are many suites available but many are vacant.	4/8/2021 2:45 PM
8	I think its a great need, especially during this time. We have very talented individuals with great businesses.	4/7/2021 5:35 PM
9	unsure	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
10	Yes, especially in the inner city neighborhoods. Without this, the economic base of	4/7/2021 9:02 AM

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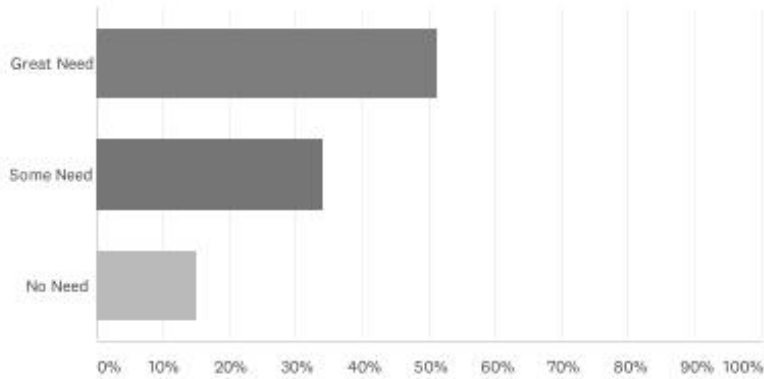
neighborhoods will disappear and neighborhoods will continue to deteriorate and vacated, without much revitalization or make-up for lost business activity and property tax revenue.

11	get people back to work who have too many government checks .	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
12	we need to encourage legitimate small business to plant roots in Laredo and help them thrive. City funds should go to local, small business whenever possible.	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
13	The need is there and incentives I am sure are always welcomed.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM

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Q29 Is there a need to provide job training to increase job opportunities for individuals?

Answered: 174 Skipped: 6



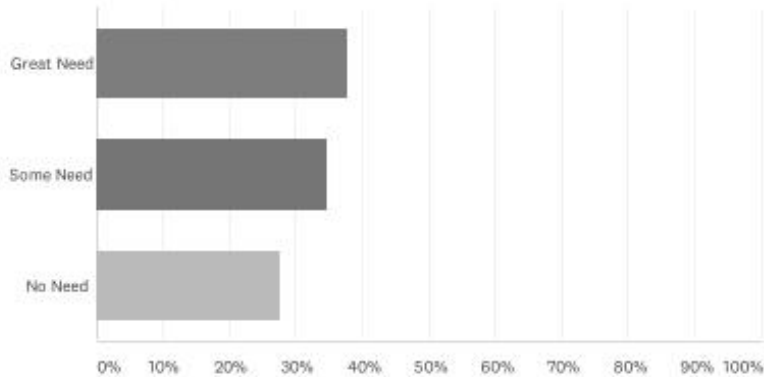
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	51.15%	89
Some Need	33.91%	59
No Need	14.94%	26
TOTAL		174

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Many people around here are low income	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	Yes! Job training for high school students who fail to launch and continue to reside with their parents, lacking independent skills and confidence to get in the workforce.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
3	medical, technical, engineering, social services, business	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
4	we need to create a pipeline from early childhood to HS and then to community colleges for the highly skilled tech jobs of the future and the green economy - we also need more truck driving schools and fleet management and dispatching software development.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
5	unsure	4/7/2021 2:10 PM
6	Yes, but this should be done by the local educational institutions and not the City of Laredo.	4/7/2021 9:02 AM
7	Local employers struggle to find employees who are techy enough for the new global market. English skills are desperately needed. Start at the municipal level and require greater English proficiency.	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
8	there is alot of need of employment. Many families were affected by COVID.	3/31/2021 8:34 AM

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Q30 Is there a need for the creation of bike lanes in your neighborhood/city?

Answered: 178 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great Need	37.54%	67
Some Need	34.83%	62
No Need	27.53%	49
TOTAL		178

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	There is no room for adding bike lanes	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
2	There are no such lanes so people use the sidewalks	4/19/2021 2:06 PM
3	Yes! A need for bike lanes, walking trails and hiking trails! More outdoor activities and things to do safely.	4/16/2021 4:57 PM
4	would welcome a bike lane--great exercise and enjoyment	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
5	tremendous need..... bike lanes and active transit infrastructure is greatly needed. people cannot safely get around in strollers, walkers, wheelchairs, scooters and bikes. this is an equality issue - and it is unfair that these very vulnerable people cannot get around town safely and affordably.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
6	I don't own a bike because I wouldn't feel safe riding in the Mines Rd area. If there were speed bumps, to keep the cars speed in check, that would help a lot. Also increased lighting would help. Better side walks. There is no way I'd try to ride in FM1472 because of the 18 wheelers. If there was a dedicated, protected bike lane, I'd consider biking to work.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
7	Sidewalks? What about safe, clean, wide, shaded sidewalks. That should be priority, then bike lanes. I don't get the green painted bike lanes downtown that look horrible already and offer no protection. The bike lanes along loop are full of trash, gravel and glass. We can't even maintain what we have. How about interconnected parks with recreational bike/run/walk	4/8/2021 6:57 AM
8	We need more bike trails	4/7/2021 5:45 PM
9	We need better bike lanes. Our bike lanes are either non existent or in terrible locations. Ones that are in-between traffic are a bad idea because ive seen countless times where people just	4/7/2021 5:35 PM

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go over the painted lanes as if they dont know it exists. I think itd be a good idea to leave on the right side of the by the side walk.

10	don't narrow any more streets	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
11	in between intersection of international Blvd. and Michigan Ave. and intersection of Michigan Ave. and Springfield Ave.	4/6/2021 3:55 PM
12	International	4/6/2021 10:43 AM
13	Also the streets are so NARROW needs to be one WAYS ONLY!!!	4/3/2021 10:35 AM
14	We have a lot of cyclist in Plantation and they frequently use the sidewalks (especially older folks and kids). Someone is going to get hurt or killed.	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
15	Some need so that people can enjoy riding bikes without encroaching on regular traffic.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
16	Bike lanes need to be finished along Casa Verde	4/1/2021 2:32 PM
17	yes and sidewalks should create especially for families with young children	4/1/2021 12:55 PM
18	We need safe and well connected bike lanes. The bike lanes should be dedicated and protected from vehicular traffic. An off-street bike system of connected trails citywide is also highly needed. Bike lanes are needed and should be implemented city wide, but we need to make sure that they are located strategically and are designed so that they are safe for cyclists.	4/1/2021 12:27 PM
19	neighborhood	3/31/2021 9:06 AM

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Q31 Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

Answered: 82 Skipped: 98

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Have a chemical collection, trash furniture, tires. And have shredder collection.	4/21/2021 1:33 PM
2	Property Taxes have gone up considerably where there have been no improvements nor additions to the home. Too many people cannot afford paying so many taxes. People with no children should not pay school taxes.	4/19/2021 2:37 PM
3	Take conscious effort to improve our neighborhood, people are worth it to stay healthy, safe, secured. If my councilman is serious, spend time with the people who elected him. Our neighborhood are the rock of our great city--Remember to love thy neighbor--God's great commandment. Please put people first. :)	4/16/2021 2:37 PM
4	The neighborhood Cantaranas /west side needs more vigilance from Police. There is crime and drugs on the rise.	4/16/2021 1:06 PM
5	Lighting for Stone Street from Slaughter Park to HEB. The Most trafficked by Pedestrians to/from HEB. Most Bycycled to/from HEB. Stop Signs would Help. Night Police Patrols would Help!	4/16/2021 7:39 AM
6	Green ranch and Deer Creek area continue to be isolated from the rest of the city through lack of extra roads to and from town. Mines road is susceptible to high traffic and traffic jams, Consumer business are sporadic.	4/15/2021 10:33 AM
7	Traffic enforcement and code enforcement need to step up	4/13/2021 10:03 AM
8	Laredo is growing at a rapid rate, yet there's not much to offer our future kids. House/rent is too expensive to compare to San Antonio; you can buy a huge lot with a house for a smaller place and lot here in Laredo. Politics are still very in control. Parks need additional roofs due to high heat; there are not enough pools (the few ones get super pack and take way too long breaks. The schedule is horrible. Laredo heat in the summer is terrible, and they open when the heat is the worst and closes when the heat is less). Then, affordable prices for kids' recreation or summer camps are not available. Even our neighbor city offers gymnastics, dance, crafts, arts, running track, etc., for free. I am already looking for summer camps outside Laredo, and I can see the difference. I looked at Brownsville camps, and wow, what a difference; Archery PaddlingCanoeing Slingshot Shooting Geo-Caching Plant and Animal Identification Yoga Fishing Arts and Crafts, Sports. All of these for a reasonable price. I will be staying at a cheap hotel. I have not been able to pay for music classes because, wow, just the very wealthy may pay. The city does not offer much. When it comes to education, math, and reading, extra help for kids OMG super expensive 50 the hour. I paid for a dance class for 70 dollars a month(only daughter), four times a month, plus uniforms(125). And it all comes down to high rents high prices for the consumers everywhere you go here. salaries too low etc. the poor get help, the middle gets nothing, and rich are rich :/ so yes, Laredo improved a little, but it would be great to have more innovative young leaders that lead Laredo to a better city.	4/12/2021 11:31 PM
9	thank you for taking the time to do this survey - i hope this isnt just show and that you all really listen to us and draft a budget that reflects the will of the people and just what the fire and police unions want. I hope our councilmember isnt just another patron politico who only listens to developers and special interests.	4/12/2021 10:51 AM
10	No	4/9/2021 10:28 PM
11	Once the study has been completed share the results with general public .	4/9/2021 12:38 AM
12	None	4/8/2021 8:58 PM
13	Na	4/8/2021 5:30 PM
14	HEB or Walmart closer	4/8/2021 4:21 PM
15	no	4/8/2021 4:14 PM

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16	It's only the light polls we have very few on Snake dr. It is a school street and it's too dark for kids to walk in the morning to the middle school. I don't know if it will be better to put more polls Or change the lighting it's too dim.	4/8/2021 3:42 PM
17	Improve the bus route system. Currently the bus route only takes you up and down Mines Rd. I live off Rancho Viejo, and I calculated how long it would take me to get to work, which is just a 10 minute drive near Doctor's Hospital. It would take me over an hour and a half to get there. I'd have to ride all the way downtown, switch busses and ride all the way back up to the north side. If the bus routes were improved to take people from Mines rd to other parts of the city, instead of just up and down Mines rd and to downtown, a lot more people would utilize the bus system. This past year my family was victim to two car crashes and it really made me consider using the bus routes, but they are not effective. Please look into adjusting the bus routes.	4/8/2021 3:18 PM
18	We desperately need sidewalks in district 4. It only happened when election was around the corner. That cost effective approach will also allow families to improve health and safer for pedestrians/bikes/etc. Most of the money will be better spent improving the infrastructure of district four than using it for assistance. If you want to help struggling families, increase job opportunities with commercial properties and not let home developers "buy" or "dictate" the way politicians make decisions.	4/8/2021 2:35 PM
19	Please talk about building an alternative exit to green ranch we are a bigger community now and it's getting very dangerous incase of an emergency and our exit is always trapped by excessive traffic congestion lines please go at 5pm so you can see for yourself	4/8/2021 2:02 PM
20	I LOVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD... THE ONLY THAT IS AT THE PARK THE NO PARKING SIGNS TO BE REMOVE, THE POLICE TO CHECK ON THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE RACING ON THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.	4/8/2021 12:50 PM
21	Lets make Laredo Great	4/8/2021 9:01 AM
22	Water park. Quit going out for projects and then not following through. Quit giving favors and jobs to same firms over and over. Spread the love and wealth to all participating companies and people. You'll have a more diverse honest city. Get rid of the corruption and people turning projects into money for themselves. We don't need to master plan every project. Grass roots projects are also successful.	4/8/2021 6:57 AM
23	Councilman Torres is doing a great job and I trust he is budgeting our district funds appropriately and effectively.	4/7/2021 11:31 PM
24	I'd love to see enforcing bike lanes at public parks. Painting the bike lane isn't enough since a lot of people at the parks (NCP and Bartlett) are constantly walking on it and they never get out of the way Sometimes its a big family, sometimes its dogs with no leash on getting in the way. Maybe putting it on the news or putting signs about staying off the bike lanes within the parks may help. I'd also like to see more active police presence outside public parks at night.	4/7/2021 5:45 PM
25	We have a long journey ahead of us	4/7/2021 5:35 PM
26	Need parks	4/7/2021 10:36 AM
27	We need good government or non-profit organization office jobs with reasonable pay at south Laredo around Cuatro Vientos Rd. I mention this because those jobs are in the north and traffic is getting worse.	4/7/2021 9:52 AM
28	More enforcement on tractor trailers in the neighborhood streets, parked tractors obstruct view to oncoming vehicles and block sidewalks.	4/7/2021 9:27 AM
29	Our city has recently looked very run down with a lot of trash like papers, tires, branches and furniture on city sidewalks for quite a long time. there are also some abandon houses that homeless people tend to invade to abuse of drugs or start fires.	4/7/2021 9:14 AM
30	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS ISSUES AND IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: 1. City of Laredo should find a funding source/stream (in addition to federal resources) to help support the sustainability of homeless services. Resorting to federal funds will not be enough, to help truly sustained needed housing and supportive services to make a significant on homelessness. Without a new source of operation funding from local government, homeless related issues will remain the same. 2. City of Laredo should dedicate resources to add new (at least 4 more sets) permanent public restrooms in downtown	4/7/2021 9:02 AM

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Laredo and along IH 35 to provide access for all, but also to help manage the homeless restroom needs. Otherwise, the defecation/urination will continue to occur in public and private properties. As well, restrooms should be design and build in a manner that they are sustainable, manageable, and practical to clean. The portable potty system used only permeates, projects, and results in the substandard nature of services offered. In order to change behavior, we must offer and project the change ourselves. 3. City of Laredo should complete the plans and open the detoxification center. THANK YOU. 4. City of Laredo dedicate and invest federal and LOCAL funds to help built a new emergency shelter wit low-barrier qualities. This is past due, as emergency shelter have been over capacity for years now. 5. City of Laredo should dedicate and invest federal and LOCAL funds to assist non-profits develop transitional and supportive housing. Make it a goal to build at least 100 units in the next 2 years, then 100 more in the next 2 years, until there is sufficient units to ameliorate homelessness. 6. City of Laredo should align program goals with third party funding to dedicate funding and join with non-profits to increase the street outreach and intervention programs, BUT with true street outreach work. Require documentation of no less than 75% of the time and effort reimbursed to be for street work. 7. The City of Laredo Health Department should increase it's linkages to street and shelter homeless services, possible create a team that focus on this coordination, especially as the pandemic continues. 8. The City of Laredo Police Department should study and consider creating an inner city outreach and intervention task force to work jointly with non-profit service providers to address the social, behavioral and law enforcement issues related to homelessness. 9. The City of Laredo should continue to work with non-profit and for-profit partners to continue developing affordable housing for all market segments, but especially those 50% or below area median income. 10. City of Laredo should provide financial (tax waiver and funding contribution) incentives for the creation of affordable housing and small business development in the inner city and downtown. These could include a per-unit-created funding contribution of at \$10,000 to \$15,000 in targeted areas identified by the City, providing the updated water and sewer taps for a new housing or small business development. When there is disinvestment and blight, this types are required and have been proven successful in other cities. 11. Work with downtown stakeholders, develop, and adopt an "abandoned building ordinance" to motivate or regulate the disinvestment and deterioration of properties in downtown and the inner city areas that are actively being target for revitalization. THANK YOU ! Jose L. Ceballos

31	We need better imaginative forward thinking politicians than the ones we have now	4/6/2021 11:21 PM
32	Yellow markers on the streets of Lomas del Sur have faded away. Zapata Hwy also has faded yellow markers... it is dangerous to drive at night since those streets have 2 lanes.	4/6/2021 10:43 PM
33	I hope they do something new in my neighborhood and fix the streets with payment the streets	4/6/2021 9:31 PM
34	Only if someone would enforce the parking of vehicles the right way. Especially on Blair street	4/6/2021 8:50 PM
35	We need more community Fine Arts Centers with Theater venues. Like the Dougherty Fine Arts center in Austin.	4/6/2021 8:45 PM
36	Build baseball fields and soccer fields for north side district 6 children. We dont want to drive all the way to Slaughter Park for Boy and Girls club flag football games, soccer games.	4/6/2021 7:31 PM
37	Turning lane between Hillside and Bustamante on Bartlett , I don't understand it's use , there aren't too many places to turn into , useless change of lanes they should change it back to two lanes on either directions !!	4/6/2021 7:03 PM
38	We don't have a park .. and we need more lights speed bumps on Bianka st..more police patrol .ty	4/6/2021 6:57 PM
39	While we appreciate the intentions behind surveys, this survey could have been simplified. This could have been a one question survey that asked people to check what they thought was needed in their area with a space for comments. Thank you.	4/6/2021 6:57 PM
40	Northwest Boys Club is in need of a shade for swimming pool and needs remodeling	4/6/2021 6:22 PM
41	Help senior citizens with less restrictions.	4/6/2021 6:20 PM
42	Parking enforcement, vehicles are blocking visual traffic	4/6/2021 6:14 PM
43	More pd patrols needed near Riverbank/ Flecha Ln due to illegals crossing!	4/6/2021 5:50 PM
44	Would like to see the councilman be more active and represent, during this pandemic or even during the freeze in Feb I have yet to see him anywhere in the district to see if his constituents	4/6/2021 5:18 PM

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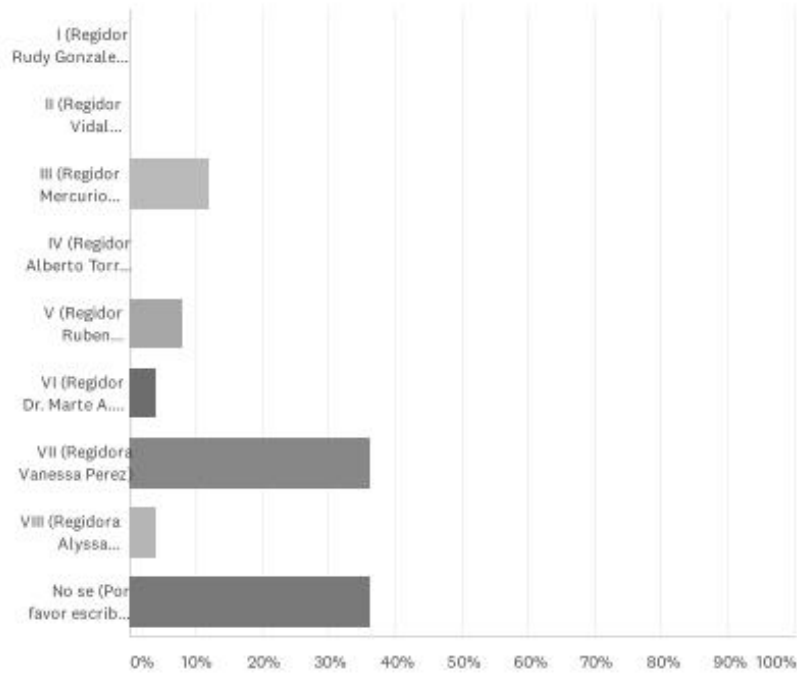
	need assistance.	
45	Put a limit on cars per household dependent of size lot.	4/6/2021 5:13 PM
46	No	4/6/2021 5:03 PM
47	No.	4/6/2021 4:02 PM
48	None	4/6/2021 4:01 PM
49	I would like for Mines Rd. to connect to Santa Maria through the under pass as it was before. During the freeze that the over pass was closed it was chaotic because all of the streets that lead out to loop or IH 35 were super congested and it took hours to get out of Mines Rd. Hope they reconsider opening that street again.	4/6/2021 9:34 AM
50	No.	4/6/2021 9:33 AM
51	As a director for a non-for profit agency, I see a great need to help COVID Recovered patients whose lives have been saved, and now need the rehabiliation services in order to get back to a "normal" quality of life. These individuals have lost income sources, exhausted their insurances and or have very high deductibles that they can not afford. There should be funds, grants accessible to local non-profit agencies to help these individuals have a chance to lead quality health lives.	4/6/2021 8:43 AM
52	The growth of abandoned buildings and homes in the Heights neighborhood is creating horrible situations for neighboring homeowners and their homes' values. It is also creating A LOT of crime, people wandering the streets at night obviously going into or coming out of those buildings, and creating huge trash and vermin issues. This was once a very prized and well-cared for neighborhood with mixed income housing that suited the neighborhood very well. Now, there are pockets of slum-like conditions next to regular homes, and everyone suffers here.	4/5/2021 9:34 AM
53	N/A	4/4/2021 4:10 PM
54	More police presence, add more traffic lights instead of four ways. Neighborhoods are too dark, street lights are needed, good bright ones.	4/3/2021 10:09 PM
55	None	4/3/2021 4:18 PM
56	NA	4/3/2021 4:17 PM
57	Yes Please come walk The Streets in Our Neighborhood during the day and at Night just terrible loose dogs no sidewalks dirty lots trees in the street and in others YARDS cars on easements! PLEASE COME AND SEE!!!	4/3/2021 10:35 AM
58	Down Shilo, there are community mail boxes for the neighborhoods, however Shilo has become a very busy street especially between the back of Elias Herrera Middle School and the corner of McPherson. In fact there have been a few automobile accidents. It would be easier for residents, and safer, for there to be mailboxes informant of the houses rather than the community ones. Additionally our mailman's already stop and deliver packages and large mail to our doors step. Would it not be more efficient and safer for everyone to remove community mailboxes and install mail boxes at our homes? Shalom and Shama street, for example.	4/3/2021 12:32 AM
59	our councilman is one of the most useless. Only hear from or about him at election time.	4/3/2021 12:02 AM
60	Thank you!	4/1/2021 4:25 PM
61	No	4/1/2021 4:13 PM
62	The city has to partner with somebody to keep up with the street lighting when the light in poorly lit areas are out. They need to be monitored better.	4/1/2021 3:56 PM
63	My subdivision does not have El Metro Services	4/1/2021 3:35 PM
64	No	4/1/2021 3:03 PM
65	No, I think all of the questions above addressed all of the need in the community.	4/1/2021 2:36 PM
66	Yes, please. We need Speed bumps on Casa Verde road. Go there and you will see how straight it is and you will also see race/tire marks. I have literally seen two cars line up and race on this road starting at University Blvd to Casa Verde. Please help.	4/1/2021 2:32 PM

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67	Increase technology sectors and not warehouses.	4/1/2021 2:28 PM
68	Nope	4/1/2021 2:16 PM
69	Beautification and maintenance to entrance and roads in Las Misiones since HOA is no longer in existence.	4/1/2021 2:10 PM
70	N/A	4/1/2021 1:08 PM
71	YES! THERE IS WATER COMING OUT FROM MANY HOMES. UNDER THE GROUND, BEEN HAPPENING SINCE I MOVED IN 7 YEARS AGO. NEVER STOPPED. MOST OF OUR AREA HAS WATER COMING FROM GROUND	4/1/2021 1:06 PM
72	Move community mailboxes from main and busy Shiloh street to in front of individual houses.	4/1/2021 1:04 PM
73	stop spending on stop signs to look elegant, fix the sidewalks so children can ride their bikes and not on the street.	4/1/2021 12:55 PM
74	for improvements to be made within the Santo Nino area	4/1/2021 12:38 PM
75	Buses park on the street blocking the traffic. This needs to be addressed. Schools use streets to cue cars from parents during events and at dismissal time; this needs attention. Added patrols to address vehicles illegality parked needed attention.	4/1/2021 12:31 PM
76	No	4/1/2021 12:30 PM
77	POLICE PRESENCE OR CAMERAS ARE NEEDED IN BASKETBALL COURTS TO PREVENT VANDALISM. INDIVIDUALS NEED TO PROSECUTED IN ORDER TO SEND THE MESSAGE THAT IF THIS CONTINUES THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES. THE SKATE PARK WAS A WASTE OF MONEY AS IF ONLY BROUGHT TOO MANY KIDS THAT VANDALIZE THE PLANT STRUCTURES AND BASKETBALL COURTS. TOO MUCH TRASH IS LEFT BEHIND ALSO.	4/1/2021 12:27 PM
78	We need to focus on our neighborhoods and conduct more neighborhood level assessments. We need to create neighborhood associations city wide to empower residents to create change and improve conditions within their neighborhoods. The City can be a resource for these neighborhood groups by providing them the necessary tools and perhaps small grants to make neighborhood scale improvements.	4/1/2021 12:27 PM
79	Promote local business and help companies to stay in business, so we don't need to go out of town shopping	4/1/2021 12:21 PM
80	Please consider the speed bumps! Those are greatly needed on Susie Dr. by the curve. Vehicles have already had accidents there.	4/1/2021 12:17 PM
81	none at the moment	4/1/2021 12:13 PM
82	NO COMMENT	4/1/2021 12:12 PM

Q1 ¿En que Distrito de la ciudad vive?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I (Regidor Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.)	0.00% 0
II (Regidor Vidal Rodriguez)	0.00% 0
III (Regidor Mercurio Martinez III)	12.00% 3
IV (Regidor Alberto Torres, Jr.)	0.00% 0
V (Regidor Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.)	8.00% 2
VI (Regidor Dr. Marte A. Martinez)	4.00% 1
VII (Regidora Vanessa Perez)	36.00% 9
VIII (Regidora Alyssa Cigarroa)	4.00% 1
No se (Por favor escriba el nombre de su subdivisión o vecindario en la caja de abajo)	36.00% 9
TOTAL	25

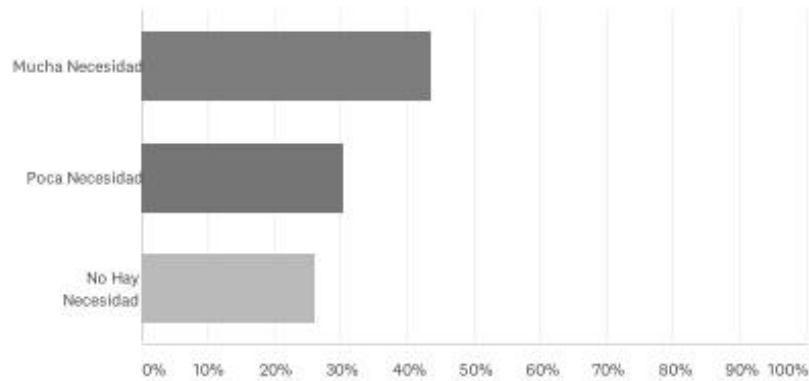
#	NOMBRE DE SU SUBDIVISIÓN O VECINDARIO:	DATE
1	Woolf Creek	4/20/2021 5:56 PM
2	Deerfield	4/12/2021 5:09 PM

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3	818 guerrero st	4/9/2021 3:32 AM
4	Indian Sunset (Las Minas)	4/8/2021 10:54 PM
5	Indian sunset	4/8/2021 4:14 PM
6	Mines	4/8/2021 3:59 PM
7	Mines rd , Bristol roads	4/8/2021 2:29 PM
8	Santa Rita	4/7/2021 1:04 AM
9	Riverhill	4/7/2021 12:01 AM
10	East wood	4/6/2021 6:12 PM
11	Santa fe	4/6/2021 6:05 PM
12	LAKE SIDE	4/6/2021 12:11 PM
13	colonia santa rita	4/6/2021 11:34 AM
14	SANTA FE	4/1/2021 4:19 PM
15	Tiara de San Isidro	4/1/2021 3:44 PM
16	Rancho Viejo	4/1/2021 2:05 PM

Q2 ¿Hay necesidad de un Programa de Rehabilitación de Viviendas para ayudar a los propietarios a reparar sus viviendas incluyendo el techo, plomería, electricidad, etc.?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 2

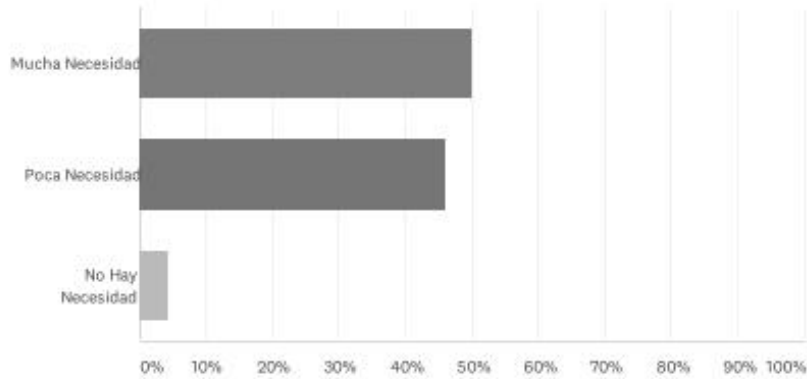


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	43.48%	10
Poca Necesidad	30.43%	7
No Hay Necesidad	26.09%	6
TOTAL		23

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	No tengo vivienda propia, son apartamentos	4/6/2021 9:50 PM

Q3 ¿Hay necesidad de un programa para proveer ayuda a individuos de bajos recursos para dar el enganche de una casa por primera vez?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

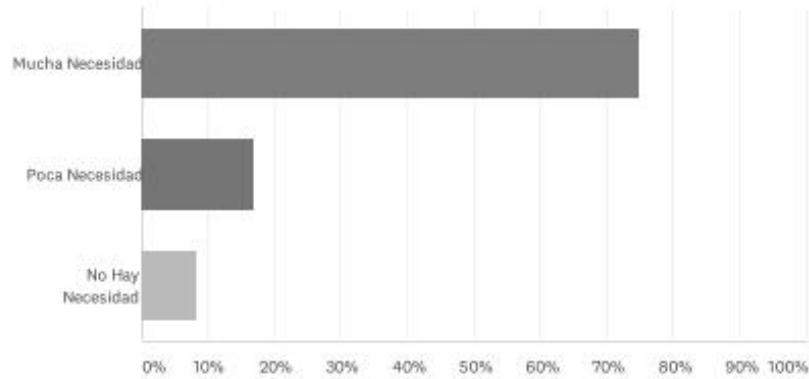


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	50.00%	12	
Poca Necesidad	45.83%	11	
No Hay Necesidad	4.17%	1	
TOTAL		24	

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q4 ¿Hay necesidad de construir casas nuevas a precios accesibles para ser compradas por individuos de bajos recursos?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

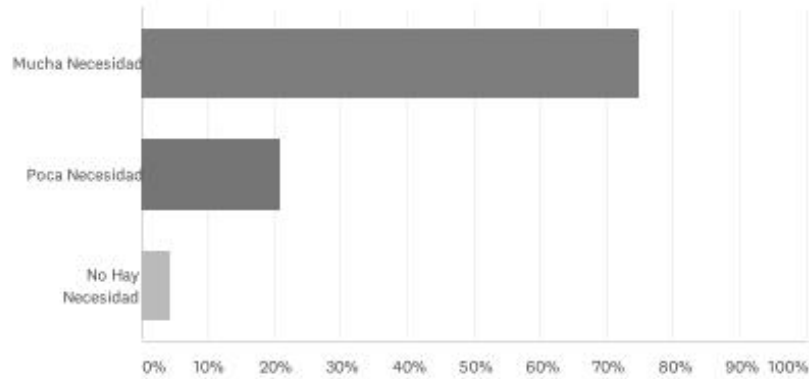


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	75.00%	18
Poca Necesidad	16.67%	4
No Hay Necesidad	8.33%	2
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q5 ¿Hay necesidad de proveer ayuda a las personas de la tercera edad para pagar la renta?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

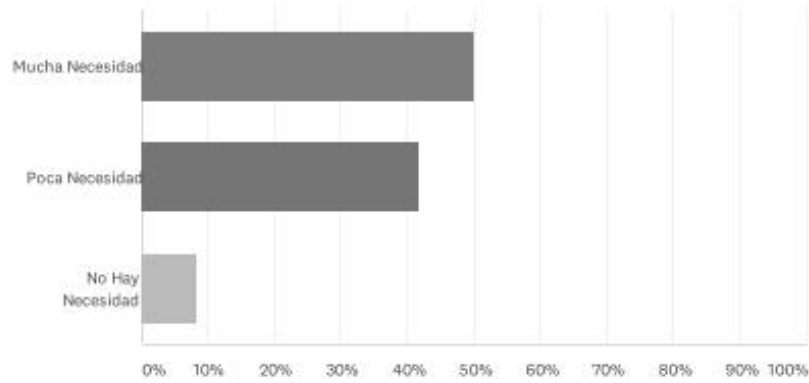


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	75.00%	18
Poca Necesidad	20.83%	5
No Hay Necesidad	4.17%	1
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q6 ¿Hay necesidad de remover la pintura a base de plomo en casas?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

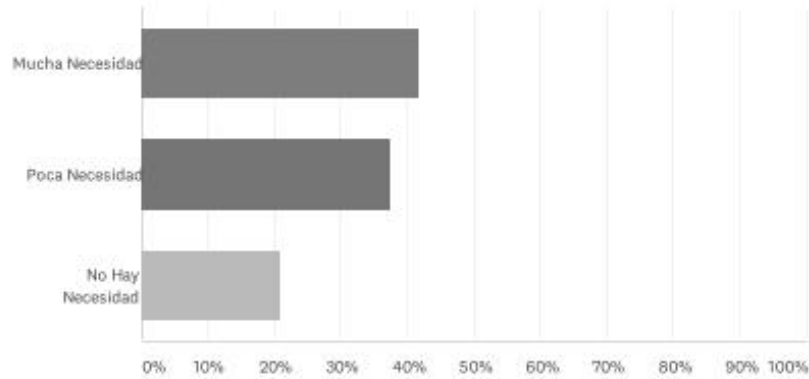


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	50.00%	12
Poca Necesidad	41.67%	10
No Hay Necesidad	8.33%	2
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q7 ¿Hay necesidad de albergues de emergencia para proveer un techo y servicios a personas ó familias que viven en la calle?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

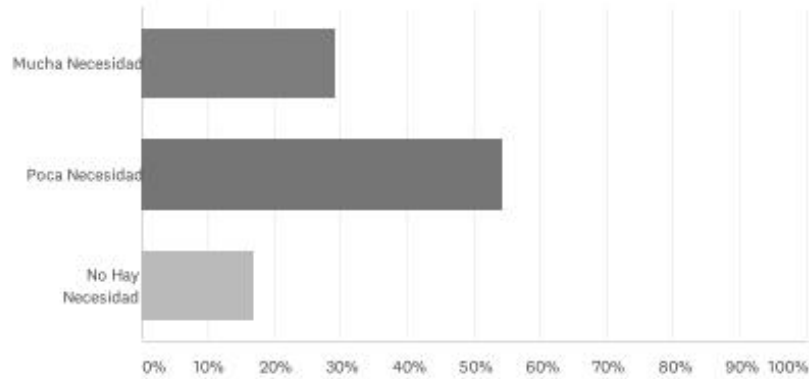


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	41.67%	10
Poca Necesidad	37.50%	9
No Hay Necesidad	20.83%	5
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q8 ¿Hay necesidad de proveer una vivienda temporal a personas ó familias que viven la calle en lo que encuentran un hogar permanente?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

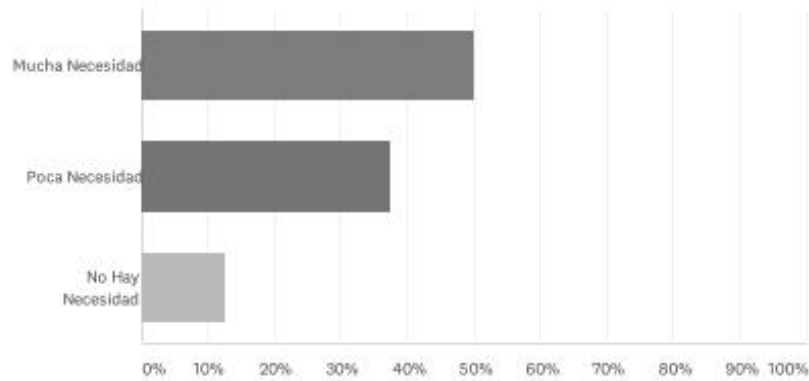


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	29.17%	7
Poca Necesidad	54.17%	13
No Hay Necesidad	16.67%	4
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q9 ¿Hay necesidad de proveer información a personas que viven en la calle sobre los servicios disponibles para ellos(as)?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

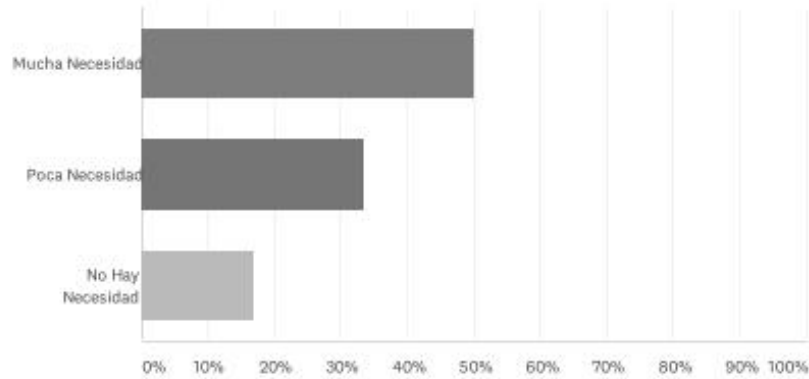


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad		50.00%	12
Poca Necesidad		37.50%	9
No Hay Necesidad		12.50%	3
TOTAL			24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q10 ¿Hay necesidad de proveer a individuos ó familias asistencia para pagar la renta ú otras utilidades para prevenir que terminen en la calle?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

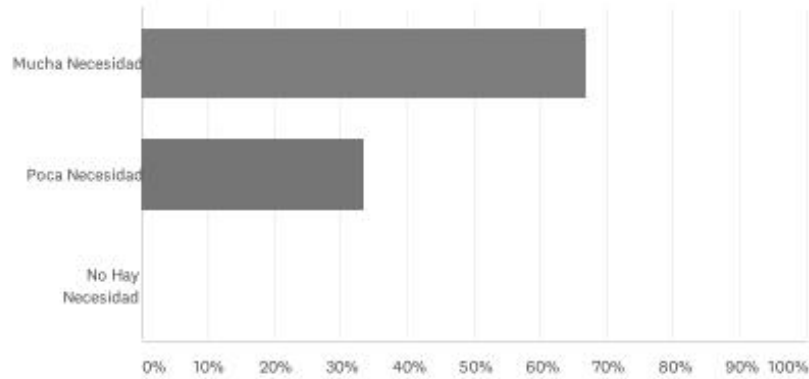


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	50.00%	12
Poca Necesidad	33.33%	8
No Hay Necesidad	16.67%	4
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q11 ¿Hay necesidad de proveer consejería, referencia/servicios de apoyo para informar a individuos de los recursos disponibles en la comunidad?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

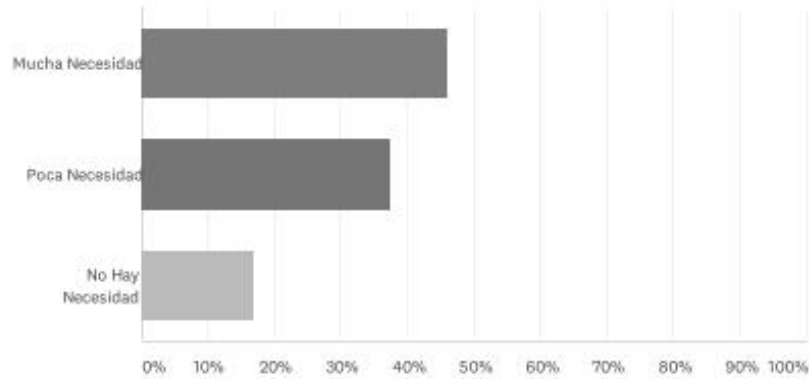


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	66.67%	16
Poca Necesidad	33.33%	8
No Hay Necesidad	0.00%	0
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q12 ¿Hay necesidad de mejorar las líneas de agua o hidrantes de incendio existentes en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

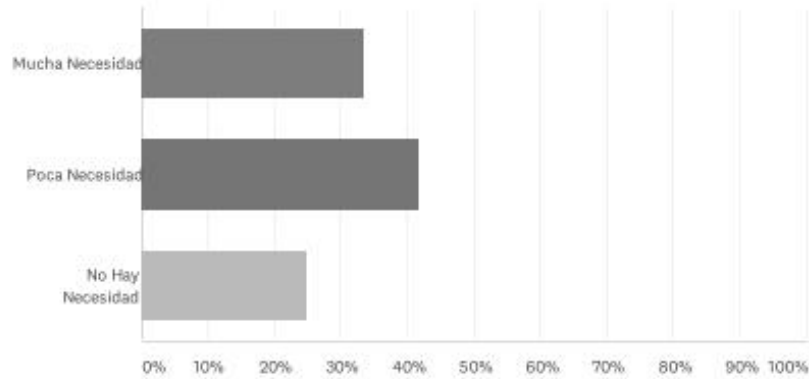


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	45.83%	11	
Poca Necesidad	37.50%	9	
No Hay Necesidad	16.67%	4	
TOTAL		24	

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	Sewer smells horrible just entering mines road!!!	4/8/2021 2:29 PM

Q13 ¿Hay necesidad de construir o incrementar la capacidad de almacenamiento de agua en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

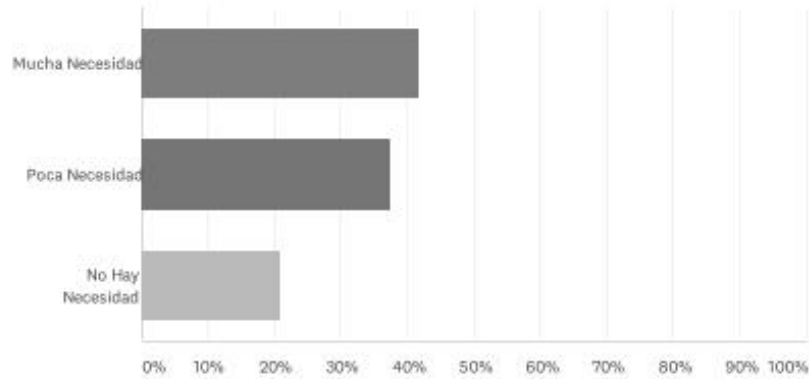


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	33.33%	8
Poca Necesidad	41.67%	10
No Hay Necesidad	25.00%	6
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	I live behind the del wood apts , been years trying to get the district to make the ditch cement like the rest of the other roads with the ditch of cement , the water is eroding the dirt getting close to the homes and apartments!!	4/8/2021 2:29 PM

Q14 ¿Hay necesidad de mejorar o expandir las instalaciones de tratamiento de alcantarillado en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

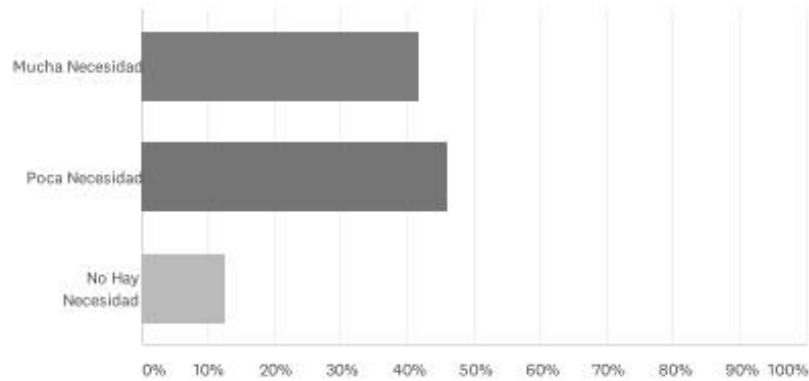


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	41.67%	10
Poca Necesidad	37.50%	9
No Hay Necesidad	20.83%	5
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q15 ¿Hay necesidad de construir banquetas en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

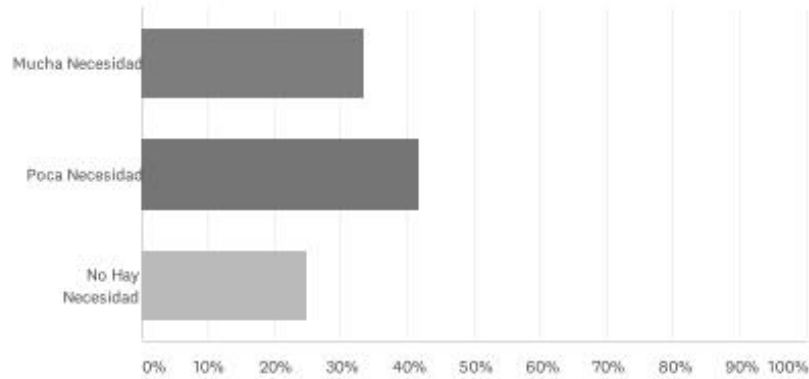


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	41.67%	10
Poca Necesidad	45.83%	11
No Hay Necesidad	12.50%	3
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	Yessssssssss , all of Bristol road!!! And the ditch behind the old deltoid apts!!!	4/8/2021 2:29 PM
2	FALTAN MUCHAS BANQUETAS	4/1/2021 4:19 PM

Q16 ¿Hay necesidad de construir/mejorar las condiciones del drenaje en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

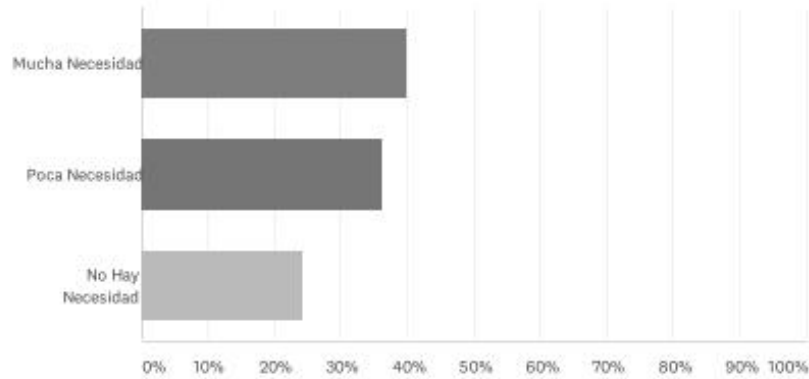


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	33.33%	8
Poca Necesidad	41.67%	10
No Hay Necesidad	25.00%	6
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	Yesssss!!! Behind the old del wood apts!!! The only part of mines that doesn't have a cement ditch !!	4/8/2021 2:29 PM

Q17 ¿Hay necesidad de instalar señales de tráfico nuevas en su vecindario?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0

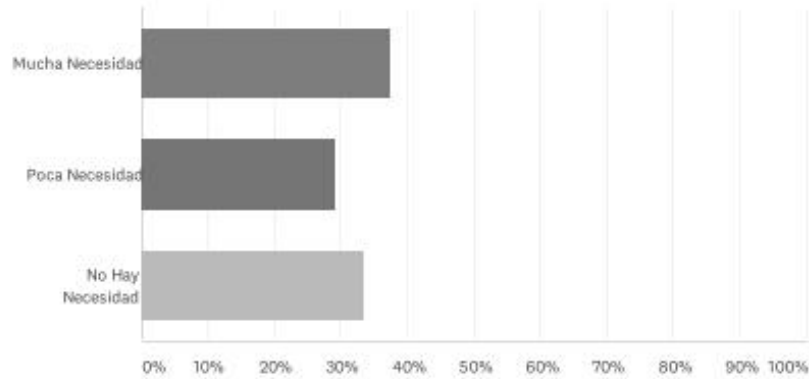


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	40.00%	10
Poca Necesidad	36.00%	9
No Hay Necesidad	24.00%	6
TOTAL		25

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	nos urge que la ciudad nos apoye, TXDOT quiere eliminar la unica entrada que que tenemos a nuestra coloniaNECESITAMOOS AYUDA URGENTE	4/20/2021 5:56 PM
2	FALTAN SEMAFOROS EN LAS CALLES Y ALUMBRADO	4/1/2021 4:19 PM

Q18 ¿Hay necesidad de pavimentar las calles/carreteras en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

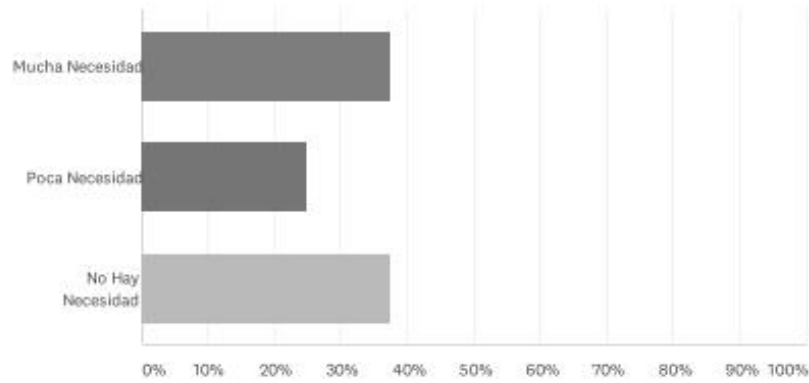


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	37.50%	9
Poca Necesidad	29.17%	7
No Hay Necesidad	33.33%	8
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	Yessssssss	4/8/2021 2:29 PM
2	YA ESTAN MUY ACABADAS	4/1/2021 4:19 PM

Q19 ¿Hay necesidad de instalar reductores de velocidad en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

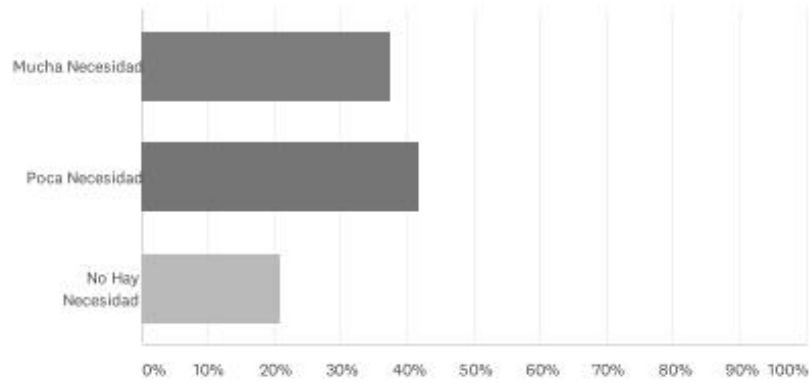


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	37.50%	9
Poca Necesidad	25.00%	6
No Hay Necesidad	37.50%	9
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	los autos conducen demasiado rápido en la calle Rancho Viejo	4/9/2021 7:51 AM
2	POR LA CALLE SUSIE DR PASAN COMO DEMONIOS Y ANDAN NIÑOS JUGANDO	4/1/2021 4:19 PM

Q20 ¿Hay necesidad de instalar luces en las calles de su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

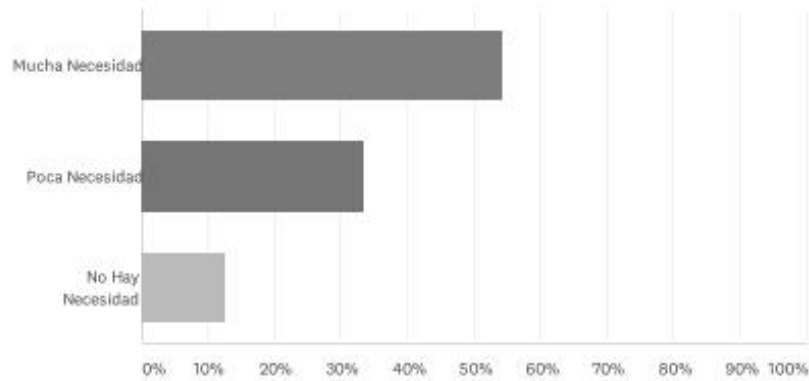


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	37.50%	9
Poca Necesidad	41.67%	10
No Hay Necesidad	20.83%	5
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q21 ¿Hay necesidad de centros comunitarios ó centros para personas de la tercera edad que provean actividades que beneficien a los usuarios?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

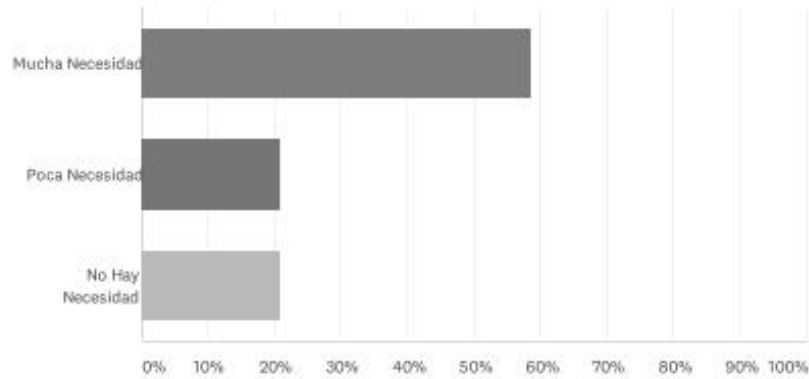


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	54.17%	13
Poca Necesidad	33.33%	8
No Hay Necesidad	12.50%	3
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	El Distrito 6 es el unico Distrito donde no existe un centro comunitario municipal.	4/1/2021 3:44 PM

Q22 ¿Hay necesidad de centros de recreación nuevos ó adicionales en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

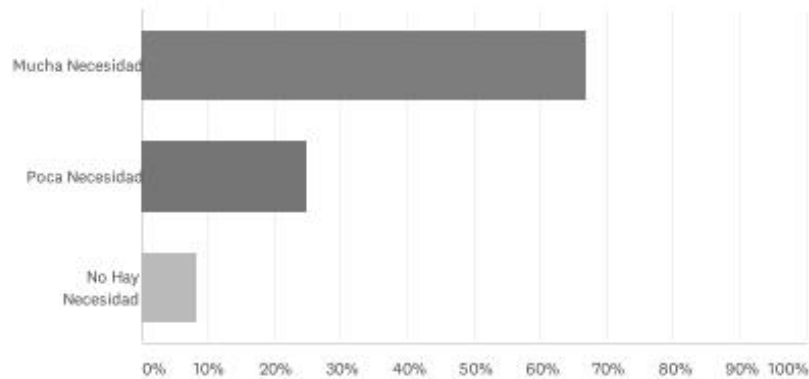


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	58.33%	14
Poca Necesidad	20.83%	5
No Hay Necesidad	20.83%	5
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	El Distrito 6 es el unico Distrito donde no existe un centro recreativo municipal.	4/1/2021 3:44 PM

Q23 ¿Hay necesidad de nuevos parques y áreas de juegos en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

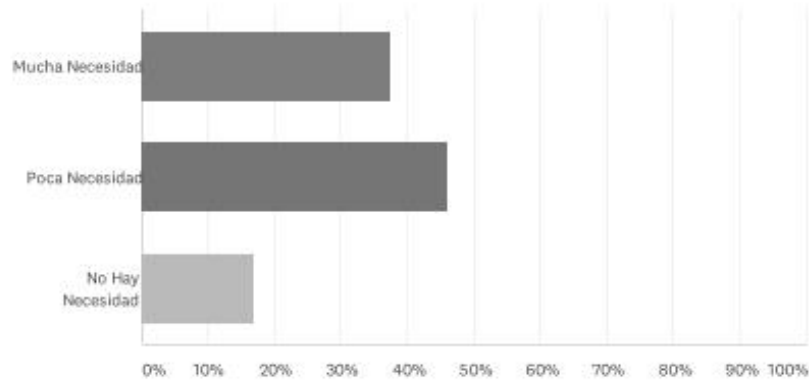


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	66.67%	16
Poca Necesidad	25.00%	6
No Hay Necesidad	8.33%	2
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	Solo hay un parque (McNaboe) con una área de juegos, para toda la comunidad, el parque es demasiado grande pero creo faltan mas áreas para los niños	4/8/2021 10:54 PM
2	Especialmente instalaciones que provean canchas de tenis, basketbol, volibol o campos de futbol/beisbol. Areas de esparcimiento con sombras y areas para picnic. Pies mojados, areas para mascotas.	4/1/2021 3:44 PM

Q24 ¿Hay necesidad de sub-estaciones de policía en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

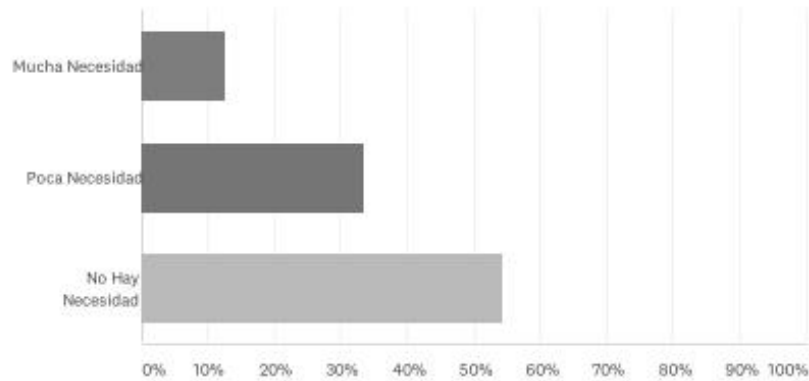


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	37.50%	9
Poca Necesidad	45.83%	11
No Hay Necesidad	16.67%	4
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	mucho robo	4/9/2021 7:51 AM

Q25 ¿Hay necesidad de derrumbar edificios deficientes/abandonados en donde es posible que ocurra algún crimen debido a las condiciones del edificio?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

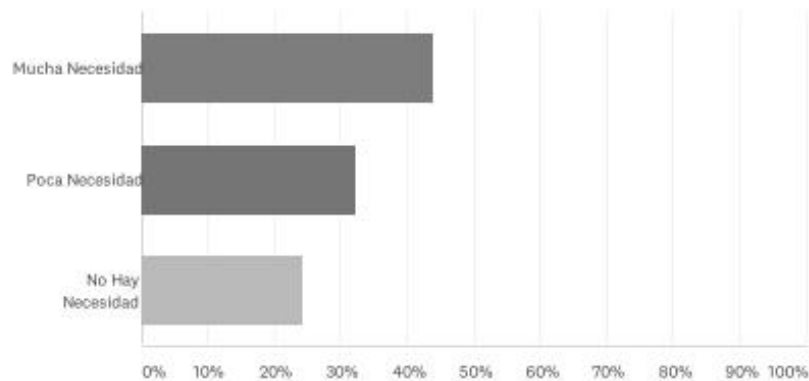


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	12.50%	3
Poca Necesidad	33.33%	8
No Hay Necesidad	54.17%	13
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q26 ¿Hay necesidad de un Programa de Enfortamiento de Códigos relacionados con solares con hiervas altas, vehículos abandonados, y otras molestias para tener un vecindario más limpio y Seguro?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 0

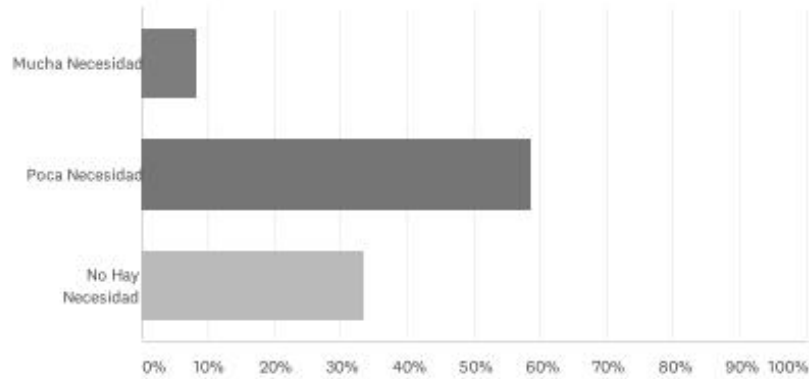


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	44.00%	11
Poca Necesidad	32.00%	8
No Hay Necesidad	24.00%	6
TOTAL		25

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	mUCHA NECESIDAD, TENEMOS UN ARROYO LLENO DE ARBUSTOS HIERBAS ALTAS Y JNAMAS LO LIMPIAN	4/20/2021 5:56 PM
2	La mayoría de las casas tiene acumulamiento de cosas en su patio y demasiados carros estacionados sin usar, hierbas altas o bolsas de hierba en las banquetas, la recolección de hierba solo es de vez en cuando, no cada semana.	4/8/2021 10:54 PM
3	S	4/6/2021 7:30 PM

Q27 ¿Hay necesidad de remover el grafiti de las paredes, puentes y otras áreas en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

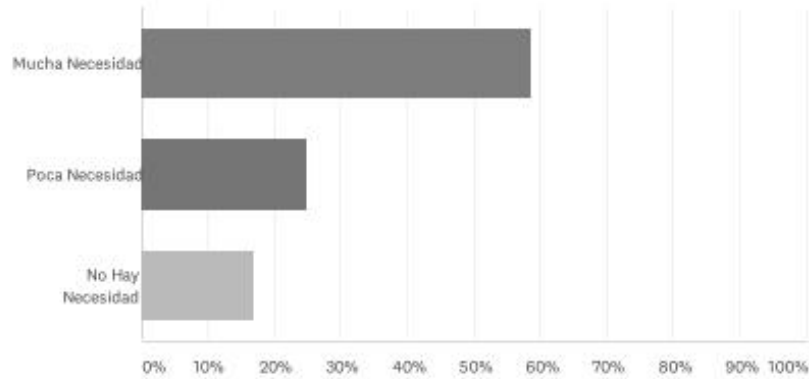


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad		8.33%	2
Poca Necesidad		58.33%	14
No Hay Necesidad		33.33%	8
TOTAL			24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
1	W	4/6/2021 7:30 PM

Q28 ¿Hay necesidad de promover/proveer incentivos para el desarrollo de negocios pequeños?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

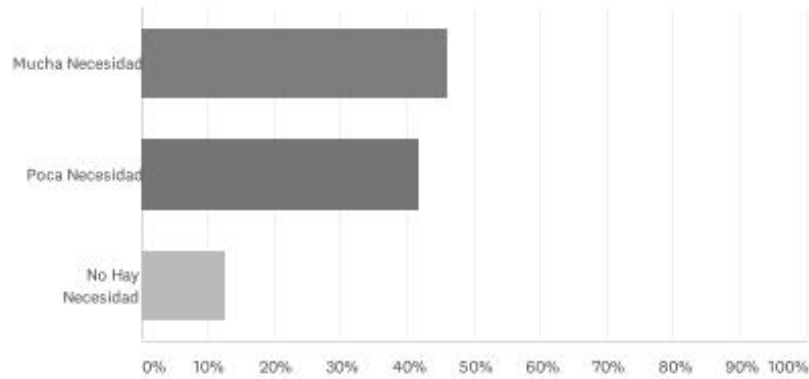


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	58.33%	14
Poca Necesidad	25.00%	6
No Hay Necesidad	16.67%	4
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q29 ¿Hay necesidad de proveer entrenamiento de trabajo para los individuos?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1

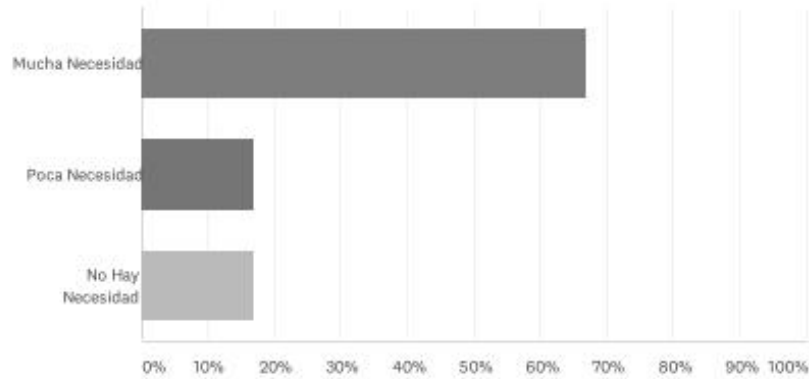


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	45.83%	11
Poca Necesidad	41.67%	10
No Hay Necesidad	12.50%	3
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q30 ¿Hay necesidad de crear carriles para las personas que andan en bicicleta en su vecindario?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mucha Necesidad	66.67%	16
Poca Necesidad	16.67%	4
No Hay Necesidad	16.67%	4
TOTAL		24

#	COMENTARIOS	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q31 ¿Tiene algun otro comentario ó sugerencia?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 19

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Si por favor le pedimos al Sr.Saenz junto con nuestra regidora nos ayuden a resolver la atrocidad qvue pretende hacer TXDOT de cerrar la entrada a nuestro hogar en Wolf creek por minas road	4/20/2021 5:56 PM
2	No	4/12/2021 5:09 PM
3	Qué nos tengan en cuenta cuando hablemos de nuestras necesidades, yo llevo mucho tiempo diciendo que cuando llueve, la casa de mis vecinos y la mía se inunda, he ido ha hablar al concilió, he llamado por años, pasa un rio por mi casa, necesitamos alcantarillado, y por años no nos hacen caso, me estoy haciendo vieja, y ya no puedo luchar con este problema, mil gracias	4/9/2021 3:32 AM
4	Si poner topes o reductotes de velocidad en la calle Fawn Dr	4/8/2021 3:54 PM
5	The taxes we pay need to be used to Our benefits not the councils pockets!	4/8/2021 2:29 PM
6	Hace falta areas de juegos para niños discapacitados...aquí en laredo hay muchos personitas que nesesian diatraerse tambien...pensar un poco em ellos tambien(gracias)	4/6/2021 6:12 PM

APPENDIX H
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – APPROVAL OF ACTION PLAN

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**CITY OF LAREDO
RECOGNITION AND
COMMUNICATION
NOTICE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON
STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
July 26, 2021
5:00 P.M.**

1. Recognizing the Laredo American Little League Society All-Star teams in the Majors and Juniors divisions who recently won the title of District 34 champions in their respective divisions after a city-wide competition. The teams are now preparing for sectionals in Brownsville, Texas this month. The City of Laredo wishes them the best of luck.

Recording of this recognition not available.

2. Recognizing Mr. Alberto Flores for his recent appointment as the Port Director for the Laredo Port of Entry, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Laredo Field Office. He has more than 24 years of federal service, is a Laredo native and a TAMIU Graduate.

Recording of this recognition not available.

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2021-R-12
LIVE WEB LINK:
<http://laredotx.swagit.com/live>
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1110
HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
July 26, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pete Saenz called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pete Saenz led in the pledge of allegiance.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

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For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Dr. Marte Martinez was not present.

30. Authorizing the award of the 2020 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, Inc., to acquire one (1) vacant lot and to assist in part with the construction of two (2) single family housing units; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in support of the same. Funding is available in the 2020 Home Grant Year.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: MPT Gonzalez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Dr. Marte Martinez was not present.

31. Consideration to award contract FY21-074 to lowest bidder Midas Contractor, Laredo, TX in the amount of \$67,825.00 for providing carport repairs at the Jose Flores Duplexes (City owned Laredo Municipal Housing properties). This project shall consist of all necessary labor, materials, equipment, and related appurtenances to complete this project. The time for completion of this project is thirty-five (35) working days. Funding for this contract is available in the Laredo Municipal Housing Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres
Second: MPT Gonzalez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Dr. Marte Martinez was not present.

32. Approving the submission of the 2021-2022 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a request for funding in the amounts of \$3,748,497.00 in the 47th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,158,599.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and \$328,355.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$72,000.00 is anticipated to be received 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 plan submission. The 2021-2022 plan identifies the projects proposed to be funded by HUD through entitlement program funds and anticipated program income, which are as follows:

47th AY Community Development Block Grant	
1 Community Development Administration	\$738,000.00

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2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$317,710.00
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$600,000.00
4	Code Enforcement	\$508,107.00
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$31,550.00
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$165,000.00
7	Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$562,130.00
8	Park Improvements in District I	\$59,000.00
9	Sidewalks in District I	\$59,000.00
10	Park Improvements in District II	\$118,000.00
11	Park Improvements in District III	\$68,000.00
12	Sidewalks in District III	\$50,000.00
13	Park Improvements in District IV	\$75,000.00
14	Sidewalks in District IV	\$43,000.00
15	Park Improvements in District V	\$118,000.00
16	Sidewalks in District VII	\$50,000.00
17	Park Improvements in District VII	\$68,000.00
18	Sidewalks in District VIII	\$118,000.00
	TOTAL	\$3,748,497.00

Revolving Loan		
19	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$6,506.00
20	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$65,494.00
	TOTAL	\$72,000.00

HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
21	HOME Program Administration	\$114,000.00
22	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI)	\$260,000.00
23	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$400,000.00
24	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$200,000.00
25	Homeowner Reconstruction Program	\$100,000.00
26	Affordable Rental Housing Program	\$344,599.00
	TOTAL	\$1,418,599.00

Emergency Solutions Grant		
27	ESG Program Administration	\$16,258.00
28	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$106,318.00
29	Emergency Shelter – Essential Services	\$45,000.00
30	Street Outreach	\$9,884.00
31	Rapid Re-Housing	\$82,352.00
32	Homelessness Prevention	\$60,543.00
33	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$8,000.00

These minutes are preliminary and are subject to change.
They are considered unofficial until approved at the next City Council meeting.

TOTAL	\$328,355.00
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Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: MPT Gonzalez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Dr. Marte Martinez was not present.

33. Consideration to ratify the purchase of three (3) heavy-duty PVC/Nylon for temporary sheltering from W. W. Grainger in the amount of \$114,954.87 and to further authorize the City to enter into an agreement with non-profit agencies that will utilize these as temporary shelters in order to expand the housing capacity of the current shelters and continue to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 pandemic by assisting homeless individuals and families. Funding is available through the Emergency Solution Grant Cares Act 2nd allocation (ESG-CV2).

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Torres

Second: MPT Gonzalez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Dr. Marte Martinez was not present.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: STAFF SOURCE TECLO J. GARCIA, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

34. Consideration for approval authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Texas Chapter 380 economic incentives agreement with GAB Land Holdings, LLC (aka Empacadora GAB), a US-owned, Laredo-based produce firm that's been in operation for more than 20 years and is expanding into a \$11.4 million facility in the Pinnacle Industry Center off Mines Road. The proposed agreement incentivized Empacadora GAB to keep its US operations headquarters in Laredo over another Texas city. In addition to the \$11.4 million expansion, 13 jobs are retained in Laredo and 5 new full time permanent jobs with benefits will be created. The incentives agreement reduces GAB's property taxes over a 5-year period by about 55%, however, the city's new projected revenues from the project will more than double the tax reductions. Total 5-year payroll is projected to be \$3.11 million. Compliance measures will be in effect.

Teclo Garcia, Economic Development Director, reported that Empacadora GAB's most common import is broccoli. Staff's strategy with this Chapter 380 agreement is to retain jobs, comply with the cold storage/produce center recommendations of the Viva Laredo Comprehensive Plan, and increase the City's economic incentive/Chapter 380 performance agreements to remain competitive in the market. A five-year accord will rebate a percentage of property taxes to the firm

APPENDIX I
LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM TEXAS BALANCE OF STATE
CONTINUUM OF CARE

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

July 29, 2021

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 CoC 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 2021-22 Annual Action Plan. THN staff reviewed the homeless-related topics in the draft plan and provided input, and City staff responded to THN's questions and comments in writing and during a phone conversation.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the plan with the City staff, to better understand how Consolidated Planning funds are making a difference in Laredo. THN and the CoC will continue to support the City's 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 mary@thn.org or 512-861-2180.

Sincerely,



Mary Stahlke, LMSW
Director of Engagement for the TX BoS CoC



APPENDIX J
ANNOUNCEMENT - SUBMISSION
OF PUBLIC COMMENTS



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

TELL US WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS ARE

The City of Laredo, Department of Community Development, will be conducting surveys and receiving public comments in order to give citizens an opportunity to express their housing and community development needs. We highly encourage you to fill out a Community Needs Survey or provide comments through any of the following methods:

- ★ Fill out a quick survey online through Survey Monkey at:

ENGLISH

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comments21>



ESPAÑOL

<https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/comentarios21>



- ★ Call us at the City of Laredo Community Development Department at (956)795-2675
- ★ Write an e-mail to cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS CURRENTLY OFFERED

Housing Rehabilitation

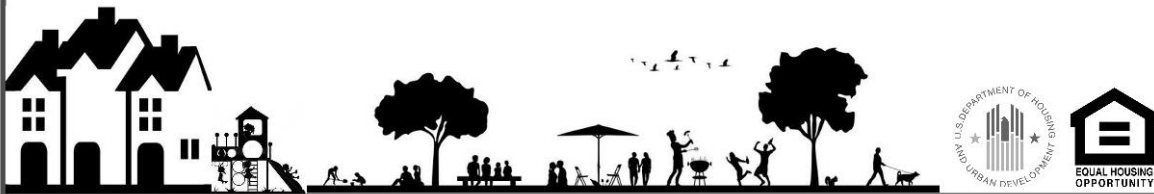
Down Payment Assistance

Homeless Assistance

Rental Assistance

Mortgage Assistance

Code Enforcement



HOME PROGRAM
RESALE AND RECAPTURE PROVISIONS

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY RIGHTS: IF YOU ARE A NATURAL PERSON, YOU MAY REMOVE OR STRIKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THIS INSTRUMENT BEFORE IT IS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS: YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER.

**SECOND LIEN
DEED OF TRUST**
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DATE: _____, 2019 **(HUD #: _____)**

GRANTOR: _____

GRANTOR'S MAILING ADDRESS:

Laredo, Texas _____

TRUSTEE: _____

TRUSTEE'S MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 579
Laredo, Webb County, Texas 78042-0579

BENEFICIARY: City of Laredo

BENEFICIARY'S MAILING ADDRESS (including county):

1110 Houston St.
P.O. Box 579
Laredo, Webb County, Texas 78042-0579

NOTE:

DATE: _____, 2019

AMOUNT: _____

GRANTOR: _____

PAYEE: City of Laredo

FINAL MATURITY DATE: (FIVE YRS FROM DATE OF CLOSING)

PROPERTY (including any improvements):

TERM OF PAYMENTS

The terms of payment shall be in accordance with that Real Estate Lien Note entered in between The City of Laredo, Lisa Perez Rodriguez, dated _____, 2019. Owner understands and agrees that if Owner sells the Property, as provided in this paragraph, within the period of affordability, five (5) years following the beginning date used in the Loan Documents

(A).

Accordingly, in the event of a voluntary or involuntary transfer of the property during the applicable period of affordability, 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:

- (i) Upon completion of the 1st year of the Loan Documents -20% of the original principal amount will be forgiven;
- (ii) Upon completion of the 2nd year of the Loan Documents -40% of the original principal amount will be forgiven;
- (iii) Upon completion of the 3rd year of the Loan Documents - 60% of the original principal amount will be forgiven;
- (iv) Upon completion of the 4th year of the Loan Documents - 80% of the original principal amount will be forgiven; and
- (v) Upon completion of the 5th year of the Loan Documents -100% of the original principal amount will be forgiven

(B).

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.

Penalties for Non-Compliance

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.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

PRIOR LIEN(S):

The indebtedness evidenced by the **Note** and this deed of trust is subordinate to the indebtedness evidenced by a deed of trust dated _____, 2019, and payable to _____ in the original principal sum of _____, which is recorded in Volume _____, PP. _____ Official Property Records, Webb County, Texas, which First Lien Debt is also secured by a deed of trust lien on the Property.

Grantor and Beneficiary acknowledge and agree that this Second Lien Deed of Trust is subject and subordinate in all respects to the liens, covenants and conditions of the First Lien Debt and to all advances heretofore made or which may hereafter be made pursuant to the First Lien Debt including all sums advanced for the purpose of (a) protecting or further securing the lien of the First Lien Debt, curing defaults by Grantor under the First Lien Debt or for any other purpose expressly permitted by the First Lien Debt or (b) constructing, renovating, repairing, furnishing, fixturing or equipping the Property. The terms and provisions of the First Lien Debt are paramount and controlling, and they supersede any other terms and provisions in conflict therewith. In the event of a foreclosure of the First Lien Debt, any provisions herein or any provisions in any other collateral agreement restricting the use of the Property to low or moderate income households or otherwise restricting the Grantor's ability to sell the Property shall have no effect on subsequent owners or purchasers of the Property. Any person, including successors and assigns (other than the Grantor or a related entity of the Grantor), receiving title to the Property through a foreclosure of the First Lien Debt shall receive title to the Property free and clear from any such restrictions.

In the event Beneficiary commences foreclosure proceedings on the Property under this Second Lien Deed of Trust, Beneficiary, in addition to providing Grantor notices at the time(s) and in the manner provided in Section 51.002, Texas Property Code, will also provide a copy of such notice(s) to the holder of the First Lien Debt at the same time such notice(s) are provided to Grantor as provided in Section 51.002, Texas Property Code; however, the holder of the First Lien Debt shall have no claim or cause of action against Beneficiary in the event Beneficiary fails to give any such notice to the holder of the First Lien Debt so long as such failure is not due to willful disregard on the part of Beneficiary, or if such notice(s) are given by Beneficiary to the holder of the First Lien Debt in the manner provided by Section 51.002, Texas Property Code, but such notice(s) are not received by the holder of the First Lien Debt. For purposes of giving any notices to the holder of the First Lien Debt as provided in this paragraph, such holder's address is as follows:

If no address has been inserted in the space immediately above, Beneficiary has no obligation to provide such notices to the holder of the First Lien Debt until such time as beneficiary receives written notice of such holder's address, by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to Beneficiary, in care of Trustee, at Beneficiary's Mailing Address shown herein.

OTHER EXCEPTIONS TO CONVEYANCE AND WARRANTY:

For value received and to secure payment of the **Note**, Grantor conveys the **Property** to Trustee in trust. Grantor warrants and agrees to defend title to the **Property**. If Grantor performs all the covenants and pays the **Note** according to its terms, this deed of trust shall have no further effect, and Beneficiary shall release it at Grantor's expense.

GRANTOR'S OBLIGATIONS

Grantor agrees to:

1. keep the **Property** in good repair and condition;
2. pay all taxes and assessments on the **Property** when due;
3. preserve the lien's priority as it is established in this deed of trust;
4. maintain the **Property** in such a manner as to cause it to comply with Grantor's agreements in a Down Payment Assistance Program Contract ("**DPA Contract**") between Grantor and Beneficiary;

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5. maintain, in a form acceptable to **Beneficiary**, an insurance policy that:
 - a. Covers all improvements for their full insurable value as determined when the policy is issued and renewed, unless **Beneficiary** approves a smaller amount in writing;
 - b. contains an 80% coinsurance clause;
 - c. provides fire and extended coverage, including windstorm coverage;
 - d. protects **Beneficiary** with a standard mortgage clause;
 - e. provides flood insurance at any time the **Property** is in a flood hazard area; and
 - f. contains such other coverage as **Beneficiary** may reasonably require;
6. comply at all times with the requirements of the 80% coinsurance clause;
7. deliver the insurance policy to **Beneficiary** and deliver renewals to **Beneficiary** at least ten days before expiration;
8. keep any buildings occupies as required by the insurance policy;
9. comply with its obligations under the **DPA Contract**; and
10. if this is not a first lien, pay all prior lien notes that **Grantor** is personally liable to pay and abide by all prior lien instruments, including the **First Lien Debt**.

BENEFICIARY'S RIGHTS

1. **Beneficiary** may appoint in writing a substitute or successor trustee, succeeding to all rights and responsibilities of **Trustee**.
2. If the proceeds of the **Note** are used to pay any debt secured by prior liens, **Beneficiary** is subrogated to all of the rights and liens of the holders of any debt so paid.
3. **Beneficiary** may apply any proceeds received under the insurance policy either to reduce the **Note** or to repair or replace damaged or destroyed improvements covered by the policy.
4. Notwithstanding the above, the **Beneficiary's** right to collect and apply the insurance proceeds hereunder shall be subject and subordinate to the rights of the senior lien holder to collect and apply such proceeds in accordance with the First Deed of Trust.
5. If **Grantor** fails to perform any of **Grantor's** obligations, **Beneficiary** may perform those obligations and be reimbursed by **Grantor** on demand at the place where the **Note** is payable for any sums so paid, including attorney's fees, plus interest on those sums from the dates of payment at the rate stated in the **Note** for matured, unpaid amounts. The sum to be reimbursed shall be secured by this deed of trust.
6. If **Grantor** defaults on the **Note** or fails to perform any of **Grantor's** obligations or if default occurs on a prior lien **Note** or other instrument, including the **First Lien Debt**, and the default continues after **Beneficiary** gives **Grantor** notice of the default and the time within which it must be cured, as may be required by law or by written agreement, then **Beneficiary** may:

- a. declare the unpaid principal balance and earned interest on the **Note** immediately due as provided in the **DPA Contact**;
 - b. request **Trustee** to foreclose this lien, in which case **Beneficiary** or **Beneficiary's** agent shall give notice of the foreclosure sale as provided by the Texas Property Code as then amended; or
 - c. purchase the **Property** at any foreclosure sale by offering the highest bid and then have the bid credited on the **Note**.
7. **Beneficiary** will give the senior lien written notice of default and prior written notice of acceleration under the subordinate Deed of Trust.

TRUSTEE'S DUTIES

If requested by **Beneficiary** to foreclose this lien, **Trustee** shall:

1. either personally or by agent give notice to the foreclosure sale as required by the Texas Property Code as then amended;
2. sell and convey all or part of the **Property** to the highest bidder for cash with a general warranty binding **Grantor**, subject to prior liens and to other exceptions to conveyance and warranty; and
3. from the proceeds of the sale, pay, in this order:
 - a. expenses of foreclosure, including a commission to **Trustee** of 5% of the bid;
 - b. to **Beneficiary**, the full amount of principal, interest, attorney's fees, and other charges due and unpaid;
 - c. any amounts required by law to be paid before payment to **Grantor**; and
 - d. to **Grantor**, any balance.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. If any of the **Property** is sold under this deed of trust, **Grantor** shall immediately surrender possession to the purchaser. If **Grantor** fails to do so, **Grantor** shall become a tenant at sufferance of the purchaser, subject to an action for forcible detainer.
2. Recitals in any **Trustee's** deed conveying the **Property** will be presumed to be true.
3. Proceeding under this deed of trust, filing suit for foreclosure, or pursuing any other remedy will not constitute an election of remedies.
4. This lien shall remain superior to liens after created even if the time of payment of all or part of the **Note** is extended or part of the **Property** is released.
5. If any portion of the **Note** cannot be lawfully secured by this deed of trust, payments shall be applied first to discharge that portion.
6. **Grantor** assigns to **Beneficiary** all sums payable to or received by **Grantor** from condemnation of all or part of the **Property**, from private sale in lieu of condemnation, and from damages caused by public works or construction on or near the **Property**. After deducting any expenses incurred, including attorney's fees, **Beneficiary** may

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release any remaining sums to Grantor or apply such sums to reduce the **Note**. **Beneficiary** shall not be liable for failure to collect or to exercise diligence in collecting any such sums.

7. **Grantor** assigns to **Beneficiary** absolutely, not only as collateral, all present and future rent and other income and receipts from the **Property**. Leases are not assigned. **Grantor** warrants the validity and enforceability of the assignment. **Grantor** may as **Beneficiary's** licensee collect rent and other income and receipts as long as Grantor is not in default under the **Note** or this deed of trust. **Grantor** will apply all rent and other income and receipts to payment of the **Note** and performance of this deed of trust, but if the rent and other income and receipts exceed the amount due under the **Note** and deed of trust, **Grantor** may retain the excess. If **Grantor** defaults in payment of the **Note** or performance of this deed of trust, **Beneficiary** may terminate **Grantor's** license to collect and then as Grantor's agent may rent the **Property** if it is vacant and collect all rent and other income and receipts. **Beneficiary** neither has nor assumes any obligations as lessor or landlord with respect to any occupant of the **Property**. **Beneficiary** may exercise **Beneficiary's** rights and remedies under this paragraph without taking possession of the **Property**. **Beneficiary** shall apply all rent and other income and receipts collected under this paragraph first to expenses incurred in exercising **Beneficiary's** rights and remedies and then to **Grantor's** obligations under the **Note** and this deed of trust in the order determined by **Beneficiary**. **Beneficiary** is not required to act under this paragraph, and acting under this paragraph does not waive any of **Beneficiary's** other rights or remedies. If **Grantor** becomes a voluntary or involuntary bankrupt, **Beneficiary's** filing a proof of claim in bankruptcy will be tantamount to the appointment of a receiver under Texas law.
8. Interest on the debt secured by this deed of trust shall not exceed the maximum amount of no usurious interest that may be contracted for, taken, reserved, charged, or received under law; any interest in excess of that maximum amount shall be credited on the principal of the debt or, if that has been paid, refunded. On any acceleration or required or permitted prepayment, any such excess shall be canceled automatically as of the acceleration or prepayment or, if already paid, credited on the principal of the debt, or if the principal of the debt has been paid, refunded. This provision overrides other provisions in this and all other instruments concerning the debt.
9. When the context requires, singular nouns and pronouns include the plural.
10. The term **Note** includes all sums secured by this deed of trust.
11. This deed of trust shall bind, inure to the benefit of, and be exercised by successors in interest of all parties.
12. If **Grantor** and **Maker** are not the same person, the term **Grantor** shall include **Maker**.
13. **Grantor** represents that this deed of trust and the **Note** are given to evidence funds advanced by **Beneficiary** to **Grantor** as a portion of the down payment and closing costs related to **Grantor's** purchase of the **Property**.
14. For five (5) years following the date of this deed of trust, **Grantor** agrees that any sale of the **Property** or failure to use the property as their principal residence (as defined in 24 C.F.R. Part 92, as amended), the HOME Down Payment Assistance Program Recapture Policy will apply. The restrictions in this section are subordinate to the deed of trust lien which secures the repayment of the First Lien Debt.

This Deed of Trust, and the Real Estate Lien note which is secures is given for and represents the sum of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$14,999.00). HOME funds and paid by the City of Laredo at the special instance and request of the grantors herein and used to pay for a part of the purchase money down payment to the property by the grantor herein. Said amount represents a purchase money down payment assistance program loan to Grantors herein under the HOME Investment Partnership Program of the Department of Community Development of the City.

THIS DEED OF TRUST AND THE NOTE TO WHICH IT RELATES IS SUBJECT TO THE AFFORDABILITY PROVISIONS OF 24 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 92.254, & THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF LAREDO ADOPTED UNDER SAID 24 CFR Part 92.

SINCE THESE REGULATIONS PLACE SOME LIMITATIONS ON THE GRANTOR'S FREEDOM OF SALE FOR A PERIOD OF (5) YEARS IN RELATION TO THE PROPERTY, GRANTOR HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY SHOULD OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF WEBB

This instrument was acknowledged before me on this ____ day of _____, 2018, by Lisa Perez Rodriguez.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO:

Arturo Garcia
Community Development Director, City of Laredo
P.O. Box 1276
Laredo, Texas 78042-1276

REAL ESTATE LIEN NOTE
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DATE: _____, 2019

(HUD #: _____)

MAKER:

MAKER'S MAILING ADDRESS:

Laredo, Texas _____

PAYEE: City of Laredo, a Texas municipal corporation

PAYEE'S MAILING ADDRESS:

City of Laredo
Community Development Dept.
P.O. Box 1276
Laredo, Texas 78042

COUNTY OF EXECUTION: Webb, Texas

PLACE FOR PAYMENT: 1301 Farragut Street
Laredo, Webb County, Texas

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____

USE OF PROCEEDS:

Closing costs and/or a portion of the down payment to purchase the **Property** according to a Down Payment Assistance Program Contract ("**DPA Contract**") dated _____ executed by **Payee** and **Maker**.

ANNUAL INTEREST RATE ON UNPAID PRINCIPAL FROM DATE:

None, unless: (i) **Maker** sells the **Property**; or (ii) **Maker** fails to continuously use the residence located on the **Property** as **Maker's** principal residence; or (iii) **Maker** fails to honor any of its other obligations to **Payee** under the **Homeowner Contract** or this note; in which event interest on and after that date shall be four percent (4%) per annum as provided in the **DPA Contract**

ANNUAL INTEREST RATE ON MATURED, UNPAID AMOUNTS:

Four Percent (4%) per annum

SECURITY FOR PAYMENT:

A second deed of trust lien granted by **Maker** in favor of **Payee** in a Second Lien Deed of Trust ("**Deed of Trust**") of even date herewith on the **Property**.

PROPERTY (INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS):

OTHER LIENS:

The indebtedness evidenced by this note is subordinate to the indebtedness evidenced by a note dated _____, 2019, executed by _____ and payable to _____, Trustee for _____, in the original principal sum of _____, which is recorded in Volume _____, PP. _____ Official Property Records, Webb County, Texas, which First Lien Debt is also secured by a deed of trust lien on the Property.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

The terms of payment shall be in accordance with the City of Laredo HOME Program Down Payment Assistance Program Contract between maker and Payee, attached hereto as exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference as if Fully set fourth at length. Owner understands and agrees that if Owner sells the Property, as provided in this paragraph, within the period of affordability, five (5) years following the beginning date used in the Loan Documents:

- (A) Accordingly, in the event of a voluntary or involuntary transfer of the property during the applicable period of affordability, 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:

- (i) Upon completion of the 1st year of the Loan Documents -20% of the original principal amount will be forgiven;
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- (iii) Upon completion of the 3rd year of the Loan Documents - 60% of the original principal amount will be forgiven;
- (iv) Upon completion of the 4th year of the Loan Documents - 80% of the original principal amount will be forgiven; and
- (v) Upon completion of the 5th year of the Loan Documents -100% of the original principal amount will be forgiven

- (B) 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.

Penalties for Non-Compliance

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.

Events of Default:

Maker shall be in default ("**Event of Default**") under the terms of this Real Estate Lien Note if any one or more of the following occurs:

1. **Maker** fails to keep any promise contained in: (i) the DPA Contract; or (ii) the First Lien Debt;
2. **Maker** fails to payments on this note or the First Lien Debt in the amount due;
3. **Maker** fails to keep any promise contained in this note and/or fails to keep any promise contained in any agreement which secures the repayment of this note, including the Deed of Trust and/or the First Lien Debt deed of trust; or
4. **Maker** makes any written statement or provides any financial information that is untrue or inaccurate at the time it was made or provided.

Acceleration of Payment:

The repayment of the **Principal Amount** may, at **Payee's** option, be accelerated if any of the following occur:

1. **Maker** fails to continuously use the residence located on the **Property** as **Maker's** principal residence; or
2. Except to the extent permitted in this note or the **DPA Contract**, the voluntary transfer of beneficial ownership of all or part of the **Property**, whether by deed, contract for deed, or otherwise; or
3. Except as provided in the **Deed of Trust** or the **DPA Contract**, the existence of any voluntary or involuntary lien, encumbrance or charge against the **Property**, or any part thereof, which is superior to the **Payee's** liens, except for the lien for non-delinquent ad valorem taxes and the **First Lien Debt**; or
4. An **Event of Default** exists.

Additional Terms:

Maker also agrees to the following additional terms and conditions:

1. This note incorporates and is subject to the **DPA Contract** and the **Deed of Trust**.
2. **Maker** promises to pay to the order of **Payee** at the place for payment and according to the terms of payment the principal amount plus interest at the rates stated above. All unpaid amounts shall be due immediately.
3. If **Maker** defaults in the payment of this note or in the performance of any obligation in any instrument securing or collateral to it, and the default continues after **Payee** gives **Maker** notice of the default and the time within which it must be cured, as may be required by law or by written agreement, then **Payee** may declare the unpaid recaptured amount and earned interest on this note immediately due as provided in the **DPA Contract**. **Maker** and each surety, endorser, and guarantor waive all demands for payment, presentations for payment, notices of default, notices of intention to accelerate maturity, notices of acceleration of maturity, protests, and notices of protest, to the extent permitted by law.

4. **Maker** may at any time make full or partial prepayments on the principal without paying any penalty.
5. If this note or any instrument securing or collateral to it is given to an attorney for collection or enforcement, or if suit is brought for collection or enforcement, or if it is collected or enforced through probate, bankruptcy, or other judicial proceeding, then **Maker** shall pay **Payee** all costs of collection and enforcement, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees paid to an attorney who is not an employee of **Payee**, in addition to other amounts due. Reasonable attorney's fees shall be 10% of all amounts due unless either party pleads otherwise.
6. Interest on the debt evidenced by this note shall not exceed the maximum amount of non-usurious interest that may be contracted for, taken, reserved, charged, or received under law; any interest in excess of that maximum amount shall be credited on the principal of the debt or, if that has been paid, refunded. On any acceleration or required or permitted prepayment, any such excess shall be canceled automatically as of the acceleration or prepayment or, if already paid, credited on the principal of the debt or, if the principal of the debt has been paid, refunded. This provision overrides other provisions in this and all other instruments concerning the debt.
7. Each **Maker** is responsible for all obligations represented by this note.
8. When the context requires, singular nouns and pronouns include the plural.

NOTICE TO MAKER:

THIS PROMISSORY NOTE IS SUBJECT TO THE AFFORDABILITY PROVISIONS OF 24 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 92.254, & THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF LAREDO ADOPTED UNDER SAID 24 CFR Part 92.

SINCE THESE REGULATIONS PLACE SOME LIMITATIONS ON THE MAKER'S FREEDOM OF SALE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS IN RELATION TO THE PROPERTY TO BE SECURED BY THE LOAN, MAKER HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY SHOULD OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.

EXHIBIT "A"
TO A
REAL ESTATE LIEN NOTE
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**APPENDIX C
PUBLIC NOTICES**

Publication date: Sunday, April 4, 2021

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The City of Laredo, Department of Community Development, will be conducting surveys and receiving public comments 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 16th, 2021: Join the City of Laredo Zoom online live public meeting scheduled for 10:00 am at <https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 891 0632 9921
Passcode: COMMENT21
- April 19th, 2021: Join the virtual Public Hearing on Monday during the 5:30pm City Council meeting at <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live> to be able to provide comments. Meeting will take place at the City Council Chambers located at 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, 78040.
- Visit the City of Laredo COVID-19 Response Center located at 1214 Matamoros or the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Offices located at 559 Poplar Ln., to pick up, fill out and submit a survey (hard copies will be available) from April 6 – April 20, 2021, Monday to Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- Call the City of Laredo Community Development Department at (956)795-2675
- Write an e-mail to cdcomments@ci.laredo.tx.us
- Submit comments orally (in person or by phone) 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/comments21> (English) or <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/comentarios21> (Spanish)
- Visit the City of Laredo website at <https://www.cityoflaredo.com> and click on "Needs of Your Neighborhood Survey" to fill out a survey online.

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 2021-2022 One-Year Action Plan that will outline how funding made available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be utilized.

City 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. For more information, contact the Department of Community Development at (956)795-2675.



Equal Housing Opportunity

Tina Martinez
Community Development Director

Fecha de Publicación: Domingo, 4 de Abril, 2021

AVISO DE SOLICITUD DE COMENTARIO PÚBLICO

El Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Laredo, estará realizando encuestas y recibiendo comentarios para darles a las personas la oportunidad de expresar sus necesidades de vivienda y de su comunidad. El personal de la Ciudad les sugiere altamente que llenen una encuesta o nos manden sus comentarios por alguna de las siguientes formas:

- 16 de Abril, 2021: 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 10:00 am. El sitio de web es el siguiente: <https://zoom.us/join>
ID de la Junta: 891 0632 9921
Contraseña: COMMENT21
- 19 de Abril, 2021: Conéctese a ver la Junta de Cabildo en línea a las 5:30pm en <http://laredotx.swagit.com/live> y poder proveer comentarios. La junta se llevara a cabo en la Sala de Cabildo localizada en City Hall, 1110 Houston, Laredo, Texas 78040
- Visite el Centro de Respuesta COVID-19 de la Ciudad de Laredo localizado en 1214 Matamoros o las oficinas Municipales de Vivienda de la Ciudad de Laredo, para recoger, llenar y entregar su encuesta (copias de papel estarán disponibles) del 6 al 20 de Abril, 2021, de Lunes a Viernes de 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- 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/comments21> (Inglés) o <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/comentarios21> (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.

El personal también proporcionará información sobre los programas y servicios actuales de desarrollo comunitario disponibles para la comunidad. Los comentarios recibidos se harán parte del Plan de Acción de Un Año 2021-2022 que describirá cómo se utilizará la financiación disponible a través del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano.

El personal de la ciudad desea invitar a la comunidad a asistir y dar a conocer sus necesidades. Los servicios especiales estarán disponibles a petición oportuna para las personas con discapacidad física. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario al (956)795-2675.



Igualdad de Oportunidad en la Vivienda

Tina Martinez
Directora del Departamento
De Desarrollo de la Comunidad

SPORTS
Quiroz earns All-State recognition

Baylor routs Houston to reach title game
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Affidavit: Couple harbors migrants in house
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Cuete Santos / Laredo Morning Times

Located a short distance from the Rio Grande, the Migrant Protection Protocols Immigration Hearing Facilities in Laredo, shown in this September 2019 photo, are adjacent to the Gateway to the Americas International Bridge.

Long wait over for 85 asylum seekers

Migrants who waited over a year in Nuevo Laredo are processed into the United States for the first time

INSIDER

By Julia Wallace
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Jose Martinez Lopez and his son arrived in Nuevo Laredo on Oct. 4, 2019 from northern Honduras seeking asylum in the United States. Last week, along with 83 other asylum seekers who

have been waiting in Mexico, Martinez and his son were finally allowed to come into Laredo.

On Wednesday, Martinez and his son shared a green folding cot in a florescent-lit room at the Holding Institute. He sat quietly in an Atlanta Braves hat and blue surgical mask as the room filled with the voices of other children singing and yelling, playing on

their parents' cellphones and with toys that had been provided to them. When a train came by, a small girl ran outside in the rain, hands over her ears as the horn blared, and watched it go. A half-gallon of milk sat on the linoleum tile.

Martinez worked as an educator and social worker for a child

Asylum continues on A9

Rio Bravo commissioner files writ of mandamus

Cavazos files order against city's mayor, secretary and another commissioner

INSIDER

By Maria Salas
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

After a series of emails and communications, City of Rio Bravo Commissioner Julio Cavazos filed a writ of mandamus in February against the City of Rio Bravo Mayor Gilbert Aguilar, Commissioner Amanda Perez and City Secretary Rolando Saenz.

A writ of mandamus is an order



Cavazos

issued by a judge at a person's request to compel any government, corporation or public authority to fulfill a duty they are legally obligated to do.

According to the documents attached to the writ, in an email dated Sept. 20, Cavazos requested copies of all the official City of Rio Bravo IBC Bank

Rio Bravo continues on A10

Former Laredo mayor, Capitol officer reacts to attack

INSIDER

By Jorge A. Vela
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

After the U.S. Capitol building was attacked this week for the second time in less than three months, former Laredo Mayor and U.S. Capitol Police officer Raul Salinas said he was in complete disbelief.

"With the increased security at the U.S. Capitol and the National Guard, all around the Capitol area, it is unbelievable that this would occur again," Salinas said. "At one time, the U.S. Capitol was the safest place in the world, and now it's just incredible what is happening. People would just go in and out and visit their congress-



Salinas

man and get a tour of the Capitol, and now everything has changed. I'm really disappointed on what is going on."

The former mayor said one of the main reasons why these attacks continue is in a dismal state of division and continued panic caused by the changing of leadership and the lack of a call for unity amid the changing political landscapes.

"I think they are considering bringing in more Capitol police officers, but it's just a sad time in this country with all the lives lost with the pandemic, and now you won-

Capitol continues on A10

Zaffirini says bill restricting voting problematic for minorities

INSIDER

By Jorge A. Vela
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Texas Senator Judith Zaffirini is speaking out against the passing Thursday of Senate Bill 7, which was supported by all 18 Republicans and opposed by all 13 Democrats, saying it will be detrimental to minorities.

The bill now heads to the Texas House of Representatives where it is also expected to pass. Senate

Zaffirini continues on A11



Sen. Judith Zaffirini is shown meeting with colleagues on the second day of the 87th Texas legislature in this Jan. 13, 2021 photo at the Texas State Capitol in Austin.

Lynda M. González / The Dallas Morning News

Laredoans plan to celebrate another Easter mostly at home

INSIDER

By Jorge A. Vela
LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Easter Sunday marks the second time the holiday is being cele-

brating last year around Easter, and despite a recent loosening of restrictions, many Laredoans plan to celebrate with extreme caution again in 2021.

Local leaders and other individuals said there is more opti-

that means they will have two egg hunts." Other local leaders said they also plan to spend time with family along with attending church. "I am just going to be with my family and most importantly go to

ing to pray for the victims of recent violent attacks and pray for this great country of ours as this country needs more than ever prayer and unity. We need to be united, especially during these difficult times that we are living.

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Tiempo de Laredo

DOMINGO 4 DE ABRIL DE 2021

TALITHA QUM

De la muerte a la vida



Foto por Paula Campos

Los cristianos esperamos la resurrección de la carne en el último día, sin embargo, "esperar con los brazos cruzados" no sería ni adecuado ni haría justicia al mensaje de Jesús.

Cristianos celebran Domingo de Resurrección

Por Luis Donaldo González P.
ESPECIAL PARA TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Hoy celebramos Pascua: el paso de la muerte a la vida. El de Jesucristo y el nuestro... pues por su Encarnación, sus gestos y palabras, su Pasión, Muerte y, sobre todo, su Resurrección, nos liberó de las ataduras del pecado y de la muerte.

Jesucristo, en él, nos regala la Vida Eterna, es decir, la garantía de no permanecer muertos para siempre.

Con lo ya dicho, también, el Resucitado nos deja ver que el mal y el maligno, aunque parezcan poderosos e imponentes, no tienen la última palabra. En cambio, la sencillez, la entrega, la humildad, la fidelidad a Dios y el amor, sí.

Atención aquí, pues decir que el amor tiene la última palabra no es solo una afirmación romántica. Es más bien la afirmación de que hay esperanza aun en medio de la desesperanza.

Es la afirmación de que, como se vive en la Vigilia Pascual, la Luz de Jesucristo irrumpe en medio de la oscuridad y es capaz de iluminar (y re-iluminar) todo cuanto existe.

Resucitar ya

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La auténtica fe cristiana espera en el futuro y actúa con caridad en el presente.

Es decir, construye el Reino de Dios desde ya: libera a los que se sienten atados por el pecado, resti-



Donaldo

tuye la dignidad a los humillados, rescata y acoge a los que se sienten perdidos, devuelve la alegría a los que se apagaron de corazón.

Los que creemos en Cristo no podemos ser indiferentes frente al clamor de los hermanos y del mundo.

Siempre vivos

Queridos lectores: ni la vida en la indiferencia ni la vida en la desesperanza son compatibles con la fe en Jesucristo ya que permanecer en ellas sería permanecer "como muertos".

Lo que Jesús nos regala es todo lo contrario: la posibilidad de permanecer vivos y libres de las ataduras del pecado y de la muerte eterna. No olvidemos esta gran alegría.

Por eso, aún entre tantas malas noticias o situaciones complejas que a veces nos dejan impactados, no podemos dejarnos robar la Alegría de la Resurrección.

No podemos permitir que la desesperanza nos invada y nos deje "como muertos".

Recordemos que Dios, que nos creó, nos quiere bien y nos quiere vivos. Nos quiere sanos y nos quiere felices. Nos ama tanto que nos regaló a su Hijo para que, con Él, nosotros tengamos Vida Eterna (cf. Jn 3,16).

Feliz Pascua para todos.

Luis Donaldo González Pacheco es seminarista católico de la Diócesis de Nuevo Laredo, licenciado en Filosofía por el IAM y graduado en Teología por la Universidad Pontificia Comillas en Madrid.

AGENCIA DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

Solicitantes de asilo acceden al país

Migrantes que esperaron en Nuevo Laredo ingresaron a EE.UU por primera vez

Por Julia Wallace

TIEMPO DE LAREDO

José Martínez López y su hijo llegaron a Nuevo Laredo el 4 de octubre de 2019 desde el norte de Honduras en busca de asilo en Estados Unidos. La semana pasada, junto con otros 83 solicitantes de asilo que habían estado esperando en México, finalmente se permitió a Martínez y su hijo ingresar a Laredo.

El miércoles, Martínez y su hijo compartieron un catre plegable verde en una habitación con luz fluorescente en el Holding Institute. Se sentó en silencio con un sombrero de los Bravos de Atlanta y una máscara quirúrgica azul mientras la habitación se llenaba con las voces de otros niños cantando y gritando, jugando con los teléfonos celulares de sus padres y con los juguetes que les habían proporcionado. Cuando pasó un

tren, una niña pequeña corrió afuera bajo la lluvia, tapándose los oídos con las manos mientras sonaba la bocina, y lo vio alejarse.

Martínez trabajó como educador y trabajador social para una institución infantil. Estas instituciones nunca fueron apolíticas, dijo. Pero la política lo expulsó y, además de la violencia, la pobreza y el desempleo de los cárteles de Honduras, Martínez no pudo soportar volver. Su esposa e hija permanecen en casa y espera que puedan estar juntos pronto.

"La situación es caótica en Honduras", dijo. "Tenemos un gobierno que no nos apoya. ...Fuimos abandonados por nuestro país y estamos mirando hacia otros horizontes".

Pero cuando Martínez y su hijo llegaron EE.UU., la administración Trump estaba aplicando Protocolos de Protección al Migrante,

MIGRANTES continúa en B7

PATRULLA FRONTERIZA

Pareja alojó inmigrantes en casa al norte de Laredo

Por César G. Rodríguez

TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Un hombre y su esposa fueron arrestados en relación con una casa ubicada al norte de Laredo, donde las autoridades encontraron a 18 inmigrantes indocumentados, dice una declaración jurada de arresto.

El 29 de marzo, agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza de Estados Unidos (CBP) que realizaban vigilancia cerca de Jarvis Plaza en el centro de Laredo observaron a cuatro presuntos inmigrantes saliendo de un autobús de El Águila en la cuadra 1000 de la calle Matamoros. Luego, los inmigrantes se subieron a un GMC Terrain marrón. Los agentes siguieron al vehículo pero lo perdieron de vista debido al tráfico.

ico.

Los agentes descubrieron huellas que los llevaron a la detención de 18 personas en la maleza detrás de la propiedad. Se determinó que todos eran inmigrantes que habían cruzado la frontera ilegalmente.

Martínez-Sánchez declaró que es ciudadana de México admitida legalmente como residente permanente que vive con su cónyuge, Martínez, en la residencia de Falcón. Dijo que estaba en la parte trasera de la propiedad cuando observó la llegada de la policía, según documentos judiciales.

Martínez y Martínez-Campos fueron acusados de intento de albergue y conspiración para albergar inmigrantes para que no los detecten.

OPINIÓN INVITADA

Diálogo Binacional Región Laredos

Nota del editor: Esta es la primera parte de dos de un artículo sobre la integración



a autoridades y a los principales actores de la Región

DESDE LOS SEIS PIES DE DISTANCIA

Setenta y cinco años de misión, legado y fe

Por Humberto A. Garza Pequeño

ESPECIAL PARA TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Claret, voz peregrina que va sembrando la gran noticia: la salvación.



Public Notice

Publication date: Sunday, May 23, 2021 & June 6, 2021

The City of Laredo prepared its 2021-2022 One Year Action Plan which will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a prerequisite for receiving continued funding from the same. The One Year Action Plan outlines the specific federal, state, and local resources that are anticipated to be made available and the specific housing and non-housing activities to be carried out over the next year. The City anticipates receiving **\$3,748,497** in 47th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, **\$1,158,599** through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and **\$328,355** through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

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

47th AY Community Development Block Grant		
1	Community Development Administration	\$738,000
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$317,710
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$600,000
4	Code Enforcement	\$508,107
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$ 31,550
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$165,000
7	Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$562,130
8	Park Improvements in District I	\$ 59,000
9	Sidewalks in District I	\$ 59,000
10	Park Improvements in District II	\$118,000
11	Park Improvements in District III	\$ 68,000
12	Sidewalks in District III	\$ 50,000
13	Park Improvements in District IV	\$ 75,000
14	Sidewalks in District IV	\$ 43,000
15	Park Improvements in District V	\$118,000
16	Sidewalks in District VII	\$ 50,000
17	Park Improvements in District VII	\$ 68,000
18	Sidewalks in District VIII	\$118,000
	TOTAL	\$3,748,497
Revolving Loan		
19	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$ 6,506
20	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$65,494
	TOTAL	\$72,000
HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
21	HOME Program Administration	\$114,000
22	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI)	\$260,000
23	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$400,000
24	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$200,000
25	Homeowner Reconstruction Program	\$100,000
26	Affordable Rental Housing Program	\$344,599
	TOTAL	\$1,418,599
Emergency Solutions Grant		
27	ESG Program Administration	\$16,258
28	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$106,318
29	Emergency Shelter – Essential Services	\$45,000
30	Street Outreach	\$ 9,884
31	Rapid Re-Housing	\$82,352
32	Homelessness Prevention	\$60,543
33	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 8,000
	TOTAL	\$328,355

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.html>

The period of time to review the plans and provide comments will be from **June 7 – July 6, 2021**.

Also, a public hearing will be scheduled to provide interested citizens an opportunity to comment on the draft One Year Action Plan. The hearing will be held on **June 7, 2021** 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. Public comments may have to be submitted online in case that the general public is still not allowed to submit comments in person at the City Council Chambers. In this case, citizens are required to fill out an online participation form to assure all precautionary measures are taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Participation forms can be found at <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/comments/>

Comments may be provided at the public hearing or submitted in writing during the 30 day comment period to Tina Martinez, Community Development Director, P.O. Box 1276 in Laredo, Texas 78042-1276 or 1301 Farragut, Transit Center, 3rd Floor, East Wing, Laredo, Texas 78040. Comments may also be submitted via email to: ndeleon@ci.laredo.tx.us. Comments will be accepted until **July 6, 2021**, 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, 23 de Mayo, 2021 y Junio 6, 2021

La Ciudad de Laredo preparó su Plan de Acción para el año 2021-2022 que será sometido al Departamento Federal de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano como un requisito previo para continuar recibiendo fondos financieros del departamento. El Plan de Acción de un año describe los recursos federales, estatales, y locales específicos que se anticipa serán disponibles y las actividades de vivienda y otros tipos de actividades que se llevarán a cabo el próximo año. La Ciudad anticipa recibir **\$3,748,497** para el año de acción No. 47 en fondos del Programa "CDBG", **\$1,158,599** del programa "HOME", y **\$328,355** del programa "ESG".

Además, se anticipa que **\$72,000** dólares adicionales sean recibidos 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. 47 del Programa "CDBG"		
1	Administración	\$738,000
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	\$ 31,550
6	Programa Recreativo para Personas de la Tercer Edad	\$165,000
7	Programa de Rehabilitación de Unidades de Renta en el Centro de Laredo	\$562,130
8	Mejoras a un Parque en el Distrito I	\$59,000
9	Banquetas en el Distrito I	\$59,000
10	Mejoras a un Parque en el Distrito II	\$118,000
11	Mejoras a un Parque en el Distrito III	\$68,000
12	Banquetas en el Distrito III	\$50,000
13	Mejoras a un Parque en el Distrito IV	\$75,000
14	Banquetas en el Distrito IV	\$43,000
15	Mejoras a un Parque en el Distrito V	\$118,000
16	Banquetas en el Distrito VII	\$50,000
17	Mejoras a un Parque en el Distrito VII	\$68,000
18	Banquetas en el Distrito VIII	\$118,000
	TOTAL	\$3,748,497

Préstamo Giratorio		
19	Administración del Programa "Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan"	\$ 6,506
20	Programa "Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan"	\$65,494
	TOTAL	\$72,000

HOME Investment Partnership Grant		
21	Administración del Programa "HOME"	\$114,000
22	Asistencia Financiera para Enganche de Viviendas	\$260,000
23	Asistencia de Renta para Arrendatarios	\$400,000
24	Fondos Reservados para Organizaciones llamadas "CHDO"	\$200,000
25	Programa de Reconstrucción de Viviendas de Propietarios	\$100,000
26	Programa de Viviendas de Renta Accesible	\$344,599
	TOTAL	\$1,418,599

Emergency Solutions Grant		
24	Administración del Programa "ESG"	\$16,258
25	Operaciones del Programa de Refugio de Emergencia	\$106,318
26	Servicios Esenciales del Programa de Refugio de Emergencia	\$45,000
27	Concientización al Público	\$ 9,884

28	Reubicación Rápida de Viviendas	\$82,352
29	Prevención de Personas sin Hogar	\$60,543
30	Manejamiento del Sistema "HMIS"	\$ 8,000
	TOTAL	\$328,355

En caso de ser viable, debido a la situación de salud actual, las copias del plan se podrán ver presencialmente en las oficinas del Secretario Municipal ubicadas en 1110 Houston, 3ª planta, y en la Biblioteca Pública de Laredo ubicada en 1120 E. Calton Rd. durante las horas de operación. Una copia del plan también estará disponible en el Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad ubicado en 1301 Farragut, Transit Center, 3er piso, Lado Este, de Lunes a Viernes, de 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. El plan también se puede ver en el sitio web del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad en: <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/CommDev/index.html>

El periodo de tiempo para revisar el plan y proporcionar comentarios será del **7 de Junio al 6 de Julio del 2021**.

Además, se programará una audiencia pública para ofrecer a los ciudadanos interesados la oportunidad de comentar en el plan. La audiencia se llevará a cabo el 7 de Junio del 2021 en la Cámaras de Cabildo en 1110 Houston St. durante la reunión programada regularmente del Cabildo Municipal a partir de las 5:30 p.m. Se pondrá a disposición de los discapacitados físicos servicios especiales, con previa solicitud oportuna. Es posible que se tengan que presentar los comentarios públicos en línea en caso de que el público en general todavía no pueda presentar comentarios en persona en la Cámara de Cabildo. En este caso, los ciudadanos deberán llenar un formulario de participación en línea para asegurar que se tomen todas las medidas cautelares para evitar la propagación del COVID-19. Los formularios de participación se pueden encontrar en <https://www.cityoflaredo.com/comments/>

Los comentarios pueden ser proporcionados en la audiencia pública o presentados por escrito durante el periodo de comentarios de 30 días a Tina Martinez, Directora de Desarrollo Comunitario, P.O. Box 1276 en Laredo, Texas 78042-1276 o 1301 Farragut, Transit Center, 3er piso, Lado Este, Laredo, Texas 78040. Los comentarios también pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a: ndeleon@ci.laredo.tx.us. Los comentarios serán aceptados hasta el 6 de Julio del 2021, 5:00 p.m. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad al (956)795-2675.

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Tina Martinez
Directora del Departamento de Desarrollo de la Comunidad

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Laredoan to appear on TV cooking show 'Chopped'

'Chef Kirk' to cook in nationally-televised competition

INSIDER

By Jorge A. Vela
 LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Laredo is going to be represented on a national and even international scale as local is set to star on one of Food Network's most famous television shows.

A Laredo chef who has

found success in San Antonio by working in various restaurants and even opening several businesses will be featured on the cooking competition "Chopped" on May 25 at 8 p.m. Jesse Kuykendall, or "Chef Kirk" as she likes to be called, is said to be providing her own border twist to the cuisine challenge provided on the

show.

"I was really nervous," said Kuykendall, the executive chef for Hotel Havana and the chef and owner of Milpa At the Yard food truck and several businesses around San Antonio. "And first of all when they reached out, I was not really familiar with the show.

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Chef Jesse Kuykendall

Motion to suppress evidence in case vs gyno charged with child porn denied

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By Maria Salas
 LAREDO MORNING TIMES

On May 13, the Texas Thirteenth District Court of Appeals in Corpus Christi affirmed 406th District Court Judge Oscar J. Hale Jr.'s ruling on the motion to suppress filed



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by the attorney of a local gynecologist convicted of multiple counts of possession of child pornography.

Dr. Antonio Salinas was
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Affidavit: Man paid teen for sex, later stalked because he was 'enamorado'

INSIDER

By César G. Rodriguez
 LAREDO MORNING TIMES

A man is facing an array of charges after an investigation revealed that he had paid a teen up to \$300 to have sex with her, states an arrest affidavit.

On May 6, David Israel Gonzalez, 22, was served



Gonzalez

with warrants charging him with stalking and harassment.

But further investigation revealed that Gonzalez had sex with the teen when she was a juvenile. Authorities additionally
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'We can breathe, we can do our job'

Nurses discuss leaving LMC for higher-paid, less stressful jobs with the state

INSIDER

By Christian Alejandro Ocampo and Julia Wallace
 LAREDO MORNING TIMES

One week ago from Friday, the last of the nurses, technicians and other health care workers who were sent by the state to Laredo's hospitals were demobilized and sent back home.

"This is a good sign of Laredo's COVID recovery; new cases have remained steadily low for months now. But health officials worry that the number of nurses who are left working for Laredo's hospitals is not enough to support the normal illnesses and injuries that occur in the area.

Many of Laredo's nurses left the hospitals to take jobs with nursing agencies during the pandemic, which placed them at other hospitals around the state or even back in Laredo, where they were being paid significantly higher wages and were responsible for a more manageable number of patients. Some of these nurses are returning to local hospitals and some are deciding to



Cristina Santos / Laredo Morning Times file

A "Heroes Work Here" sign sits outside Laredo Medical Center on May 11, 2020 as workers walk in and out of the facility. Recently, some recently departed staff

New COVID-19 cases plummet to lowest levels since last June

By Stephen Groves
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

New coronavirus cases across the United States have tumbled to rates not seen in more than 11 months, sparking optimism that vaccination campaigns are stemming both severe COVID-19 cases and the spread of the virus.

As cases, hospitalizations and deaths steadily dropped this week, pre-

and unmasked crowds returned to the White House, a Mardi Gras-style parade marched through Alabama's port city of Mobile, and even states that have stuck to pandemic-related restrictions readied to drop them. However, health experts also cautioned that not enough Americans have been vaccinated to completely extinguish the virus, leaving the potential for new variants that could extend the



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Nivel de contagios por COVID-19 más bajo en 11 meses

Promedio cae a 30.000 casos diarios esta semana

Por Stephen Groves
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los contagios de coronavirus en Estados Unidos se han desplomado a índices no registrados en más de 11 meses, lo que ha generado optimismo de que las campañas de vacunación están frenando tanto los casos severos de COVID-19 como la propagación del virus.

Con la disminución de ca-

sos, hospitalizaciones y muertes esta semana, el país parece regresar a la vida previa a la pandemia. Los abrazos y las muchedumbres sin mascarillas regresaron a la Casa Blanca, un desfile estilo Mardi Gras marchó por la ciudad portuaria de Mobile, Alabama, e incluso estados que han mantenido las restricciones por el virus se preparaban para levantarlas.

Sin embargo, expertos de

salud han advertido que no hay suficientes estadounidenses vacunados como para extinguir por completo el virus, lo que deja el potencial para nuevas variantes que pudieran extender la pandemia.

El promedio de nuevos casos para un periodo de siete días cayó por debajo de 30.000 diarios esta semana, Rochelle Walensky, directora de los Centros de Control y Prevención de Enfermedades

(CDC por sus siglas en inglés), señaló que el número de contagios no había sido tan bajo desde el 18 de junio de 2020. El promedio de muertes en los últimos siete días también cayó a 552 —una tasa no registrada desde julio del año pasado. Es un desplome drástico desde que la pandemia llegó a un pico devastador en enero.

“Al pasar las semanas y continuar los progresos, esos datos me dan esperanza”, dijo Walensky en una conferencia de prensa el viernes.

Expertos de salud dan crédito al lanzamiento eficaz de la campaña de vacunación por el giro de acontecimientos. Más de 60% de la población mayor de 18 años ha recibido al menos una dosis de la vacuna y casi la mitad está vacunada plenamente, de acuerdo con los CDC. Pero la demanda de vacunas ha caído en gran parte del país. El gobierno federal está tratando de convencer a otros estadounidenses a registrarse para ser vacunados, usando un mensaje alentador de que la

inoculación ofrece un regreso a la normalidad.

El viernes, funcionarios de salud de la Casa Blanca incluso ofrecieron consejos para citas de parejas. Están colaborando con apps de citas para colocar insignias de vacunación en los perfiles y bonificaciones para quienes se han vacunado.

Los gobiernos de Ohio, Nueva York, Oregon y otros estados están alentando a la gente a vacunarse con premios de lotería de hasta cinco millones de dólares.

CONDADO DE WEBB

Proporcionan agua después de la tormenta



Foto de cortesía

Donativos de agua y servicio de limpieza fue proporcionado esta semana para personas afectadas por la tormenta que azotó el área del Condado de Webb el lunes por la noche.

Líderes del condado apoyan a personas con problemas continuos de servicios públicos

Por Jorge A. Vela
TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Aunque la tormenta duró alrededor de solo una hora el lunes por la noche, sus secuelas continúan afectando a personas en varias partes del condado y la ciudad. Algunos de los más afectados se encontraban en la

zona de servicios públicos. En un esfuerzo por ayudar a las personas con problemas continuos de servicios públicos y aquellos que sufrieron daños a la propiedad y árboles caídos, varios líderes del condado se unieron para ayudar trayendo agua y proporcionando esfuerzos de limpieza a las comunidades del sur.

El agua es vital para muchas personas en algunas áreas a principios de semana y algunas personas continuaron sin agua corriente.

“El agua es vida”, dijo Jesse González, Comisionado del Condado de Webb Pct. 1. “Definitivamente es una necesidad en nuestra vida diaria. Por lo tanto, si el agua de la que dependen

LOCAL

Laredense aparecerá en concurso de cocina de Food Network

Por Jorge A. Vela
TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Laredo estará representado a escala nacional e incluso internacional, por una laredense que protagonizará uno de los programas de televisión más famosos de Food Network.

Una chef de Laredo que ha tenido éxito en San Antonio trabajando en varios restaurantes e incluso abriendo varios negocios aparecerá en la competencia de cocina “Chopped” el 25 de mayo a las 8 p.m. Jesse Kuykendall, o “Chef Kirk”, como le gusta que la llamen, está dando su propio toque fronterizo al desafío culinario que se ofrece en el



Kuykendall

programa.

“Estaba realmente nerviosa”, dijo Kuykendall, chef ejecutiva del Hotel Havana y chef y propietaria del camión de comida Milpa At the Yard y de varios negocios en San Antonio. “Y, en **COCINA continúa en A15**

LPD

Hombre acosa y ofrece dinero a adolescente por sexo

Por César G. Rodríguez
TIEMPO DE LAREDO

Un hombre enfrenta una serie de cargos después de que una investigación reveló que le había pagado a una adolescente hasta 300 dólares para tener relaciones sexuales con ella, según una declaración jurada de arresto.

El 6 de mayo, David Israel González, de 22 años, recibió órdenes de arresto acusándolo de acoso y hostigamiento.

Pero una investigación



González

cuando era menor de edad. Además, las autoridades lo acusaron de cinco cargos de prostitución forzosa con menor de 18 años y cinco cargos de agresión sexual a un menor.

Los registros de la Cárcel del Condado de Webb muestran que González permaneció tras las rejas el viernes por la noche con una fianza combinada de

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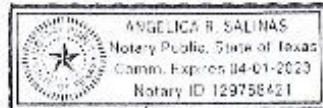
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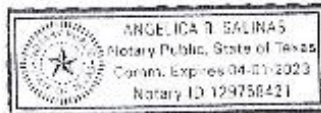
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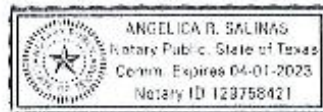
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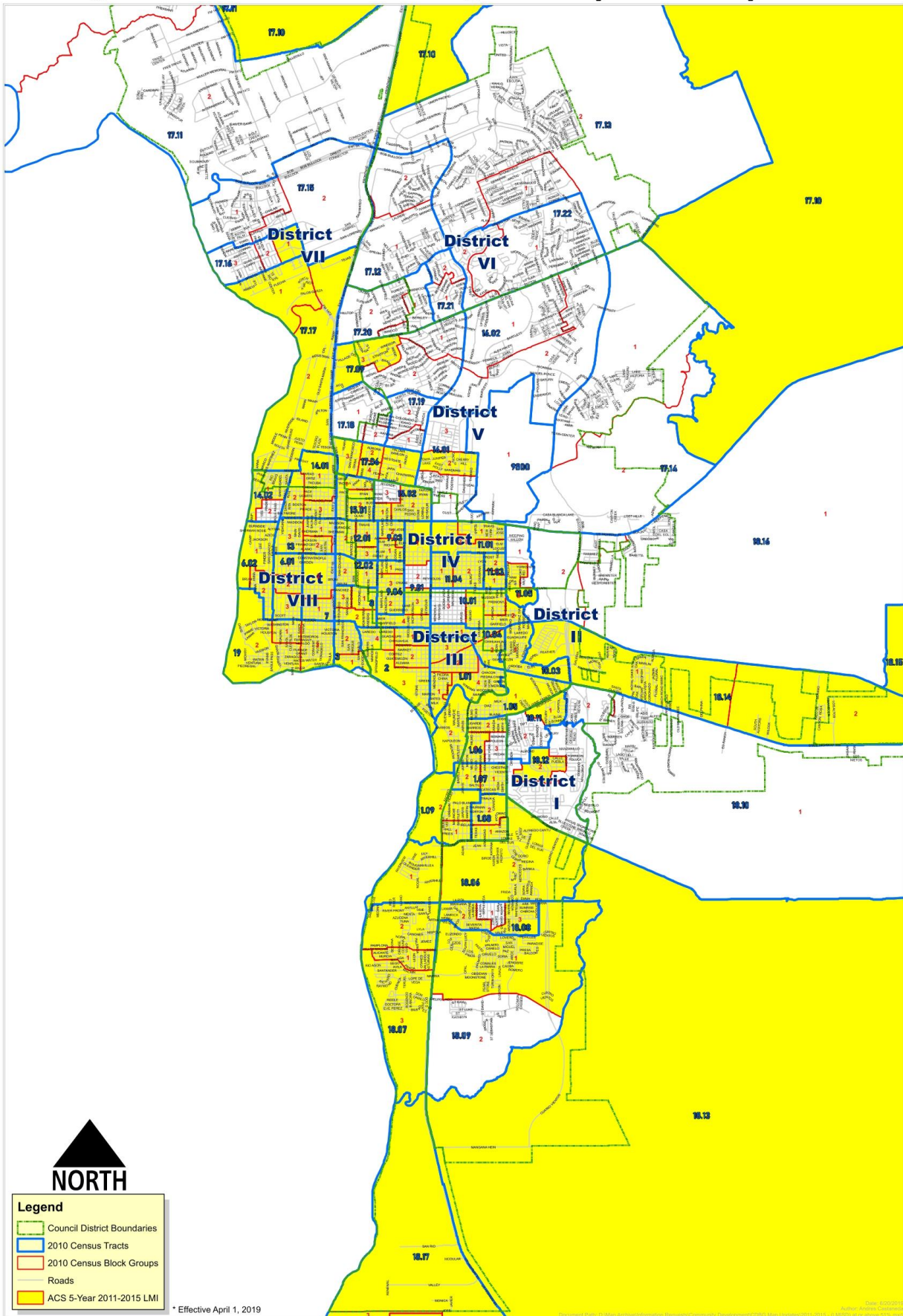
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APPENDIX E

CDBG MAP

City of Laredo - Community Development Department



APPENDIX F
ESG WRITTEN STANDARDS

CITY OF LAREDO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANT (ESG)
WRITTEN STANDARD

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 G
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN



City of Laredo, Texas

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.

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

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

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

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT/AVAILABILITY TO THE PUBLIC

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

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

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

A. Plan Approval:

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

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

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

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

IX. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

X. COMPLAINTS

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

XI. NEEDS OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING RESIDENTS

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

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

XI. OTHER

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

APPENDIX K
HIC AND PIT COUNT DATA

2021 PIT Count Results (FAQ)

Q: Why is the PIT number so different from last year?

In an effort to promote safety during the global pandemic, the Continuum of Care board voted to cancel the 2021 Unsheltered count. Some communities opted to conduct an observation count of those experiencing unsheltered homelessness; however, this data is not as accurate as doing the full unsheltered count. It is also important to consider that while the sheltered count occurred as normal, the surveys were shortened in order to limit the amount of time required for face to face interaction.

Q: What is an observation count?

The observation count can also be referred to as a head count. This count only asked questions related to age, location, reason the volunteer felt like the person was experiencing homelessness, and observable unique characteristics that might help to ensure the person was not counted twice during the PIT date.

Q: What should we do with this data since it is not as accurate?

The sheltered data should be accurate, although many shelters saw a decrease in their capacity and occupancy specifically because of the global pandemic. The observation count, if your community participated, should be used sparingly and in conjunction with other more comprehensive data sets like your 2020 Unsheltered Count data, HMIS homelessness outreach data, school district homeless data, etc.

Q: Do you have any recommendations on how to present this data?

If you are going to present this data, I would recommend that you include a clear description of the difference between a "normal count year" and the 2021 count. This can include the instructional materials that were created as well as narrative from the PIT leads/ volunteers about how the count planning shifted. As stated above, whenever possible, please try to use previous count data or other homeless data sets. You can find the last five years of PIT count data as well as 2021 instructional guides on the [THN website \(hyperlinked\)](#).

Q: What additional assistance can THN provide?

If your community is interested in having an infographic created, please contact Kyra Henderson at kyra@thn.org with your request. Additionally, if you would like assistance writing a press release or talking to the media, you can contact Kyra for quotes, talking points around your data set, or templates based on your needs. Please, if possible, allow at least 48 hours when making these requests and be specific with your requirements.

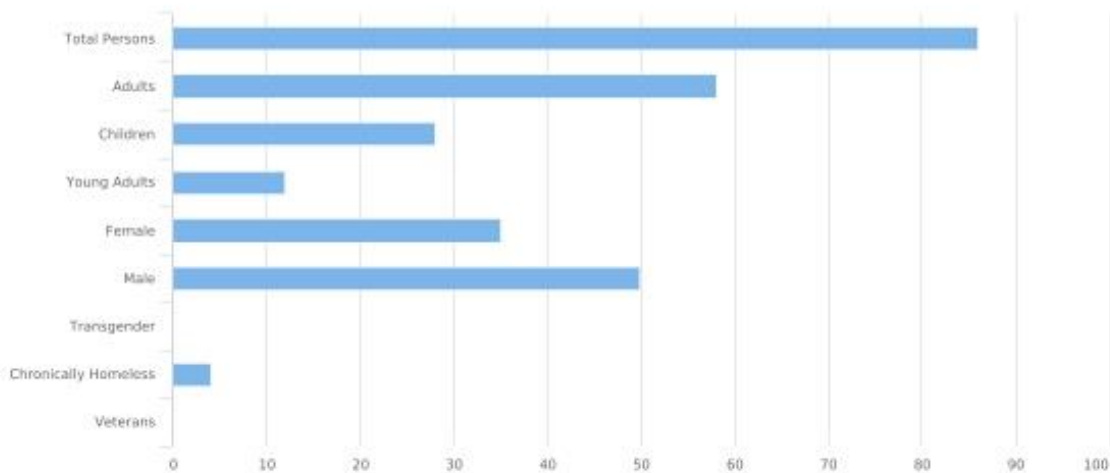
HUD Point in Time Report - Sheltered

Count:	Texas Balance of State 2021 PIT Count	Geography:	Webb
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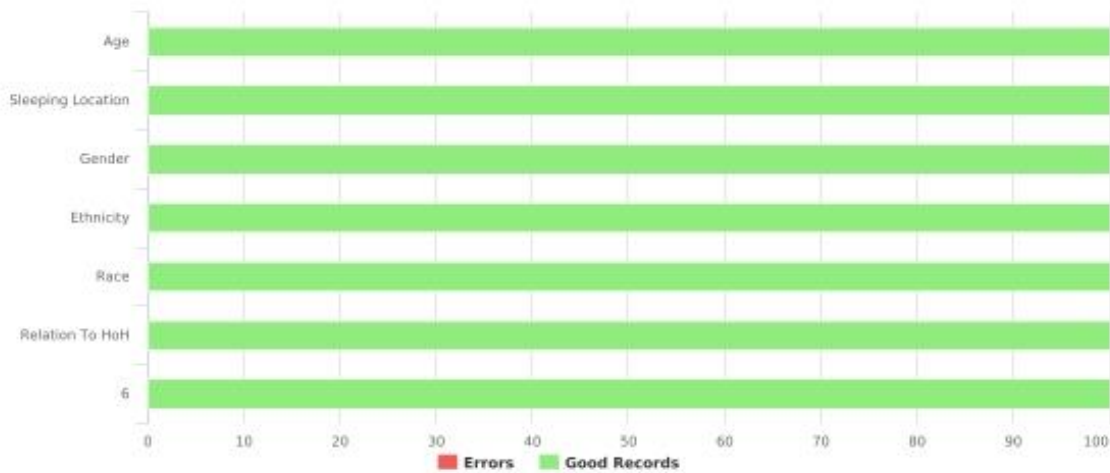
Summary



Total Persons	86
Adults (18+)	58
Children (Under 18)	28
Unknown Age	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Adult	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Child	0
Young Adults (18-24)	12
Female	35
Male	50
Transgender	0
Chronically Homeless	4
Veterans	0



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



All Households

Households with at Least one Adult and One Child

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	9
Total Number of Persons	40
Number of Children (Under 18)	27
Number of Young Adults (18-24)	2
Number of Adults (25+)	11

Gender

Female	19
Male	20
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1
Hispanic/Latino	39

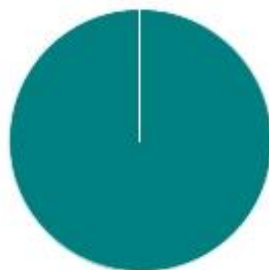
Race

White	40
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

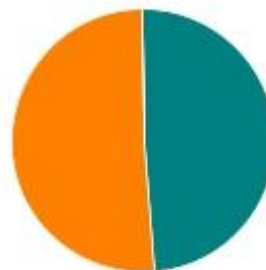
Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0

Race



Gender



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

■ Female
 ■ Male
 ■ Transgender
■ Gender Non-conforming

Households without Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	45
Total Number of Persons	45
Number of Young Adults (18-24)	10
Number of Adults (25+)	35

Gender

Female	16
Male	29
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	7
Hispanic/Latino	35

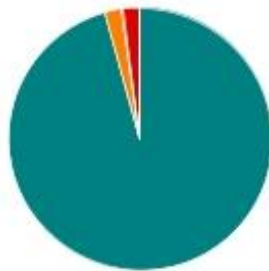
Race

White	43
Black or African-American	1
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

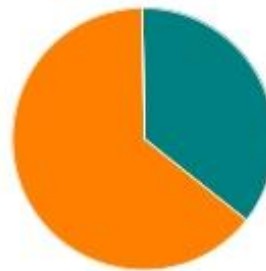
Total Number of Persons	4
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Race



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

Gender



■ Female
 ■ Male
 ■ Transgender
■ Gender Non-conforming

Households with Only Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	1
Total Number of Children	1

Gender

Female	0
Male	1
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0
Hispanic/Latino	1

Race

White	1
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

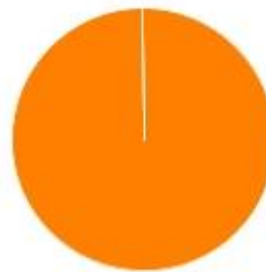
Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	0
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Race



Gender



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

■ Female
 ■ Male
 ■ Transgender
■ Gender Non-conforming

Personal Information

Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer (LGBTQ+)?

Yes	3
No	51
Don't Know	3
Refused	0
Total	57

Are you experiencing homelessness because of COVID-19?

Yes	2
No	55
Don't Know	1
Refused	0
Total	58

If you are experiencing homelessness because of COVID-19, what reason caused your current situation? (Select all that apply)

Eviction	0
Illness due to the COVID-19 virus	0
Loss of job	0
Unable to pay rent/mortgage	1
Total <i>*Individuals could select multiple answers*</i>	1

Veteran Questions

What is the length of service in years?

Less than one year	0
1-4 years	0
5-9 years	0
More than 10 years	0
Total	0

Experience with Homelessness

Is this the first time you've been homeless?

Yes	36
No	22
Don't Know	0
Refused	0
Total	58

How old were you when you first became homeless?

Under 5 years old	0
5-12 years old	1
13-17 years old	3
18-24 years old	4
25-54 years old	9
55-61 years old	2
62+ years old	3
Total	22

How many months did you stay in shelter or on the streets over the past 3 years?

0 to 3 months	1
4 to 6 months	4
7 to 11 months	4
1 to 2 years	4
3 years or more	8
Total	21

How many separate times have you stayed in sheltered or on the streets in the past 3 years?

Fewer than 4	8
4 or more times	11
Don't Know	1
Refused	2
Total	22

How many months have you been homeless this time?

0 to 3 months	17
4 to 6 months	9
7 to 11 months	13
1 to 2 years	7
3 years or more	10
Total	56

Veteran Households

Veteran Households with at Least One Adult and One Child

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0
Total Number of Veterans	0

Gender

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0
Hispanic/Latino	0

Race

White	0
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0

Race

Gender

White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian
 Native Hawaiian
 Multiple

Female
 Male
 Transgender
 Gender Non-conforming

Veteran Households without Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0
Total Number of Veterans	0

Gender

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0
Hispanic/Latino	0

Race

White	0
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0

Race

Gender



Youth Households

Unaccompanied Youth Households

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth Households	11
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth	11
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth (under age 18)	1
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth (18 to 24)	10

Gender

Female	7
Male	4
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1
Hispanic/Latino	10

Race

White	10
Black or African-American	1
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	0
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Race



White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian
 Native Hawaiian
 Multiple

Gender



Female
 Male
 Transgender
 Gender Non-conforming

Parenting Youth

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Parenting Youth Households	1
Total Number of Persons in Parenting Youth Households	4
Total Parenting Youth	1
Total Children in Parenting Youth Households	3
Number of Parenting Youth Under 18	0
Children in Households with Parenting Youth Under 18	0
Number of Parenting Youth 18 to 24	1
Children in Households with Parenting Youth 18 to 24	3

Gender

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

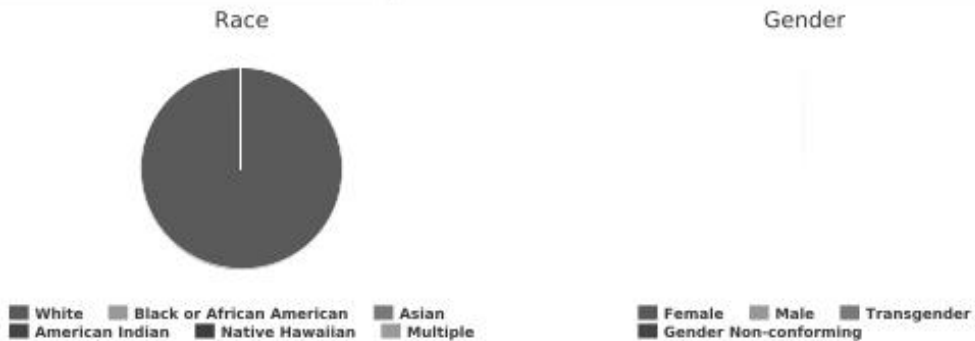
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Race

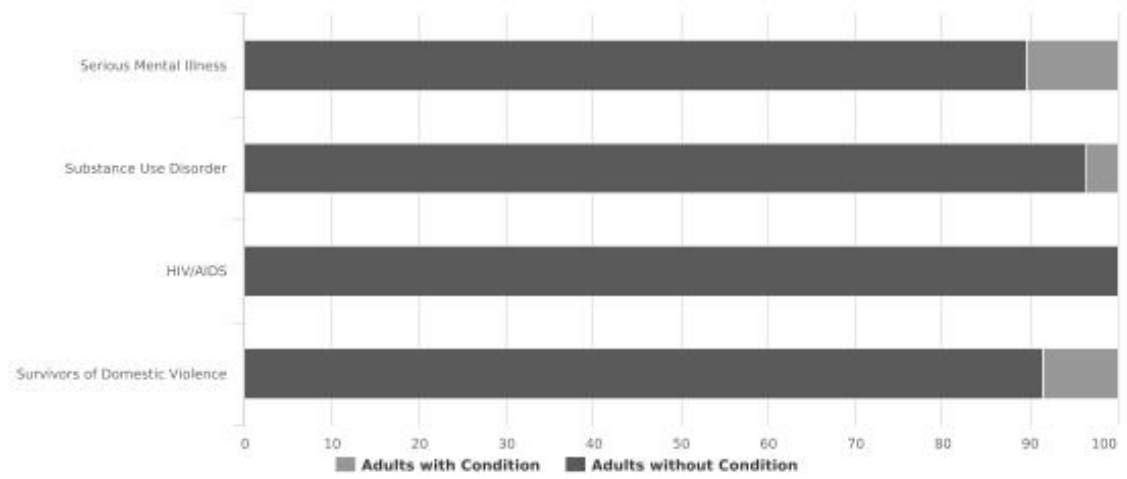
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Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0



Additional Homeless Populations (Adults Only)	
Serious Mental Illness	6
Substance Use Disorder	2
HIV/AIDS	0
Survivors of Domestic Violence (optional)	5



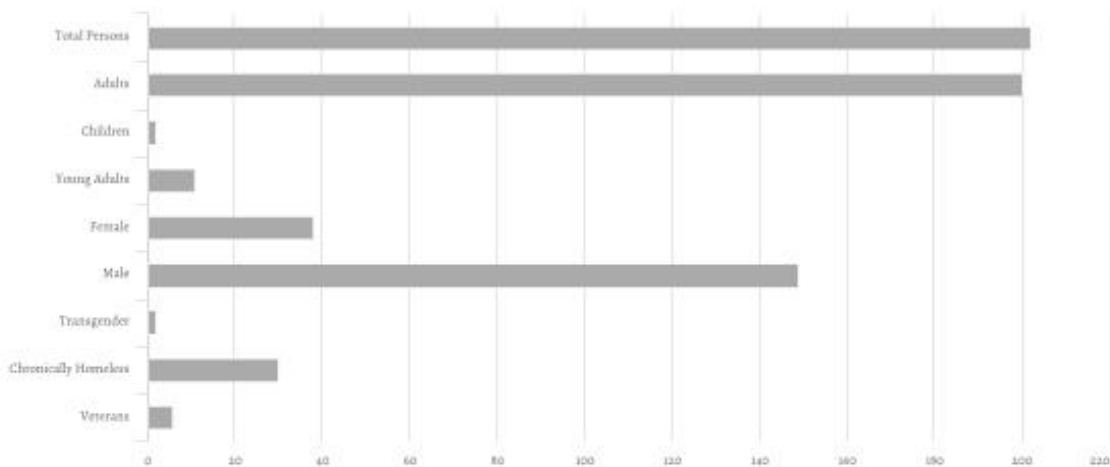
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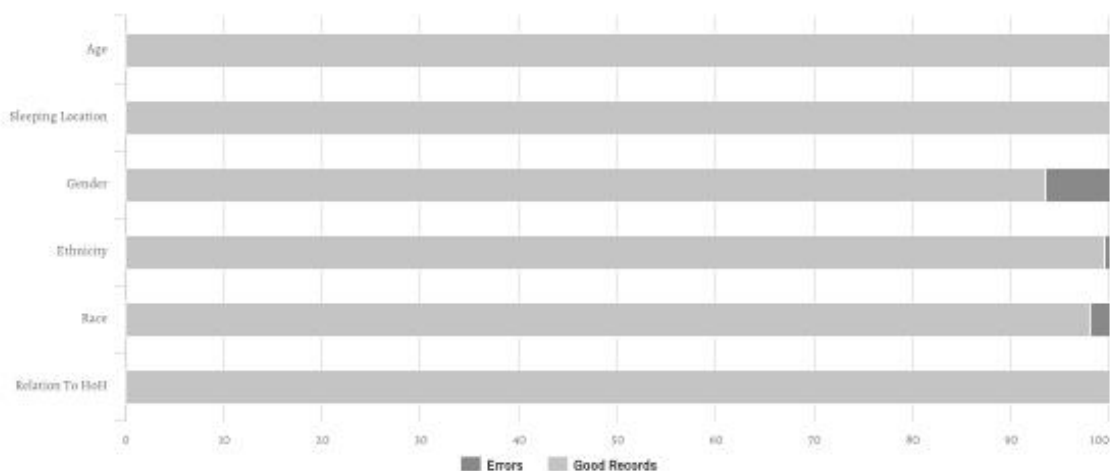
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Adults (18+)	200
Children (Under 18)	2
Unknown Age	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Adult	0
Unknown Age - Believe to be Child	0
Young Adults (18-24)	11
Female	38
Male	149
Transgender	2
Chronically Homeless	30
Veterans	6



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All Households

Households with at Least one Adult and One Child

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	1
Total Number of Persons	3
Number of Children (Under 18)	2
Number of Young Adults (18-24)	0
Number of Adults (25+)	1

Gender

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Male	2
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

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Hispanic/Latino	3

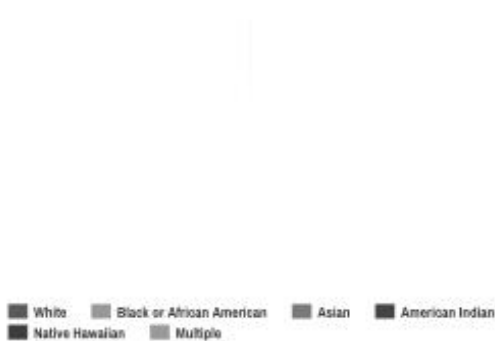
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Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0

Race



Gender



Households without Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	199
Total Number of Persons	199
Number of Young Adults (18-24)	11
Number of Adults (25+)	188

Gender

Female	37
Male	147
Transgender	2
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	51
Hispanic/Latino	145

Race

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Black or African-American	8
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Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

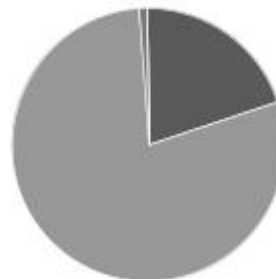
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Race



White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian
 Native Hawaiian
 Multiple

Gender



Female
 Male
 Transgender
 Gender Non-conforming

Households with Only Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Children	0

Gender

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0
Hispanic/Latino	0

Race

White	0
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Persons	0
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Race

Gender



Veteran Households

Veteran Households with at Least One Adult and One Child

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0
Total Number of Veterans	0

Gender

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0
Hispanic/Latino	0

Race

White	0
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0

Race

Gender



Veteran Households without Children

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Households	6
Total Number of Persons	6
Total Number of Veterans	6

Gender

Female	0
Male	6
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	3
Hispanic/Latino	2

Race

White	5
Black or African-American	1
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	3
Total Number of Persons	3

Race



White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian
 Native Hawaiian
 Multiple

Gender



Female
 Male
 Transgender
 Gender Non-conforming

Youth Households

Unaccompanied Youth Households

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth Households	11
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth	11
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth (under age 18)	0
Total Number of Unaccompanied Youth (18 to 24)	11

Gender

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Male	7
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	1
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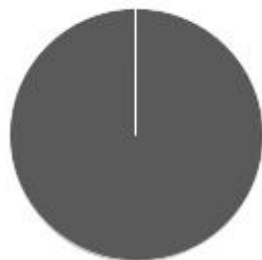
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Chronically Homeless

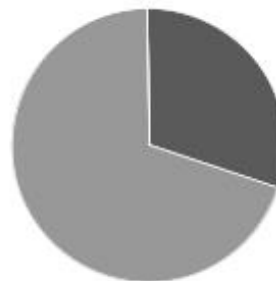
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Race



White
 Black or African American
 Asian
 American Indian

Gender



Female
 Male
 Transgender
 Gender Non-conforming

Parenting Youth

Household and Person Breakdown

Total Number of Parenting Youth Households	0
Total Number of Persons in Parenting Youth Households	0
Total Parenting Youth	0
Total Children in Parenting Youth Households	0
Number of Parenting Youth Under 18	0
Children in Households with Parenting Youth Under 18	0
Number of Parenting Youth 18 to 24	0
Children in Households with Parenting Youth 18 to 24	0

Gender

Female	0
Male	0
Transgender	0
Gender Non-conforming	0

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	0
Hispanic/Latino	0

Race

White	0
Black or African-American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Multiple	0

Chronically Homeless

Total Number of Households	0
Total Number of Persons	0

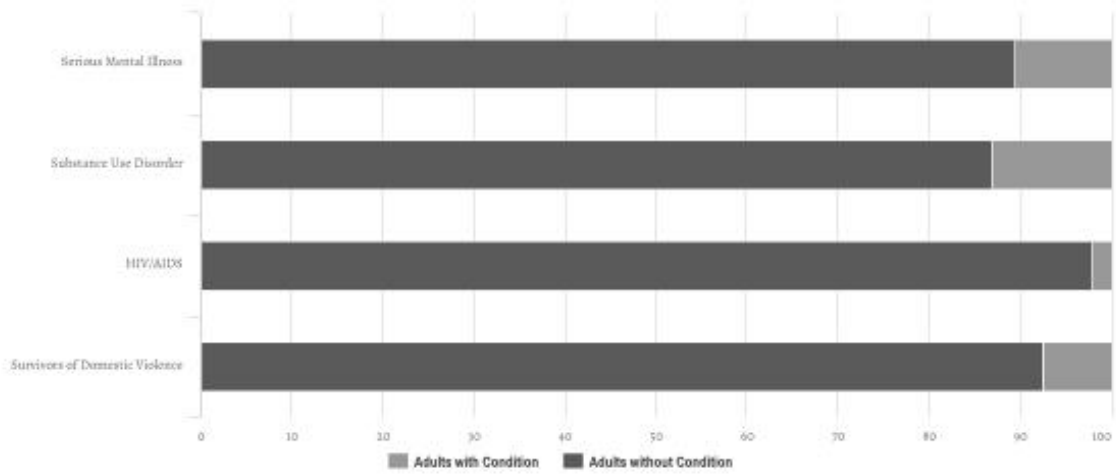
Race

Gender



Additional Homeless Populations (Adults Only)

Serious Mental Illness	21
Substance Use Disorder	26
HIV/AIDS	4
Survivors of Domestic Violence (optional)	15



Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

**APPENDIX A
SF424 AND SF424D FORMS**

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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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): TC-6001573	* c. Organizational DUNS: 618150460000	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 1301 Farraquet 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: Narcia	
Middle Name: E	* Last Name: Narcinea	
Suffix: _____	Title: Community Development Director	
Organizational Affiliation: _____		
* Telephone Number: (351) 795-2675	Fax Number: (351) 795-2689	
* Email: nmartinez@ci.laredo.tx.us		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="C: City or Township Government"/>	
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* 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="11.218"/>	
CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grant"/>	
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* Title: <input style="background-color: yellow;" type="text"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="Administration, Housing Rehabilitation, Code Enforcement, Rental Rehabilitation, Public Facilities, Public Improvements, and Public Services including Graffiti Removal."/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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="3,748,497.00"/>
* 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=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="3,748,497.00"/>

* 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 28, 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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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 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4601 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1695-1696), 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 hand caps; (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 1917 (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 170(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	8/2/21

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d. Address:		
* Street1: <input type="text" value="1101 Fairmont St. (Transit Center 2nd 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="78000"/>		
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="S."/>		
* 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="narcia.martinez@ci.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"/>	
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* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
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11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.235"/>	
CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="HOME Investment Partnership Program"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text"/>	
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Title: <input type="text"/>	
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="10/01/2021"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="09/30/2022"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,158,599.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="260,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,418,599.00"/>
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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)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
<small>** 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.</small>	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Robert"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="A."/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Rade"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="City Manager"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(956) 791-7302"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="(956) 291-9408"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="rrade@ci.tarboro.tx.us"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: <input type="text" value="Robert Rade"/>	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="8/24"/>

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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.
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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.
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Izodo	8/2/21

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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): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: <input type="text"/>	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
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"/> 74-5081571	* c. Organizational OUNS: <input type="text"/> 6181504500000	
d. Address:		
* Street1: <input type="text"/> 1101 Farragut 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"/>
* 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"/> (556) 795-2675	Fax Number: <input type="text"/> (556) 795-2689	
* Email: <input type="text"/> mmartinez2@ci.laredo.tx.us		

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="C: City or Township Government"/>	
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* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
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* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input style="background-color: yellow;" type="text"/>	
* Title <input style="background-color: yellow;" type="text"/>	
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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
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17. Proposed Project:

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

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="328,355.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
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** I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

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* Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed:

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Toledo	8/2/21

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APPENDIX B
CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

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

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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

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

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

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

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

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

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2021 - 2022 [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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