



2015
City of Casa Grande
Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report
(CAPER)

Prepared by the City of Casa Grande Community Development Division

On behalf of the City of Casa Grande

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

The initial CDBG Entitlement program year for the City of Casa Grande started on July 1, 2015. The Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) is designed to help local jurisdictions assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions. The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from the federal Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula block grant program, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) outlines the City's accomplishments and progress toward the ConPlan goals and in the prior year.

The goals adopted in the 2015-2019 ConPlan guided the City in assigning annual community priorities:

- Rehabilitation of Owner Occupied Housing
- Infrastructure and ROW Improvements
- Building capacity

BEFORE PICTURES – ROW INFRASTRUCTURE – SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

W. 1ST Street between Sacaton and Florence Streets.





CDBG W. 1st Street ROW Project – Sidewalk Improvement (During Construction)

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Infrastructure and ROW Improvements	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$92,000 (2015)	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	95	95	100.00%	95	95	100.00%
Planning and Administration	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$70,935 / Program Income from Housing Revolving loans: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	7	3	42.86%	7	3	42.86%
Rehabilitation of Owner Occupied Housing	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$191,747 / Program Income from Housing Revolving loans: \$40,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	7	3	42.86%	7	3	42.86%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives



OOHR - BEFORE PICTURE



OOHR- AFTER PICTURE



OOHR - BEFORE PICTURE



OOHR - DURING PICTURE



OOHR- AFTER PICTURE

identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

100% of the CDBG funding is used to benefit the low to moderate income people. Through CDBG program, the City is able to address and fund its priorities and objectives enumerated within the Strategic Plan. The City is able to extend the life of the housing unit and thereby preserving the affordable housing stock by providing assistance to homeowners who otherwise cannot afford the cost of the repairs. The City is also able to bring a section of W. 1st Street the current standards, to be handicap accessible and pedestrian friendly. The W. 1st Street project benefited at least 95 handicapped individuals who utilized this segment of the roadway to go to the Arizona Foundation for the Handicapped to be a productive member of the community. Arizona Foundation of the Handicapped is a non-profit organization that provides services to persons with disabilities, allowing the majority of their clients to work and earn a living. The CDBG program had benefited 84% White, 100% Hispanic, 9.71% Black, and 5.83% American Indian. Direct recipients of the OOHR program are 1.94% extremely low income and 98.06% low income families.

Sample pictures of accomplishments:



CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	7
Black or African American	0
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	7
Hispanic	6
Not Hispanic	1

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

There were seven families benefiting from the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program within the 2015 Program Year. Six of the seven families were of Hispanic origin and one family was non-Hispanic.

The ROW improvement project benefited at least 95 handicapped individuals who are clients of the Arizona Foundation for the Handicapped plus the public in general.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	Federal Fund	354,682	130,846.03
Other	Program Income - Revolving Loan Fund	40,000	27,265.55
Other	Tribal Grant	22,254	16,700.00
Other	SHF HOME	275,000	231,600.00

Table 3 – Resources Made Available

Narrative

Funding sources came from the CDBG Entitlement, State Housing Trust Funds-HOME, Tribal Grant and the City's Program Income.

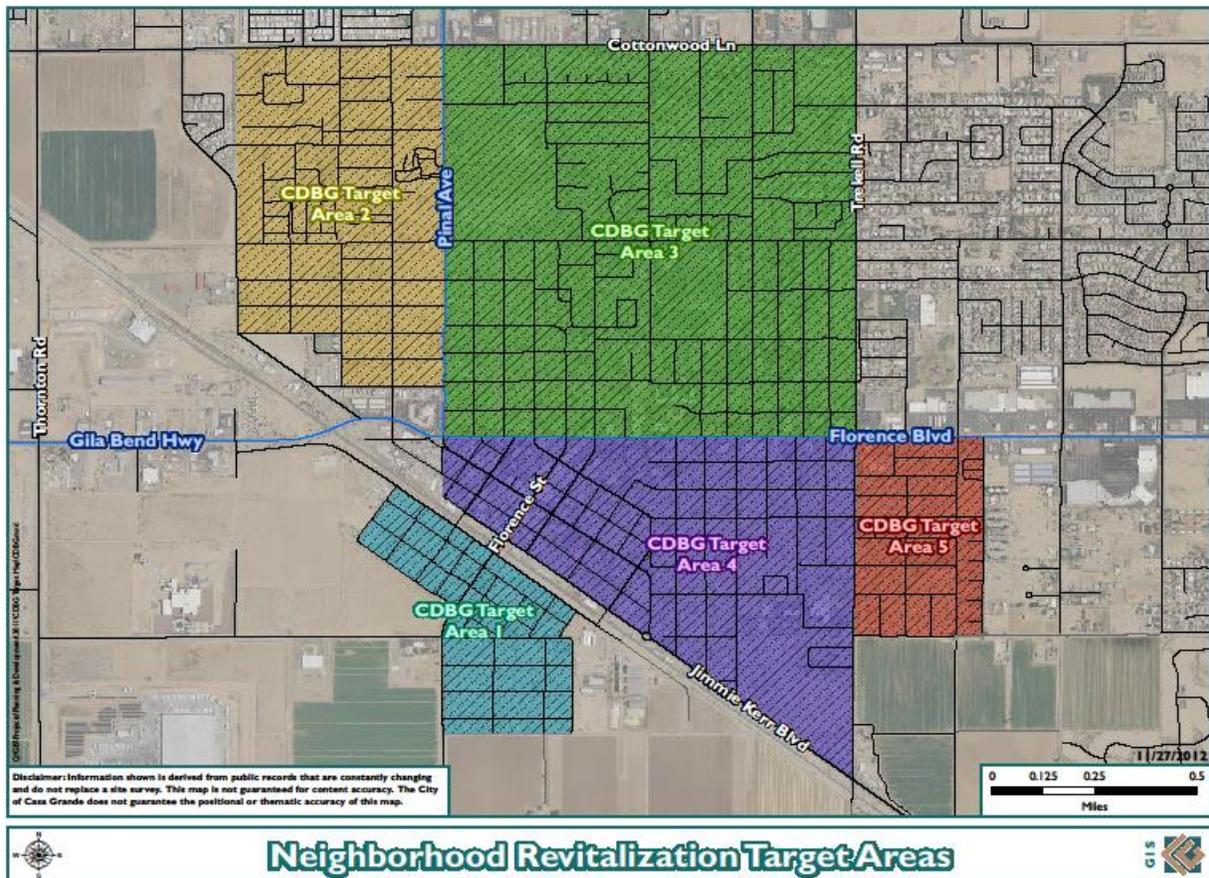
Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
Low to Mod Income Area	100	100	General Priority Areas
Neighborhood Revitalization Target Areas			
Target Areas	100	100	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The housing project sites are located in the low to moderate income areas of the City that are also the City’s target areas. The ROW improvement project was located at the target area.



Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

Federal funds are used to leverage other funding sources such as the Tribal Grants, Community Action Human Resource Agency (CAHRA), State Housing Funds-HOME and the City's funds to maximize the use of the CDBG Entitlement allocation. No publicly owned land was used to address the needs identified in the plan.

In 2015, approximately \$692,000 was budgeted to fund the highest priority needs for the City. These funds benefited the low to moderate income households under the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program. It also benefited 100% of the clients of the Arizona Foundation for the Handicapped along with the general public who utilized the improved sidewalks on W 1st. Street between Sacaton and Florence Streets.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	2
Total	0	2

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	7	3
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	7	3

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

The CDBG fund assists 100% of low income individuals or families. Two of the OOHR beneficiaries with special needs due to physical disabilities were assisted with the program by making their bathrooms and hallways handicapped accessible. Seven housing units are assisted with the 2015 CDBG allocation; however, due to technicalities that needed to be met and completed with procurement and Environmental Review Report processes, there was a slight delay in the actual start of the construction for the 2015 projects. There are three housing units completed at the end of the program year, with three more units scheduled to finish by the first week of September and a seventh unit to be done by November 2016. The seventh unit was procured twice in August 2016 and was still unsuccessful. Staff will reevaluate the scope of work to be done to the unit in order to reduce the cost of the rehabilitation.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The outcomes of the 2015 projects will positively impact the future annual action plans. The accomplishments meet the goals and objectives of the plan. The housing program expands the supply of and improving the quality of affordable housing for low-to-moderate income households.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Persons Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	1	0
Low-income	6	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	7	0

Table 7 – Number of Persons Served

Narrative Information

Currently, the total number of completed OOHR units are three; however, there are three more units that are near completion. These units are anticipated to be completed within two to three weeks from the time of preparing this report (August 26, 2016). It is anticipated that the seventh unit will be completed by November to make up a 100% accomplishment for the 2015 program year.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

The City participated in the Point in Time count in February 2016 to help determine the number of chronically homeless individuals in Casa Grande. This activity was spearheaded by the National Community Health Partners (NCHP) in coordination with the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) and the Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA). The City will continue to collaborate with these agencies to address homelessness. The results of the PIT count for the State will ultimately end with the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which will help in determining the homeless needs for the State's Balance of Continuum of Care, which will include the City of Casa Grande.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Due to limited funding, the City is not able to provide transitional housing or emergency shelter to the homeless population. The City provides referrals for emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons to Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA) and Against Abuse, Inc. as needed.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The City continues to rely upon and collaborates with other entities and agencies to provide services such as housing, mental health counseling, employment training, and case work services to low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless.

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 collaborates with other agencies and entities that are providing assistance to homeless persons. Agencies such as CAHRA, Horizon Human Services, Community Action Against Family Abuse, and National Community Health Partners (NCHP) have rapid re-housing, transitional housing and emergency shelter programs that assist homeless persons or family. NCHP specifically provides assistance to veterans.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City of Casa Grande does not have a public housing program. Public housing is under the Pinal County Housing Authority (PHA). According to the PHA, there are 24 public housing units in Casa Grande and 203 families in the City utilizing the Section 8 program administered by the County.

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

NA

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

NA

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City's public policies 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 for affordable housing have not affected nor served as barriers to affordable housing. The City supports infill developments, planned area development and rental investments. The City's 1987 zoning code is however subject for an update to incorporate new development trends and planning practices, as well as other applicable State and Federal requirements and guidelines to support the implementation of the City's General Plan.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City has allocated 100% of its 2015 CDBG Entitlement fund to serve the low and moderate income population.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

All housing rehabilitation projects that were built before 1978 were tested for lead. One housing unit occupied by an elderly woman was tested positive with lead-based paint which was immediately mitigated and re-tested. Every housing client is provided a brochure on the hazards of Lead-Based Paint

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City provides housing assistance to the low and moderate income families through the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program. This program provides housing funds to help eliminate their housing needs such as the lack of cooling and heating system, plumbing and electrical issues, the need for accessibility in their bathrooms and hallways, changing broken windows that are single pane to a dual low e windows, increasing insulation to the house through weatherization and the use of energy star appliances to help reduce the homeowners' energy bills.

Public

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City collaborates with other agencies and entities to strengthen and broaden its implementation of the CDBG program.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service

agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City attends the regular housing providers meeting led by Pinal County Housing Authority. The City continues to work with other service providers including providing referrals to these agencies.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The City holds an annual Fair Housing training in collaboration with Pinal County Housing Authority and CAHRA. This year's training was held on April 15, 2016 and was provided by Southwest Fair Housing Training Center of Tucson, AZ at the Casa Grande City Hall building. Agencies providing housing services, financial institutions, realtors, and rental housing personnel were invited to the training. Over 20 persons attended the training

Fair Housing brochures are posted in the City's Community Development office for the general public.

The City declares the month of April as a Fair Housing Month through a resolution by Mayor and Council.



CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

The City implements the CDBG Entitlement projects and is continuously monitoring activities to ensure compliance with requirements of the program.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

Public participation was fully enforced by the City in engaging the public to provide input and to solicit ideas on the activities for the program. Notices were sent out to service providers, stakeholders, and the public in general. Public hearings were conducted at locations accessible by low income households. The hearings were published in the local newspaper. In addition, notices were also posted on the City website and City Hall's public bulletin board.

Pictures of Public Involvement Process



CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There were no changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives for program year 2015.

The activities and strategies made positive impacts on identified needs by preserving affordable housing in the community and providing a safe, ADA compliant sidewalks and access points on W. 1st Street for the general public, particularly the clients of Arizona Foundation for the Handicapped.

There are two indicators that best described the two activities under program year 2015. These are:

- 1. Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit for the W. 1st Street ROW improvement (sidewalks), and
- 10. Homeowner housing rehabilitated for the 3 completed OOHR projects.

There was no identified barriers that impacted on fulfilling the strategies and overall vision.

All projects under the 2015 CDBG grant program will be completed by December 2016, after the 7th OOHR project will be done. Four of the OOHR projects are behind schedule due to the following reasons: Actual start of the projects were much delayed due to technicalities with the Environmental Review Report requirements, and; re-evaluation of work write up involved with the 7th project due to budget constraints.

Grant disbursements were done in a timely fashion. Major goals on the plan are on target.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No.

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

NA