



City of Casa Grande
Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG)

Annual Action Plan
PY 2025

Executive Summary

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

*******HUD HAS NOT ANNOUNCED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM YEAR 2025 ALLOCATIONS AS OF APRIL 14, 2025. DEPENDING ON THE ALLOCATION AMOUNTS, ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING AMOUNTS MAY NEED TO ADJUSTED. THIS ANNUAL ACTION PLAN IS BASED ON THE SAME ALLOCATION FROM PROGRAM YEAR 2024 OF \$434,580.**

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan (AAP) is used as a tool for implementing the Strategic Plan within the City of Casa Grande's Five-Year (2025-2029) Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan was created based on the housing and community development needs of the community. The 2024 AAP timeframe is from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and must be submitted each year by entitlement communities receiving HUD funds via the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The primary objective of the CDBG program is to develop viable urban communities through the provision of the following, to predominantly for low-income persons or households:

- Decent and affordable housing;
- A suitable living environment; and
- Economic opportunity.

The City of Casa Grande's PY 2025 Annual Action Plan affirms the objectives of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, amended, which relate to major commitments and priorities of the City of Casa Grande. The main priorities of this 2024 AAP are as follows:

1. Public Facilities and Improvements (ADA Improvements to remove barriers and Sidewalk Improvements)
2. Public Services (Homeless Services, Abuse Services, Childcare, and Senior Services)
3. Decent Affordable Housing (Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program)
4. Neighborhood Revitalization/Community Development (Code Enforcement)
5. Planning and Administration

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.

The City of Casa Grande's CDBG program objectives address HUD's objectives of providing affordable housing, a suitable living environment, addressing homelessness, and providing needed services and programs for the low-and moderate-income population of Casa Grande.

The anticipated outcomes of these objectives are:

Improved availability/accessibility; Improved affordability; Improved sustainability

The Goals and Outcomes for Program Year 2025 are directed at Public Services, Public Facilities and Improvements, Affordable Housing, and Planning and Administration.

Infrastructure:

***Safety improvements to neighborhood by installing fire hydrants.**

Neighborhood Revitalization

***Provide Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation to low-income families.**

***Decrease slum and blight throughout the low-income neighborhoods.**

Public Services

***Provide homeless housing services to low income, homeless individuals or families.**

***Provide childcare program for low to moderate income children.**

***Provide Advocacy and Housing and Support for Abuse Victims.**

***Provide employment training for developmentally disabled.**

***Increase the quality of life and reduce social isolation for low-income seniors.**

Planning and Administration

***Planning and Administration of the CDBG Programs to ensure compliance.**

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 of Casa Grande's past performances resulted in addressing the goals and objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan. These are enumerated under the following programs:

Public Services Program

The CDBG program funded a variety of public service programs.

1. Program activities for seniors by the Opportunity Tree and Seeds of Hope;
2. Services for homeless individual by Community Action Human Resource Agency (CAHRA and Casa Grande Police Department);
3. Childcare services for low to moderate income children by the Boys and Girls Club.
4. Advocacy and housing services for victims of abuse by Against Abuse.

Affordable Housing Program/Community Development

1. Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation (OOHR) projects by Community Development Division;
2. Code Enforcement by Planning and Development.

Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvement Program Underway.

1. The Opportunity Tree Building upgrades (The Opportunity Tree)
2. West End Sidewalk Improvements (Public Works)
3. East Side Sidewalk Improvements (Public Works)

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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Action Plan were posted on the City of Casa Grande website and advertised in the Casa Grande Dispatch at a minimum 15 days prior to the meetings.

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.

A full spectrum of eligible activities were discussed and presented during the Public Meeting on January 13, 2025; affordable housing, homelessness, neighborhood revitalization, community facilities and infrastructure, economic development, and public services.

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

All comments were accepted and discussed.

7. Summary

The City of Casa Grande considers public participation to be an integral component of its municipal operations. Community participation is not only a requirement by HUD but a desire by the city to gather input by our residents to help guide the outcomes of the Community Development Block Grant.

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

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

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

| Agency Role | Name | Department/Agency |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| CDBG Administrator | CASA GRANDE | Community Development |

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Casa Grande's Community Development Division is responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and Administration of the CDBG program as a whole.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of Casa Grande actively seeks involvement of the public, stakeholders, and other entities that provide services to the low-and moderate-income persons in the development of the Annual Action Plan. As stated in the Public Participation Plan, we reach out via emails, public notices posted in the local newspaper, and on city's website to seek public participation. The City continues to work to end homelessness and provide services that benefit our vulnerable low to moderate income populations.

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

The City continues to enhance coordination with other agencies that are providing housing assistance and other services for the homeless population, veterans, seniors, and victims of abuse and violence. The City of Casa Grande Community Development Division provides Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation services. This program is able to provide rehabilitation repairs that addresses health and safety issues and to keep families in their home and preserve the existing housing stock.

Mayor Craig McFarland created the "Task Force on Homelessness" and developed strategic goals and plans. This task force was comprised of Mayor McFarland, Councilwomen Lisa Fitzgibbons and Donna McBride, and individuals from approximately 20 different agencies who provide health, mental health, housing, veteran, educational, and ministry services in Casa Grande. This task force identified the homeless needs, resources available, and provides recommendations on how to provide assistance to this population in Casa Grande.

The Mayor's "Task Force on Homelessness" (now called **CG Helps Coalition**) was instrumental in establishing the CG Helps Resource Center located at Peart Center. The Resource Center is open 5 days a week and provides resources/referrals for financial assistance, housing assistance, legal aid, connections to job readiness, behavioral health programs, library programs, and other agencies. The City of Casa Grande owns the building that houses the Resource Center and leases the building at a nominal fee as part of the collaborative effort to coordinate all services in one location.

The City of Casa Grande does not have public housing program. We refer residents to the Pinal County Housing Authority.

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.

To address the needs of the homeless population, the City is actively involved in the Continuum of Care (CoC) in Pinal County, Pinal Coalition to End Homelessness. This coalition is tasked with developing innovative strategies to serve the needs of the homeless population with the ultimate goal of gaining permanent housing and addressing the families' needs.

The City participated in the 2025 Point in Time (PIT) Count and coordinated the local survey in collaboration with the Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA). City Staff successfully conducted the PIT survey with participations of approximately 40 various volunteers who interviewed the homeless individuals in regards as to where they spent the night on date of question. Various non-profit organizations that provide services to the homeless population and the veterans have stepped up during the PIT. Agencies that volunteered during the survey were the following: Community Action Human Resource Agency (CAHRA), Casa Grande Elk's Club, Pinal County Health Department, Casa Grande Alliance, and City staff (Code Enforcement and Community Development Division), Casa Grande Police Department and numerous community volunteers. Furthermore, City Mayor Lisa Fitzgibbons were part of the volunteers for the PIT.

The CG Helps Coalition meets monthly to discuss collaboration efforts and develop new partnerships between agencies to assist homeless persons. We are fortunate to have behavioral health, law enforcement, public health, and service providers working together to address the numerous issues homeless face on a daily basis. Partners discuss referral processes and program eligibility to streamline services and prevent those from falling through the cracks.

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

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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

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| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | Community Action Human Resources Agency |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-homeless |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children 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? | Community Action Human Resource Agency staff attended one Consolidated Plan focus group and participated in discussion of programs/services needed in the community. CAHRA also serves as leaders of Pinal County CoC, Casa Grande Homeless Coalition, and Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness. |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | Against Abuse, Inc |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-homeless Services - Victims |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless Needs - Families with children 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? | Against Abuse, Inc staff attended one Consolidated Plan fous group meeting and participated in discussion of programs/services needed in the community. Against Abuse staff serves on the Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness. Against Abuse staff is in contact with city staff on current services. |
| 3 | Agency/Group/Organization | The Opportunity Tree |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Persons with Disabilities |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | 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 Opportunity staff are in contact with city staff to discuss needs for the developmentally disabled population and needs in Casa Grande. |

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| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | Casa Grande Alliance |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children Services-Education |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless Needs - Families with children 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? | Casa Grande Alliance staff attended the Annual Action Plan public meeting and is in contact with city staff to discuss needs for services for students, their families, and reentry program participants. |
| 5 | Agency/Group/Organization | Seeds of Hope |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | 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? | Seeds of Hope staff attended the Consolidated Plan focus group and participates in the CG Helps Coalition and provides information on valuable services they provide to the homeless population such as daily meals, offers monthly health care clinic in community center, senior program and youth after school programs in low to moderate income neighborhood. |
| 6 | Agency/Group/Organization | Casa Grande Police Department |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other government - Local |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Casa Grande Police Department attended the Consolidated Plan focus group and is a member of the Casa Grande Homeless Coalition and Pinal County Coalition to End Homelessness. They have an outreach program to assist the homeless in connecting with services in the community and moving them into housing. |

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| 7 | Agency/Group/Organization | Boys and Girls Club of Casa Grande |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services-Children |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | 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 Boys and Girls Club Board Member is in contact with city staff on discussion of programs/services needed in the community. They would like to continue services for the youth in the community in the low to moderate income areas. |
| 8 | Agency/Group/Organization | City of Casa Grande |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other government - Local |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | 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? | Discussions are held with all city departments regarding infrastructure needs, park improvements, code enforcement efforts, and housing needs of residents of Casa Grande during Consolidated Plan focus group. |

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

Public meeting notices were posted on city website, local newspaper, emails to local non-profit agencies, and announced at CG Helps Coalition meetings. It is always the goal to reach other service providers such as behavioral health, veterans services, housing providers (private and public), broadband internet providers, or hazard mitigation public agencies. Unfortunately, these groups did not respond to the public notices by attending the meetings or offering comments/feedback.

Although these select providers did not participate in the public meetings, city staff are aware of these issues and take them into consideration when preparing the AAP. Pinal County is the lead agency for Public Housing as well as Flood Control and county wide emergency management.

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 | Pinal County and Community Action Human Resource Agency | This coalition is tasked with developing innovative strategies to serve the needs of the homeless population with the ultimate goal of gaining permanent housing and addressing the families' needs. |

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City will continue to seek to end homelessness and address the needs of the homeless population by partnering with service organizations.

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

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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 | Public Meeting | Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish | 3 participates | A full spectrum of eligible activities were discussed and presented during the Public Meeting; affordable housing, homelessness, neighborhood revitalization, community facilities and infrastructure, economic development, and public services. | All comments accepted | |
| 2 | Public Meeting | Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish | Public Meeting was held during the City Council meeting on May 5, 2025. | No comments received. | N/A | |

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|------------|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 3 | Newspaper Ad | Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish | Public Meeting Notices were posted in English and Spanish in the Casa Grande Dispatch 15 days prior to the public meetings. | No comments received. | N/A | |
| 4 | 30 Day Public Comment Period | Minorities | 1 | No Comments Received. | No Comments Received. | |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City's CDBG Entitlement program receives a yearly allocation from the Federal Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the priority needs of the community. The CDBG funds are principally used to benefit the low- and moderate-income population of the City.

The City also seeks additional funding from the State and other sources to supplement the Affordable

Housing Program.

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 | 434,580 | 15,000 | 0 | 449,580 | 0 | CDBG funds will cover for all programs. Other funds for the Affordable Housing Program will come from various sources such as the State Housing Trust Fund - HOME and the City's Revolving Loan Fund-Program Income. |

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 federal funds will be used for the leverage of the housing program when applying for grants with the State Housing Funds- HOME. We will also use Program Income from the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program to leverage with CDBG funds.

We will partner with non-profits agencies that provide public services to homeless, seniors, victims of domestic violence and the low to moderate income residents.

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

The City of Casa Grande has requested Letters of Intent for developers that are interested in developing city owned properties for low to moderate income housing.

Discussion

The City will evaluate if any of the publicly owned land or property can be used for the proposed program year activities.

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 | Homelessness | 2025 | 2026 | Affordable Housing Homeless | City of Casa Grande City Limits | Decent Affordable Housing Homeless Services Public Services | CDBG: \$24,111 | Homelessness Prevention: 35 Persons Assisted |
| 2 | Decent Affordable Housing Program | 2025 | 2026 | Affordable Housing Homeless Accessibility for Disabled Persons | City of Casa Grande City Limits | Decent Affordable Housing Neighborhood Revitalization and Redevelopment Planning and Administration | CDBG: \$89,000 | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit |
| 3 | Public Services Programs | 2025 | 2026 | Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | City of Casa Grande City Limits | Public Services | CDBG: \$41,076 | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 0 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 10 Persons Assisted |
| 4 | Public Facilities and Improvements | 2025 | 2026 | Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | CDBG Target Area | Public Facilities and Improvements Neighborhood Revitalization and Redevelopment | CDBG: \$120,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted |
| 5 | Program Administration and Planning | 2025 | 2026 | Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Further Fair Housing | City of Casa Grande City Limits | Decent Affordable Housing Public Facilities and Improvements Economic Development Homeless Services Neighborhood Revitalization and Redevelopment Planning and Administration Public Services | CDBG: \$86,916 | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit Other: 5000 Other |
| 6 | Economic Development Program | 2025 | 2026 | Non-Housing Community Development | City of Casa Grande City Limits | Economic Development | CDBG: \$0 | Jobs created/retained: 25 Jobs |
| 7 | Neighborhood Revitalization | 2025 | 2026 | Affordable Housing Homeless Code Enforcement, Historic Preservation | CDBG Target Area | Decent Affordable Housing Neighborhood Revitalization and Redevelopment | CDBG: \$65,187 | Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1000 Household Housing Unit |

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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|---|-------------------------|---|
| 1 | Goal Name | Homelessness |
| | Goal Description | <p>Homeless Prevention was identified as a priority during the Needs Assessment for the Consolidated Plan in 2025. Low-income households who are at imminent risk of homelessness have often encountered a recent setback. These could include job loss, employment hour reduction, or a medical emergency. All of these situations result in households having to spend any savings they might have accumulated while also reducing or completely eliminating their income. Such households may also not have access to any direct support from friends or family. Furthermore, barriers to obtaining new or better paying positions that directly affect these households can include a lack of education or necessary skills, medical complications and the absence of public transportation. Households facing the termination of re-housing assistance are in a similar situation. In order to obtain a stable housing situation, they need full-time employment, affordable child-care, affordable housing, and transportation. Access to healthcare, behavioral health, life skills training, and additional education and/or training are valuable, if not necessary, in most situations.</p> <p>Service providers may offer services such as: Rent, mortgage, and utility assistance; emergency and transitional shelter, additional beds and essential services to secure and maintain housing stability and prevent homelessness, and case management.</p> |
| 2 | Goal Name | Decent Affordable Housing Program |
| | Goal Description | <p>This is a program aimed to improving the quality of existing housing stock through the housing rehabilitation to help the community sustain its affordable housing stock by allowing the current residents to afford their homes while following the income limits set by HUD. Preserving an existing housing unit helps the low income homeowner from losing his/her home due to unsafe living condition, which can also result to homelessness. During our Consolidated Plan process in 2025, data showed we have 1,925 owner households experiencing issues such as lack of kitchen, complete plumbing, and severe overcrowding. Maintaining a better quality of housing stock can sustain a neighborhood from becoming a slum or blight. Furthermore, the rehabilitation of existing homes help provide for accessibility for disabled member(s) of the household.</p> |

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| 3 | Goal Name | Public Services Programs |
| | Goal Description | <p>This program involves various public services provided by community partners including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to individuals, families or youth experiencing homelessness; • Assistance to victims of violence and abuse; • Services for developmental disabled; • Homeless Outreach Intervention • Children, seniors or adults services; • Food Banks; • Tenant-based rental assistance or rapid rehousing; • Child Care. |
| 4 | Goal Name | Public Facilities and Improvements |
| | Goal Description | <p>This program includes activities aimed to improve public infrastructure such as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streets; • Sidewalks; • Curbs and gutters; • Parks; • Playgrounds; • Flood and Drainage Improvements; and • ADA improvements for the elderly and disabled individuals. <p>This program also includes Public Facilities such as include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library; • Firehouses; • Shelter for persons having special needs; and • Transitional facilities/housing for the homeless. <p>NOTE: Public facilities must be open for use by the general public. CDBG funding may not be used for facilities/buildings which house administrative functions of the government with one notable exception.</p> <p>Exception: CDBG funds may be used to remove from such buildings material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly or severely disabled persons.</p> |

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| 5 | Goal Name | Program Administration and Planning |
| | Goal Description | <p>This program is the overall administration of the CDBG Entitlement program. It funds activities such as housing studies, surveys benefiting the Low- to Moderate- Income, community development plan, formulations and amendments of plans required by HUD for the program, and environmental report review of projects funded with federal grants.</p> <p>Program also include referrals for homeless or homeless prevention services to local providers.</p> <p>Casa Grande promotes fair housing choices for all persons, including protected classes. The City collaborates with Pinal County Housing Authority and provides the venue for the fair housing training each year. The training is conducted by staff of the Southwest Fair Housing Center. Rental Management staff members from local rental facilities, local realtors and non-profit organizations are invited to attend the training.</p> |
| 6 | Goal Name | Economic Development Program |
| | Goal Description | <p>Activities may include but not limited to the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-Enterprise • Job Creation Activities • Job Trainings |
| 7 | Goal Name | Neighborhood Revitalization |
| | Goal Description | <p>Neighborhood Revitalization will include removing slum and blight and improving the appearances of neighborhoods through Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Clean Ups, and etc.</p> |

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The development of the Annual Action Plan involved consultation with those agencies involved in delivering housing, housing services, and community improvements. Meetings and discussions were held between the staff of the City's Housing Division and other City Departments, as well as conducting meetings with appropriate housing and social service agencies. Public input was also solicited through focus group meetings, public hearings, and a web-based survey. All projects selected to receive funding meet objectives and goals set by the City to address housing and social needs.

Projects

| # | Project Name |
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| | |

Table 7 - Project Information

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

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

The target areas in the City are those that have the highest levels of poverty and greatest need for infrastructure improvements and services; which will typically included older neighborhoods with the low to moderate residents. Owner Occupied projects will be scattered throughout city limits based on income eligibility and many of the Public Service recipients' locations may also vary. For example, victims of abuse are often in shelter which is not located in a low to moderate income neighborhood. Infrastructure projects will be constructed in low to moderate income target areas.

Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CDBG Target Area | 50 |
| City of Casa Grande City Limits | 50 |

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The needs in these target areas are numerous and varied. The principal needs are:

- 1) Public improvements to improve/revitalize neighborhoods-Target Area;
- 2) Housing rehabilitation for owner-occupied housing units-City Limits;
- 3) Public Services:
 - A. Advocacy for victims of abuse-City Limits,
 - B Homeless Outreach and Homeless Services-Both Target and City Limits
 - C. Senior services-Target Area
 - E. Childcare-Target Area
 - F. Developmental Disabilities-City Limits

The City has worked closely with the public and civic leaders to ascertain the priority needs within the

targeted areas.

Discussion

The Community's needs were identified and prioritized during the public participation process. The needs are great, however there is not enough funding available to address all these needs.

Funding distribution is based on meeting one of the national objectives of the CDBG program.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Affordable housing is the basic component for overcoming homelessness and for maintaining a vibrant and diverse community. All households in the extremely low-income category (<30% AMI) face a cost burden and are disproportionately represented. Cost burden is however most prevalent among White, Black/African American, Native American, and Hispanic households. Racial and ethnic groups are evenly distributed across the City. Minority races, for the most part, are present in Casa Grande in relatively small numbers.

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported | |
|---|-------|
| Homeless | 80 |
| Non-Homeless | 1,700 |
| Special-Needs | 0 |
| Total | 1,780 |

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

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through | |
|---|----|
| Rental Assistance | 40 |
| The Production of New Units | 0 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 4 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 |
| Total | 44 |

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

Discussion

Each year, the City will target 4 to 6 housing units for rehabilitation in the low to moderate income. Some of these housing units are needing total replacements or major rehabilitation due to lack of repair and age of the structure. Funds will be used to assist with rental assistance, overnight shelter, and housing benefit. Services are available to all racial and ethnic groups.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Casa Grande does not have public housing program. This program is under the Pinal County Housing Authority. According to Pinal County Housing Authority, as of December 2024, there are 268 Housing Choice Vouchers families in the City. There is a total of 4,368 applicants on the waiting list throughout Pinal County. There are 52 public housing units scattered throughout Casa Grande.

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

No actions are planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

The Public Housing Program is not under the City's jurisdiction. It is managed by the County's Housing Authority. There is no plan within the City CDBG Entitlement program to invest its funding for public housing at this time.

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

Introduction

There are numerous providers in the city that provide services to the homeless. One of the most significant outcomes of the Mayor's Homeless Task Force, the Community Action Human Resource Agency (CAHRA) opened CG Helps Resource Center in 2019. The City of Casa Grande played a vital role by providing a city owned building for a nominal fee. Direct services for CG HELPS Homeless Resource Center are provided by CAHRA.

Resources to local agencies include : behavioral health, substance abuse, job training and employment services, family assistance (food stamps, benefits, child support), veteran, senior, legal aid, food, and housing services.

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

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

The City will continue working with all local agencies to assist the homeless population through referrals. The CDBG Program has allocated up to 15% of the Entitlement funds for public services beginning in 2018. The City will also participate in planning activities to address homelessness in the community.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City continues collaborating with other agencies who are handling the homeless and transitional housing needs program in the City. The CDBG program has incorporated funding allocation to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing services under Public Services activities.

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

Emergency and transitional housing shelters and permanent supportive housing facilities provide

support services for the individuals and families that they assist. The approach to services provided in permanent supportive housing varies considerably and includes on-site or coordinated services for mental health, substance and alcohol use, health, independent living skills, employment, peer support, and community involvement and engagement. Current data indicates that both additional beds and additional services are necessary to meet the full spectrum of housing and services needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness, especially given increasing rents and the need for rental units affordable to extremely-low income households. There are local agencies who provide these services.

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.

The City will continue to support affordable housing service to assist the low-to moderate-income families with their housing needs under Public Services activities. Behavioral health agencies have knowledgeable and dedicated staff that provide outreach and wrap around services to persons returning from mental and physical health institutions to receive provide appropriate supportive housing.

Discussion

The primary need is for housing that is decent, safe and sanitary. To address this need, the City of Casa Grande will support and administer the following activities:

- Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation, including disability accessibility improvements,
- CDBG improvements to public facilities, infrastructure, and public services.
- Homeless prevention services for short-term rent and utility assistance

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

Introduction:

As the Casa Grande community grows and becomes increasingly diverse, it is important to ensure that the City offers housing choices that accommodate the wide range of different lifestyle needs current and future residents may have. Providing sufficient housing means intentionally striving to increase housing options available to low-income, minority, special needs, and elderly populations; it also means removing regulations and policies that may allow discriminatory housing practices against these groups.

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

The City of Casa Grande 2030 General Plan's Housing Section identified the following goals:

Goal H-1: Provide a variety of housing choice for all income levels, generations, and household demographics.

Goal H-2: Encourage variety in neighborhood design and development patterns.

Goal H-3: Increase housing choice for residents with growing wages.

Goal H-4: Provide areas that are transit and pedestrian friendly.

Goal H-5: Encourage higher density residential projects in areas designated downtown core, community corridor, and commerce &

Goal H-6: Promote use to use compatibility when approving new developments adjacent to existing residential areas.

Goal H-7: Seek resources to increase the city's supply of affordable housing.

Goal H-8: Strive to meet the housing needs of senior citizens and other special needs populations by encouraging different levels of residential care homes in accessible locations, close to demanded facilities

and amenities.

Goal H-9: Increase awareness, outreach, and education for the city's active fair housing program.

Goal H-10: Increase homeownership opportunities for low-income residents.

Goal H-11: Continue the city's efforts to rehabilitate housing and replace substandard housing.

Goal H-12: Promote the construction of new residential dwellings on vacant infill lots.

Goal H-13: Raise community awareness of programs and laws that enable residents to resolve structural deterioration and property maintenance issues.

Discussion:

The City of Casa Grande will continue to support the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program to maintain the older housing stock for the low to moderate income homeowners.

The city will also support Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) housing developments within the city to create affordable housing options to our residents.

The city intends to partner with housing developments on city owned properties.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City will develop programs to deal with other aspects of CDBG activities. During public meetings, discussions are held on CDBG eligible activities, program development, and collaborations.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The greatest challenge to meeting underserved needs in the coming year will be meeting the increased need for program activities with a limited amount of funding. To overcome this significant challenge, the City will work more efficiently, seek a greater level of collaboration with other agencies and organizations, and aggressively seek opportunities to leverage funds.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue to work with public service providers to fund rental assistance and seek to develop affordable housing projects when possible. The latter efforts will be limited because of the amount of funds available and the many competing needs.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will incorporate all HUD requirements concerning lead-based paint abatement into its Housing Rehabilitation Programs, will see that program participants are informed about lead-based paint hazards and will see that all abatement work is undertaken by qualified contractors who have completed US HUD and EPA lead training courses.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Because the nature of poverty is complex and multi-faceted, the City will attempt to allocate CDBG funds for services to very low-income households. CDBG can provide funding for meeting these critical basic needs, but these efforts will be constrained by the amount of funds available and competing priority needs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City will seek partners in the development of a service delivery system and will seek to enhance the relationship with existing partners in City departments and social service agencies to coordinate the delivery of programs and services. Also the City will seek opportunities to leverage the limited available

resources.

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

The City maintains a close relationship with state, regional, and county organizations that provide assistance to low- and moderate-income persons as well as the homeless population.

The City will work closely with local non-profit organizations to actively encourage housing programs for low- and moderate-income persons. Also, the Community Development and Housing Division will develop and maintain a positive relationship with the builders, developers, and financial institutions in the region.

This collaborative approach will assist in the creation and delivery of effective service delivery programs and affordable housing projects.

Discussion:

The city will continually seek public input on the how to address community needs.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

We anticipate to serve low to moderate income persons through public service activities, Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation, Code Enforcement activities, and public infrastructure projects. Although we receive Program Income for Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation projects, we intend to expend before the new funding year.

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.

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| 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

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| 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% |