

TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

2018-2019, 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 ACTION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

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Annual Action Plan

APPLE VALLEY

OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires all entitlement communities receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, such as the Town of Apple Valley, to prepare and submit a Consolidated Plan every five (5) years to establish a unified, strategic vision for economic development, housing and community development actions. The Consolidated Plan encompasses the analysis of local community needs and coordinates appropriate responses to those needs and priorities.

The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

Per the Town's Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), a Substantial Amendment to a Consolidated Plan and Action Plan is required when a "substantial" change is proposed as it relates to funding priorities, proposed activities, goals, and objectives. This substantial amendment to the Action Plans is necessary because the Town is proposing to cancel five (5) activities, reduce one (1) activity's budget and allocate unprogrammed dollars in the combined amount of \$678,528 to the Town's existing public service activity Feed My Sheep in the High Desert – Feeding Apple Valley and the newly proposed 2020-2021 Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP).

FY 2018/2019 Activity(ies)

 2018/2019 James Woody Park Parking Lot Project – CANCELATION, repurposing of \$105.605

FY 2019/2020 Activity(ies)

 2019/2020 James Woody Park Irrigation Replacement Project – CANCELATION, repurposing of \$200,000

FY 2020/2021 Activity(ies)

- 2020/2021 ADA Handicap Push Button Project CANCELATION, repurposing of \$100,000
- 2020/2021 Residential Rehabilitation Program repurposing \$189,395 from existing \$257,820 budget
- 2020/2021 Apple Valley Police Activities League AVPAL Program WITHDREW due to COVID-19 restrictions, repurposing of \$9,308
- 2020/2021 Child Advocates of San Bernardino (C.A.S.A.) Apple Valley Foster Youth Improving Education Outcomes – WITHDREW, repurposing of \$9,220

Unprogrammed Funds

Programming of \$65,000

Sources

The Town will program the following resources in this substantial amendment to the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan and corresponding FY 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan (which may be found at https://www.applevalley.org/services/housing/plans-reports-and-surveys) to increase the budget for the 2020-2021 Feeding Apple Valley Program and 2020-2021 Microenterprise Assistance Program:

 Pre-FY 2020 Formula CDBG:
 \$370,605

 FY 2020 Formula CDBG:
 \$307,923

 TOTAL: \$678,528

Town Council is responsible for determining how CDBG funds will be used to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities principally for persons of low- and moderate-income persons. In consultation with the Town Council, Town departments, and partners serving the needs of low- and moderate-income in the community, this submission to the Town Council requests approval to invest the above funding for the projects listed below.

Proposed Projects

2020/2021 Feeding Apple Valley Program:

Original Allocation: \$5,822
Proposed Increase: \$18,528 **Total Proposed Budget:** \$24,350

2020/2021 Microenterprise Assistance Program:

Original Allocation: \$0

Proposed Increase: \$660,000 **Total Proposed Budget:** \$660,000

PROCESS

The Town is conducting a 30-day review period for this substantial amendment from February 5 – March 8, 2021. The Town will conduct a public hearing for the substantial amendment as part of the February 9, 2021 Town Council meeting. Residents can participate in this meeting telephonically and/or virtually by following the guidance on the Town's website: https://www.applevalley.org/services/town-clerk/agendas.

To encourage review and comment on the proposed activities, the Town published notices in English and Spanish in the Valleywide Newspaper on Friday, February 5, 2021 advertising the substantial amendment in compliance with the Town's CPP. An electronic copy of the substantial amendment was available on the Town website and hard copies were placed at the Apple Valley Development Services Building, Apple Valley Branch Library, and the Town Clerk's Office.

To ensure reasonable participation in the public hearing, residents can watch it live streamed on the Town's website as meetings are not currently open to public attendance due to COVID-19. However, members of the public may comment in one of two ways: 1) comments and contact information can be emailed to publiccomment@applevalley.org by 12:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled meeting to be included in the record; 2) a request to speak can be emailed to the same address as above and at the time of the requested agenda item, the Town Clerk will place a phone call to the commenter and allow them to speak to the Council via speaker phone during the live meeting for up to three (3) minutes.

Sort Order	Activity	Target Population	Summary	Summary of Comments Received
1.	Public Hearing	 Minorities Non-English Speaking Persons with disabilities Broad community Residents of public/assisted housing Stakeholders 	The Town conducted its public hearing to review the Substantial Amendment on February 9, 2021.	(to be completed after public hearing)
2.	Comment Period	 Minorities Non-English Speaking Persons with disabilities Broad community Residents of public/assisted housing Stakeholders 	The Town conducted its comment period from February 5 – March 8, 2021.	(to be completed at close of public comment period)

Table 1 - Resident Engagement

EXPECTED RESOURCES - 91.220(C)(1,2)

Introduction

The Town is reallocating \$370,605 from Pre-FY 2020 formula CDBG resources and \$307,923 in FY 2020 formula CDBG resources.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Eligible Use of Funds	Funds	Narrative Description
Formula CDBG	Public- Federal	 Public Services Economic Development Public Improvements Affordable Housing Planning and Administration 	\$678,528	Activities to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities principally for persons of low- and moderate- income within the Town.

Table 2 - Expected Resources

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

In the initial planning and programming of these resources, the Housing and Community Development Department has worked closely with other Town departments as well as monitored other funding sources available at the local, state, and federal level to ensure that the Town is not providing duplicative assistance and addressing unmet needs and gaps for low- and moderate-income residents.

Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.220(c)(3)

The Town will be amending its existing goal outcome indicator "Provide Suitable Living Environments" to reallocate Pre-FY 2020 and FY 2020 CDBG resources. These resources will be re-programmed in the FY 2020 Action Plan and corresponding FY 2017 – FY 2021 Consolidated Plan.

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide suitable living environments	2020	2021	Homeless Non- Homeless Special Needs Economic Development	Townwide	Support services for the homeless and at risk of becoming homeless, Human Services, Need to Increase economic development and employment opportunities, Accessibility and Mobility	CDBG: \$678,528	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: additional 291 Persons Assisted Business Assistance: 25 Businesses Assisted

Table 3 - Annual Goals

PROJECTS - 91.220(D)

Introduction

With the repurposing of Pre-FY 2020 and FY 2020 CDBG resources, the Town will increase funding to the following projects in the FY 2020 Annual Action Plan:

Project

#	Project Name
1.	2020-2021 Feed My Sheep in the High Desert – Feeding Apple Valley
2.	2020-2021 Microenterprise Assistance Program

Table 4 - Project Information

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

These projects were determined in consultation with Town staff, departments, and stakeholders serving low- and moderate-income residents of Apple Valley to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities principally for persons of low- and moderate- income within the Town.

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	20-2021 Feed My Sheep in the High Desert – Feed Apple Valley		
	Target Area	Townwide		
	Goals Supported	Provide Suitable Living Environments		
	Needs Addressed	Supportive services for the homeless, at risk of becoming homeless and human services		
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,528		
	Description	The program will provide food to low-income seniors, disabled adults, and homeless residents. The agency desires to supply both bagged groceries and protein to residents as an integral part of the program. Due to COVID, the agency has expanded its services to provide food deliveries to homebound residents ensuring proper social distancing requirements are met as well as wearing personal protective equipment.		
	Target Date	06/30/2021		
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 291 persons		
	Location Description	Townwide		
	Planned Activities	Feed My Sheep in the High Desert: Feeding Apple Valley (291 people) - \$18,528		

2	Project Name	2020-2021 Microenterprise Assistance Program
	Target Area	Townwide
	Goals Supported	Provide Suitable Living Environments
	Needs Addressed	Increase economic development and employment opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$660,000
	Description	The program will provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible microenterprise businesses (businesses owned by low- and moderate-income individuals with five (5) or fewer employees, including the owner(s)) for eligible costs including but not limited to rent, utilities, payroll and other costs required to resume or expand business operations.
	Target Date	06/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 25 businesses, owned by low- or moderate-income individuals, will be assisted
	Location Description	Townwide
	Planned Activities	Microenterprise Assistance Program (25 business) - \$660,000

Table 5 - Project Details